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SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, September 20th, 2011
6:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Issues of the Week—This is an opportunity for officers to discuss issues that may pertain to their constituents (discussion)
V. Business
   a) Presentation from guest speaker Dean Merickel from the School of Extended Education (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   b) Reports from AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Legislative Affairs Board—Senator Havens
      ii. Internal Affairs Board—Senator Barker
      iii. Representation and Engagement Board—Senator Burke
   c) AS-1 03.11.12 Approving of the minutes from 9.13.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
VI. Items for the Good of the Order
VII. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, September 16th, 2011 at the ASI Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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SENATE MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, September 20th, 2011
6:00 p.m., MPR, Student Union

MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Ramey, Collin Yballa, Tony Kerr, Emily Hurd, Alex Barker, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Stephanie Parreira, Tyler Stenzel, Amanda Kosty, Samantha Yates, Jeff Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alex Boyar (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Dickson, Jason Fitzer, Katie Linderme (recording), Margie Purser, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Katie Robinson, Patrick Maloney, Mark Merickel, Robert Rosen

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:03 pm

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment - There was no Public Comment

IV. Issues of the Week

MCC Opening (Kimberly Liaz) - Senator Liaz let the Senate know that the Multi-Cultural Center opening was a big hit.

Faculty Standards of Affairs Committee (Emily Hurd) – Senator Hurd was prompted by the Faculty Standards of Affairs board to look over the student evaluations. At the end of the school year, SSU Students evaluate their teachers. They would like to add a portion about Diversity. Senator Hurd read both questions that have been temporarily been formed. She needs feedback for PDC (Public Diversity Council) on how these questions sound, and whether or not they should be added to the evaluation sheet at the end of the year. The basic consensus is that both questions need work, and to wait until the Senate gets a general idea on where the feedback will go.

V. Business

a) Presentation from guest speaker Dean Merickel from the School of Extended Education – Dean Merickel introduced himself and his colleague Robert Rosen to make their presentation on the School of Extended Education. They handed out a handout with a basic organizational chart of all the different departments offered in the School of Education. The School of Extended Education is an auxiliary unit on campus, and is treated in the same manner that housing and parking services are. The basic goal
of the school is to work with the departments and faculty to offer education during summer and winter intersessions. Because of the lessening funding from the state, the impacts that have been impacting how they can provide classes for their range of services. They are not for profit, so all the money that they get goes back into SSU. From this point, a basic discussion from the Senate ensued and included such topics as GE’s, Hybrid Programs, faculty involvement, courses offered, online classes offered, costs, Moodle, international program (American language institute is only offered, not all abroad programs), and CEU’s. The general message that the School of Education is requesting is feedback on what classes they would like to see offered, and how much money they are willing to pay.

b) Reports from the AS Boards
 Legislative Affairs Board (Senator Havens) - Senator Havens reported back on LAB’s last meeting which was held on 9/19/2011. They covered feedback on how voter registration was going, and Havens asked the Senate if they had any pressing concerns about voter registration. The LAB board decided that they were going to go forth with plans to make a legislative plan for the future. If there are any pressing issues that need to be addressed, you can contact Senator Havens.

Internal Affairs Board (Senator Alex Barker) – Senator Barker reported back on IAB’s last meeting which was held on 9/16/2011. They went over approved grants that came in. They major grants that they approved were the fishing grant, Women’s Soccer Club which was given $400 dollars, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon which was given $400 dollars for office supplies (though they stressed to reuse as many office supplies as possible). They discussed Audit/ Fund Usage: there are two main sections which is the actual board and then smaller grants. They also had a brief discussion of bylaws and codes.

Representation and Engagement Board (Senator Burke) – Senator Burke reported back on REB’s meeting which was held on 9/19/2011. They went over marketing for the different committees. Burke also stressed the committee training for the Senate which the Senate needs to attend. The two training sessions coming up are Wednesday 9/21/2011 at 4:00 in the Vista Room, and Thursday 9/22/2011 at 2:00 in the MPR.

VI. AS-I 03.11.12 Approving of the Minutes from 9.13.11

Senator Havens moved to approve AS-I 03.11.12 Approving of the Minutes from 9.13.11, 2nd provided by Senator Parreira.

Motion to AS-I 03.11.12 Approving of the Minutes from 9.13.11, approved, 13-0-0.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order – Vice President Ramey encouraged the Senate to show up to one of the training sessions to really get a handle on how to do the jobs required of them for the campus. Chair Kosty encouraged the Senate that if they have problems with making one of the training times, or have any questions to “talk to an Amanda.” Fitzner reminded the Senate to attempt to try and use their constituents and student opinions, not just your own personal experience. While your experience is valid, it is important to know what the
constituents are experiencing as well. Senator Hurd then let the Senate know that it was Senator Young’s birthday over the weekend! The senate wished him a very happy birthday. Senator Yballa let the Senate know about the Economics Career Center Mixer. It is open to all students, but they are limiting the guest list to only 35 students. It is first come first serve. This is an opportunity to network as well as an educational event. The tickets are $7. Senator Liaz alerted the Senate on the new University Events Calendar made by Bruce. She encouraged the Senate to go and look at the calendar. A general discussion broke out on when certain councils are meeting; Kosty wants everyone on the Senate to post when their councils are meeting on the board in the office. Dickson reminded everyone that the next senate meeting is a corporate meeting. Kosty reminded everyone of Sonoma Serves on Saturday 9/24/2011. The registration time is at 8:15 am – 8:45 am; breakfast items will be provided. Bring a lunch with you, and check email again for placements.

VIII. Adjournment - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: September 27, 2011

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate

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