Associated Students, Inc.
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, January 24th, 2012
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Reports from Liaisons—Oral reports to be given to the AS Senate from our Academic Senate Representative and the University President’s Designee (Discussion)
V. Business
   a) Oaths of office for newly appointed AS officers (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   b) Real-Time Rideshare Program Presentation submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   c) Accountability Report submitted by Chair Amanda Kosty (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   d) AS-I 13.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 12.6.11 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   e) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Internal Affairs Board
      ii. Interim Executive Board
VI. Questions on Reports — this item is an opportunity to ask questions of the officers about their submitted reports. (Discussion)
VII. Items for the Good of the Order
VIII. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, January 20th, 2012 at the AS Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MEETING NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT Alex Boyar, Paul Ramey, Adam Gourley, Emily Hurd, Alex Barker, Amanda Burke, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Amanda Kosty, Jeff Young, Kimberly Liaz, Katie Russo, Stephanie Parreira

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Stenzel (Unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Fitzer, Katie Linderme (recording),

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:02 pm

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment – no public comments were made this week

IV. Reports from Liaisons – Kosty read a report on behalf of Matthew Lopez-Phillips noting the re-opening of the MCC and the search for a new director.

V. Business
   A) Oaths of office for newly appointed AS officers – Adam Gourley, the new Vice-President of Finance was initiated. Katie Russo, new Senator of Arts and Humanities was initiated right after. Everyone welcomed them to the Senate.

   B) Real-Time Rideshare Program Presentation submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira- A new carpool system will be doing a trial run next fall semester for the SSU campus. Lisa Murgatroyd presented a formal presentation on the projected carpool transportation method for Sonoma County under a new program known as Avego. The campaign is projected for next year’s school year and is looking for AS support to inform students on campus. Discussion about the program took place.

   C) Accountability Report submitted by Chair Amanda Kosty- Kosty opened up the discussion by explaining why the reports are needed. Kosty would like to the Senate be more accountable for each other’s actions. Kosty read off the accountability list by each officer. If any discretion was found, officers were encouraged to discuss them with Kosty after the meeting. A brief discussion was held on accountability reports, definitions, and boundaries. Vice President Ramey encouraged the Senate to really push and be proactive at the meetings. A discussion on advocacy was talked over.

   D) AS-I 13.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 12.6.11 – Brief changes were discussed by the Senate.
Senator Parreira moved to approve AS-I 13.11.12 from 12.6.11, 2\textsuperscript{nd} provided by Senator Havens.

The motion to approve AS-I 13.11.12 from 12.6.11, approved 12-0-0.

**E) Reports from the AS Boards**

i. **Internal Affairs Board (Senator Barker)** – Barker reported that IAB met on Friday and reviewed three grants passed. They approved an Anthropology grant for $2,000, BSU travel grant for $866, and Snow Club grant. IAB also discussed the upcoming AS budget timeline and procedure.

ii. **Interim Executive Board (Chair Kosty)** – Kosty reported on the activities of IEB informing the Senate, this board takes action for the Senate when the Senate cannot meet. The purpose is to have action on financial responsibility and business and corporation side functioning. IEB revised the General Fund of the AS budget regarding the Executive Director’s salary to reflect the On-Campus Present duties added to the position.

**VI. Questions on Reports** - Dr. Purser reported that it looks like the University will not have to pay the increased fee’s since we are below the 103% overall enrollment. 2.3 million dollars may be cut which is coming from the Governor’s budget plan. It is not clear on the enrollment target (may jump up to 5%). Ramey requested to get student’s opinions to discuss the new structure. A discussion on department cuts was held. Kosty reminded everyone to finish their reports on time, and congratulated Gourley on being the first to turn in his report.

**VII. Items for the Good of the Order** - Senator Burke announced that she can no longer report for the Cotati City Council. She now has class during that time, and is looking for a replacement. She encouraged Senators to come and discuss potentially going to the meeting, and to check their email’s for information. The schedule time is on Wednesday’s at 7:00 pm. Chair Kosty announced that Senator Tony Kerr for Business and Economics has resigned for personal reasons and that he will be missed. Committees need to be up and running very soon, so Kosty reminded the senate to stay on top of emails to encourage people to apply. If schedules are needed, please send as soon as you get the emails requesting them. President Boyar reminded the Senate that while the state budget may be depressing, we need to report information to the student body as honestly and advocate for life changing decisions. Fitzer then reminded the Senate that is officially elections season, which means that everyone will be receiving emails now until the end of March from Courtney our new Elections Commissioner. Fitzer encouraged the Senate to be more productive during the actual meetings, but also keep the momentum going after each meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment** - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm

Approved by the Associated Students Senate, January 31, 2012

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate