Associated Students
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 21st, 2012
6:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) AS-R 06.11.12 AS Commitment to Sustainability Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   b) AS-B 05.11.12 Increasing Senator Stipends as recommended by the AS Personnel Committee (Discussion)-maximum 45 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   c) Discussion on Recycling submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (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-117.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.14.12 (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 17th, 2012, at the AS Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Boyar, Paul Ramey (6:07 p.m.), Alex Barker, Katie Havens, Amanda Kosty, Jeff Young, Adam Gourley, Stephanie Parreira, Katie Russo, Emily Hurd, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Laura Paneno

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Fitzjer, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording), Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Dr. Margie Purser, Larrissa Krassovsky

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
Chair Kosty read a letter on behalf of Kia Kolderup-Lane. The SSU Crew will be holding an event known as the March 1st People's University Festival. It will be held to address the current problems that SSU is currently facing. This will be done by representing departments, clubs, organizations, and the general people who make up SSU.

IV. Business
a) AS-R 06.11.12 AS Commitment to Sustainability Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira
Members of the Senate discussed how this resolution would affect the organization from a financial standpoint. Discussion was held regarding the overall concept of the resolution and if the Senate was informed enough to make the commitment.

Young moved to change the last therefore statement to “reduce the environmental impact”. A second was provided by Senator Burke. The motion passed 11-0-0.

Consciousness of the progression of sustainability was discussed. Members discussed sustainable practices and what this resolution might mean for this organization. Vice President Ramey believed that this resolution was merely a stepping stone towards commitment to sustainability in the future.

Vice President Ramey moved to pass AS-R 06.11.12 AS Commitment to Sustainability Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira. Senator Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-2-0.

b) AS-B 05.11.12 Increasing Senator Stipends as recommended by the AS Personnel Committee (Discussion)-maximum 45 minutes of discussion
Havens as the Senate Vice-Chair presided over the meeting as Chair Amanda Kosty was one of the original authors of this document. Concern over using student fees to fund payment stipends was debated. The argument that earning more will increase productivity was also mediated over. Dedication and drive for
holding a position was discussed. Background as to why this was written was provided. Budget cut concerns were mulled over. Alternative options to the stipend were briefly discussed. Hasty generalizations were brought up by the advisors. Budget protocol was explained by Dickson. Conversation on being cognizant on the types of people they attract to positions was viewed. Dickson encouraged the Senate to do more research on previous practices or on their own time, because they need to have reasoning behind being pro or con on this issue. Recap of the conversation was brought up. Time limit was reached at this time, and thus the conversation was ended.

BREAK FROM 7:12- 7:17 p.m.

c) Discussion on Recycling submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira
There was a general discussion of appreciation towards this item, because many Senators expressed learning a lot from this discussion. Many of the Senators were pleased to gain more knowledge on recycling. A discussion on the availability of bins was discussed. Paper recycling practices were talked over. Earth Week and the Senate's commitment to Earth Week here at SSU were debated. Ways in which the students could gain more knowledge on green practices was also discussed.

d) Reports from the AS Boards
i. **IAB (Barker):** The board did not hold a meeting this past week, but the next two meetings are going to heavy because they will be discussing the budget. Brief questions on the budget were asked.

ii. **REB (Burke):** The board passed the enactment report on the Ride-Share program, discussed campus progress, made two appointments to committees, and planned out with Chair Kosty's help the JUMP event that will be held for the Senate to participate in. (See items for the good of the order for information on this JUMP event)

iii. **LAB (Havens):** Discussed lobby corps, and they began looking for informational meetings about lobby corps. March 5th is the March in March. It will be on a Monday, but they are trying to get as many students up to Sacramento as possible. They Senate should make any major attempt to go, but if class is a confliction they understand if it is not possible to attend. If anyone is expressing interest on this event, they should email Havens. This is a free event. Thursday is the Bucks Start Here campaign rally. It will be held from 12-1. There are approximately 600 bills that have been signed, which means that SSU is just 400 bills shy of their goal. President Boyar encouraged the Senate to talk to faculty members for their support.

e) **AS-I 17.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.14.12**
   Senator Young moved to strike the final sentence in the CFO report; Senator Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-0.

   Senator Barker moved to approve the Minutes from 2.14.12. Senator Young seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-0.

V. Reports from Liaisons
Dr. Purser reported that the executive committee of Academic Senate meeting is going to be held next week. They will be discussing changes to majors. Reports will most likely take up the majority of the Senate's time. Faculty will be able to talk to the President on the Senate. They are excited for the Bucks Stop Here campaign. There is a lot of anxiety surrounding the cuts. Lopez-Phillips reported that conversations are focusing in on the budget. Saving of the Cal Grant petition is starting back up again. Everyone who can vote should vote. Lopez-Phillips stressed the importance of saving higher education. A reaffirmation of quality could come of saving programs such as the Cal Grant.

VI. Questions on Reports
Kosty read a clarification of her report and explained the campus recreation aspect of the report. She also discussed the fee increase portion of her report. Vice President Ramey requested that President Boyar discuss the last Campus Reengineering meeting, which discussed potential cuts being done in the future. Senator Parreira requested from President Boyar to explain the new student staff positions available. Chair Kosty closed the conversation by expressing a need for more reports to be submitted because there were only 6 reports out of 12 positions given.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Dickson explained that Election season is now underway which means that discussion of the Elections cannot be done in the office. Discussion on campaigning can result in immediate termination of a position. The request to make AS neutral during this process was given. Information on elections will be released soon. Dickson also reported that the JUMP coordinator position will be open for searches soon, and that he will need a Senator to serve on a committee for this process. President Boyar wanted to wish Dickson a happy belated birthday, and an early happy birthday to Vice President Ramey. Chair Kosty then closed the meeting with a reminder that an email on committees will be sent out soon, and to answer ASAP. The JUMP event is going to be held Wednesday, March 14th, at 4:30 pm at the Redwood Food Bank. An email regarding information will be arriving shortly.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Approved on March 6, 2012 by the Associated Students Senate

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate