Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, September 27th, 2011
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher 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) Reports from the AS Programs (Discussion)
      i. ASP
      ii. Children's School
      iii. JUMP
      iv. Student Government
   b) Remuneration of the Elections Commissioner submitted by President Alex Boyar, Chair of the AS Personnel Committee (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) AS Financial Statements thorough August 2011, submitted by Erik Dickson, Executive Director (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   d) AS-B 03.11.12 Children’s School Fee Policy as tabled from 9.6.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   e) Conflict of Interest Training, presentation by Erik Dickson, Executive Director (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   f) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Legislative Affairs Board- Senator Havens
      ii. Representation and Engagement Board- Senator Burke
   g) AS-I 04.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 9.20.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action

VI. Items for the Good of the Order
VII. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, September 23rd, 2011 at the ASI Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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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, Jeff Young, Alex Boyar

MEMBERS ABSENT: Samantha Yates (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Dickson, Jason Fitzer, Katie Linderme (recording), Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Jude Rowe, Peter Neville, Lia Thompson-Clark, Brittany Price.

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

Jude Rowe introduced himself as an SSU representative of the Sciences. He has been well informed by the student body in that department due to his extensive involvement in many different clubs. He came to inform his clubs about information that is occurring in the Senate at this time.

IV. Issues of the Week- none

V. Business
   a) Reports from the AS Programs

   ASP – none

   Children’s School (Lia) – Thompson-Clark opened up her report on the children’s school by showing pictures of the children working in the different age group classrooms. Then she reported on the different ratios that have now become available. They have 61 kids, 75% of those children are SSU student children, and the other 75% are staff and family children (1% is an alumni family). There are 34 student staff members- 16 of which are on work study. A questioning process began shortly after that and a Time Magazine Article was discussed on the importance of Pre-K learning.

   JUMP- none there to report, but according to Dickson there were roughly 500 students who attended SSU serves (exceeded goal of 400 students)

   Student Government (Brittany) - FLP is starting this week with a total of 22 students enrolled. The first meeting will be held on September 28, 2011 in the
Beaujolais Meeting Room at 1:00pm. Club grants were discussed, and Brittany addressed the need to have the club grant information go to Jason, along with questions needing to be directed towards Jason. The board is going to be updated soon with new pictures, and the new policy for club grants is going online shortly.

b) Remuneration of the Elections Commissioner submitted by President Alex Boyar, Chair of the AS Personnel Committee – Chair Kosty addressed the Senate to open up the Remuneration. The Senate went over what personnel committee recommends on how to pass the motion.

Senator Parreira moved approve Remuneration of the Elections Commissioner as presented, 2nd provided by Senator Barker.

The motion to approve Remuneration of the Elections Commissioner as presented, approved 13-0-0.

c) AS Financial Statements thorough August 2011, submitted by Erik Dickson, Executive Director- Dickson opened up the conversation on the Financial Statements by reminding the Senate to remember the budget, if there is a budget line- and looking at the total of the operation at hand. The public requested an overview of the budget to get a better understand and Dickson explained the different aspects of the revenue and expenditure’s that AS is using. The information that is received lets them know how much AS can receive and allocate funds to the programs to start spending money. A general discussion on how funds were allocated began and led into a broad discussion on how to appropriately use the wellness wheel and how this chart helps allocate ideas and funds to the university. Dickson then showed how money moves and is categorized into areas of allocations funds for JUMP and ASP. Another discussion on Loan funds occurred shortly after. The big question of the night was where the Children’s School money was being allocated. According to Dickson, the Children’s School fund is one that is evolving all the time and is being held in multiple different locations.

Ten Minute Break occurred at 7:00 PM- Resumed at 7:10 PM

d) AS-B 03.11.12 Children’s School Fee Policy as tabled from 9.6.11 – The Senate re-opened this issue again and began the discussion on which policy option was more expensive for students. At this time, Dickson opened up an excel spreadsheet that explained different hypothetical student fee waivers and prices for multiple of different types of students involved with the Children’s School with the three different options. The main difference was between policy 2 and 3 which the Senate debated for a while. A general discussion on how many students actually hold fee waivers, and what does that mean for the rest of the student body occurred. Kosty then reminded the Senate that the Senate should be deciding what kind of stand they want to take on this issue at hand. This could include knowing if they want more revenue, fairness, or balance. Each option will help to establish a fiscal reality to the children’s school. A general discussion on whether policy option 2 or 3 would be more beneficial.
Senator Barker moved to approve AS-B 03.11.12 Children’s School Fee Policy Option 3, 2nd provided by Senator Kerr.

A general discussion occurred on the differences between 3A and 3B, and what the AS fee adjustment would do to that fee increase once December comes.

The motion to approve AS-B 03.11.12 Children’s School Fee Policy Option 2, approved 13-0-0.

e) Conflict of Interest Training, presentation by Erik Dickson, Executive Director-Dickson presented his presentation on conflict of interest training. After the presentation, the Senators had an opportunity to discuss and questions and clarifications needed for understanding.

f) Reports from AS Boards

i. LAB (Senator Havens) – Senator Havens informed the Senate that LAB’s last meeting was held on September 27, 2011. They went over the Legislative Action Plan and they plan on voting next week on the matter. Voter Registration is going well, and that they plan to begin the get out and vote campaign starting next week. LAB also discussed if they were fulfilling charges. A new tabling chart has been created for the next three weeks of voter registration, and will be up in the office for senators to sign up. The request is to only have 2 people on a table at a time. The approximate voter registration numbers are at 160, and they plan on breaking the halfway mark (200) by this week. Dickson requested that an information sheet be made about the different stances voters can take on upcoming elections. Havens is going to work on the request.

ii. Representation and Engagement Board (Senator Burke) – Senator Burke reported back on REB’s meeting which was held on September 27, 2011. They completed charges of the board and are going to seek new changes. They are going to have a Senate of the Week follow up with special senators and a career center discussion. This event is most likely going to be extended to ACE. They had a discussion about the academic rigor question brought up during a previous senate meeting. They are very excited to begin a Student Issue Exploration which is going to involve setting up drop boxes for Senators which will be made and posted around the campus for students to anonymously drop in suggestions if they cannot attend Senators office hours. Paneno will be hand making them. Boyar asked how committee chair seats are going, and Kosty answered with 5 possible seats are still open, but that the committees that are currently meeting are full. Burke also let the Senate know that they are most likely going to start using the AS highlight of the month through the form of QR codes for smart phones. (squares that you scan) It could create a different method on reaching out to students- Burke is working with Susan Kashack on how best to achieve this.
g) AS-I 04.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 9.20.11 – Chair Kosty introduced the minutes on the floor and opened up for discussion on changes. No changes were made.

Senator Parreira moved to approve AS-I 04.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 9.20.11, 2nd provided by Senator Liaz.

The motion to approve AS-I 04.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 9.20.11, approved, 13-0-0.

VI. Items for the Good of the Order – Senator Hurd informed the Senate that the last meeting for Smoking AD Hoc was meeting last night after the Senate meeting was closed. Senator Burke recommended raising money for Autism through Autism Speaks campaign. Senator Kerr encouraged the Senate to participate in the Boys and Girls Club 3rd annual tour de campus 5K run. For Ten dollars you get a shirt, food and music. There will also be a Dean’s challenge where if you run in a suit with sneakers and beat the Dean he will donate $20 to the Boys and Girls club in your name. (Only valid if you wear a suit). Fitzer informed the Senate to sign up for Class Rap’s sheet to get the voter registration information out to classes and organizations. Senator Paneno had her first organization council and they discussed orgsync; the request is to have along with voter registration also plug and promote using orgsync to be informed with AS information. Senator Liaz informed the Senate about the candle light vigil being held for Troy Davis tonight. Chair Kosty informed the Senate about three items; the first was that the reports from the Senate were looking really good, and to please remember to turn them in on time so that they can be read over. The second was to really sign up for everything because we need all sign up items done as quickly as possible. Finally Kosty let everyone know about Senator Laura Paneno’s Birthday tomorrow - September 28, 2011. After the Senate meeting Dickson previewed his movie using Star Wars.

VII. Adjournment - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: October 11, 2011

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate