Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) Reports from Programs (Discussion)
      i. ASP
      ii. JUMP
      iii. Children’s School
      iv. Student Government
      v. Elections Commissioner
   b) CFO Report by Vice-President of Finance Adam Gourley (Discussion)-maximum of 45
      minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   c) Contracting across fiscal years submitted by Erik Dickson, Executive Director
      (Discussion)-maximum of 45 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   d) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Internal Affairs Board
      ii. Representation and Engagement Board
      iii. Legislative Affairs Board
   e) AS-16.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.7.12 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action

V. Reports from Liaisons—Oral reports to be given to the AS Senate from our Academic Senate
   Representative and the University President’s Designee (Discussion)

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, February 10, 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, Alex Barker, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Amanda Kosty, Jeff Young, Adam Gourley, Stephanie Parreira, Katie Russo, Emily Hurd, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Fitzger, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording), Matthew Lopez-Phillips

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment - none
IV. Business
   a) Reports from Programs
      i. ASP (Elise): 2011 Spring Semester had good numbers; so far this current semester is looking to shape up to those expectations. Black History month is going strong, March is going to provide Greek Week, and Asian Heritage month is approaching soon. Earth Week is a major upcoming project for ASP.

      ii. JUMP (Dickson): There was no representative of Jump, so Dickson provided what he knew to be occurring with Jump. They are currently planning more reports, and Alternative Breaks is the number one project at the moment.

      iii. Children’s School (Leah): They were awarded the garden grant for $1,000. The garden design plan will be based off of the “my plate” idea to promote healthy eating habits. Compared to last year, numbers and statistics have improved significantly. Many SSU students (approximately 35) are working at the Children’s School. They have had about a $14,000 income increase, which is providing a good restructure of the system. They are promoting Advocacy Now. The Governor’s current budget cut plan goes against schools, and especially early education. If the budget cuts are passed, the Children’s School will lose a third of their budget. This would change the Children’s School drastically. They are going to keep the Senate posted on any developments.

      iv. Student Government (Fitzer): focused on Elections. FLP recently matched mentors to Senators. The Senators were encouraged to actually make those connections, because feedback proved that having the Senators as mentors greatly increased the FLP experience. The Buck’s Start Here campaign was discussed. If there were any questions on budgets, the Senate was told to direct questions to Fitzer.
v. **Elections Commissioner (Cameron):** There is an informational meeting being held in the MPR February 15, 2012 at 6 PM. Statistics on how many people have applied for positions were presented. There was thanks for all of the class raps done, and Cameron extended an invitation to help assist in tabling for elections February 15, 2012 at 12-1. An Elections timeline was passed out for the Senate to view.

b) **CFO Report by Vice-President of Finance Adam Gourley**

Vice President Gourley opened up the discussion with a power point presentation on where SSU is in term of the current budget for all of the different programs on campus. The presentation mainly outlined the main areas of spending and areas of concern, if any were needed. Questions were asked for current budgets, and potential changes. A discussion on how the budget would affect the building of the student center was talked over. Enrollment and fees were discussed. There was urgency from Dickson and Fitz to really understand the budget and to really ask questions rather than simply accept the budget as it is presented. Programs and where the Senate is currently budget wise was discussed. Shifting of funds depending on necessity was talked about. President Boyar expressed a need to really have the Senate prioritize its vision as an organization.

c) **Contracting across fiscal years submitted by Erik Dickson, Executive Director**

Dickson explained reasoning behind the report. Venues will allow the University to do programming differently, but our business model is holding us back on the process to really get new types of programs to SSU. A discussion on how our reserve system works was explained. Clarification questions were discussed. Contracts were demonstrated and deciphered for the Senates use. Looking at programs as an investment or as liabilities was debated.

d) **Reports from the AS Boards**

i. **Internal Affairs Board (Barker):** They had a 13 minute long meeting. All grants were from Alpha Psi Fraternity. They accepted one Supply, one Programming, but denied one Travel grant simply due to the fact that in the past, they have never actually approved those types of grants to Fraternities and Sororities. They continued their reports on their time lines. Budget was explored further. IAB is currently in their drafting process, and hearings will be held next week.

ii. **Representation and Engagement Board (Burke):** They had a 15 minute long meeting. Tabled the red chair report for the following week. They explored the vision of REB and how to meet their academic quality enhancement. Chair Kosty is currently working on a Jump program that the whole Senate can participate on. They are successful in the fact that all officers are currently on at least two committees.

iii. **Legislative Affairs Board (Havens):** cancelled the most current meeting due to observing the SF State rally for the Bucks Start Here campaign. Sean Richards spoke. They are not halfway to the goal of
having all the bills signed. If anyone is inquiring on how to get involved, get their name and email down. Buses are going to be looked into for the March in March. Academic Chairs are requesting to have bucks sent to them.

e) AS-I 16.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.7.12

President Boyar moved to approve the minutes from 2.7.12. Senator Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-2-2.

V. Reports from Liaisons
MLP: checking candidates for the MCC. The budget is bad. President Boyar inquired into how soon the candidates for the MCC would be selected. MLP was not sure.

VI. Questions on Reports
Parreira/Boyar: question on Fee Advisory. A request to explain the new experimental class was explained further.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Boyar really wanted the Senate to reach out to students to run for the current election. Civil Engagement will be very interesting for next year, and he requested to really play that up to inform students when they inquire for the election process. The experiences gained will be infallible. Dickson alerted the Senates attention to the fact that Fitz as well as himself will be up in Chico for the CSSA meeting and will thus, not be in the office. They have also have an AS resignation. Judy Roth from JUMP has resigned. The search for her replacement is now open. JUMP is now going to need students from the Senate to be on a committee to help aid JUMP during this process. Chair Kosty reminded the Senate to email people for committees, congratulated the Senate on outreach hours, to keep track of your office hours, and to really pay attention to Accountability Reports.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was Adjourned at 7:44 PM

Approved Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate