Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, August 30th, 2011
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

AGENDA

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II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Issues of the Week
V. Business
   a) The Future of the Multicultural Center – continued from last agenda (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
VI. Items for the Good of the Order
VII. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, August 26th, 2011 at the ASI Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MEMBERS PRESENT Alex Boyar, Paul Ramey, Collin Yballa, Tony Kerr, Emily Hurd, Alex Barker, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz, Laura Panenol, Katie Havens, Stephanie Parreira, Tyler Stenzel, Amanda Kosty, Jeff Young, Samantha Yates

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Margaret Purser, Mr. Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Erik Dickson, Jason Fitzer, Anna Reynolds-Smith, Peter Neveille, Robbie Siverly, Patrick Maloney

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:01 pm

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment – There was no comment offered to the AS Senate from members of the Public

IV. Issues of the Week

Lack of recycling receptacles in the Commons (Senator Stephanie Parreira)
Senator Parreira expressed her concern about the lack of recycling receptacles in the Commons (dining service area). Members of the Senate provided suggestions to Senator Parreira about solving the issue. Lopez-Phillips encouraged Senator Parreira to contact Vice-President Schlereth as dining is an area within his division.

Student interaction with library services (Senator Jeff Young)
Senator Young informed the Senate of his recent meeting with staff from the library and their concern regarding lack of student usage of library services.

Resignation of Career Services Coordinator (Senator Kim Liaz)
Senator Liaz expressed her concern over the recent resignation of the current Coordinator of Career Services, JP Villafuerte, whose last day will be September 2nd. Members of the Senate discussed the importance of having career counseling services available to students on campus. Lopez-Phillips shared with the Senate the division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management will conduct a search to fill the vacancy. The Senate also discussed the delivery of career services on campus, referencing models such as the School of Business and
Economics, which offers its own career services office. Fitzger encouraged the Senate to continue the conversation with students, through their committee appointments and with the division of student affairs and enrollment management to help ensure the issue is continually addressed.

V. Business

a) The Future of the Multicultural Center – continued from last agenda (Discussion)

Chair Kosty introduced the item, the conversation is a continuation from the previous week’s Senate meeting. Liazh mentioned the recent news regarding the Multicultural Center, that it has received funding for the next 3 years. Lopez-Phillips provided clarity to the subject: funding has been identified for the next 3 years to fund a full-time Director for the center, which will be a MPP (Management Personnel Plan) administrator, which will report to the Vice-President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; additionally $20,000 has been identified within student affairs and enrollment management to fund programming efforts of the center. The individual selected to fill the position will likely work with the Director of Diversity and Inclusive Excellence, but instead will focus primarily on students. Lopez-Phillips will be asking the AS President to forward a name of a student to sit on the search committee. Boyar commented about his excitement of the recent news and the possibilities that will now be available for the center, now that funding has been secured for the next 3 years. Dickson informed the Senate of a standing resolution that deals with student representation on searches, asking Lopez-Phillips about the number of student representation on the MCC Director search. Lopez-Phillips responded that he will actively ensure there is a high number of students participating in the process and on the committee. Dickson mentioned to the Senate, with the funding of a staff position and programming dollars, the Associated Students will have to have a conversation about its role in diversity programming, as it has assumed responsibility for a number of efforts that will fall under this new position and the MCC, i.e. Heritage Lecture Series.

Yballa left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

VI. Items for the Good of the Order

Fitzger – The first ASP free Bowling Night will be on Thursday, featuring the Senate; he asked that members be in attendance. Information about tabling, class raps, voter registration, officer duties, etc. will be coming in the next few weeks and he reminded officers to be aware and attentive to that information.

Boyar – Charged Chair Kosty with the review of current bylaws, codes, policies, etc. to identify necessary changes and inconsistencies and to report them to the Internal Affairs Board by September 30th.

Fitzger – Reminded members of the Senate, they too should be reviewing these documents and reporting necessary changes to the Senate and Chair.
Dickson – Spoke about training for the Senate on issues such as resolutions, codes, etc. He and Fitzer would put a schedule of trainings together, so long as the Senate was willing to commit time after several Senate meetings for the trainings, which everyone agreed to.

Next week will be the first “corporate” meeting of the Senate, which will focus on financial policies, the Children’s School, codes, etc.

Kosty – Sought feedback regarding the approval of minutes, either during Senate meetings or through her review. Accountability reports will be taking place shortly and she will use office hours to meet individually with officers to review their reports.

VII. Adjournment - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: September 6, 2011

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate