Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
6:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

IV. Business
   a) Recommendation to implement SSU Fee Referendum Code (Discussion)-maximum of 45 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   b) AS-R 05.11.12 AS Endorsement of Real-Time Rideshare Program Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) AS-R 06.11.12 AS Commitment to Sustainability Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Discussion)-maximum 45 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   d) AS-A 056.11.12 Appointment of Paul Ramey to the Internal Affairs Board (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   e) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Internal Affairs Board
      ii. Representation and Engagement Board
      iii. Legislative Affairs Board
   f) AS-115.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 1.31.12 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action

V. Approval of the Consent Calendar (Action)- all items on the consent calendar will be considered together by one action of the Senate unless a member of the Senate wishes to discuss and act on it separately.
   a.) AS-A037.11.12 Removal of Laura Panono from the Representation and Engagement Board
   b.) AS-A 058.11.12 Appointment of Laura Paneno to the Legislative Affairs Board
   c.) AS-A 059.11.12 Appointment of Katie Russo to the Representation and Engagement Board

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

VII. Questions on Reports—this item is an opportunity to ask questions of the officers about their submitted reports. (Discussion)

VIII. Items for the Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, February 3, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emily Hurd (excused), Amanda Burke (excused), Kimberly Liaz (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Fitzer, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording), Matthew Lopez Phillips, Dr. Margie Purser

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Chair Kosty.
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment – no public comment was made
IV. Business

A) Recommendation to implement SSU Fee Referendum Code (Discussion)-
maximum of 45 minutes of discussion
Questions were asked on article V. President Boyar wanted to know whether
the Senate felt comfortable with a student chair, and discussion followed suit. Dickson
asked a question based on the appeals process. Senator Parreira was lost on why
FAC had to run with a student Election. A clarification conversation followed. The
SSU elections code was talked over. Dickson explained the significance on item
D, and the money involved. Vice President Ramey requested a process of how the
code came to be in effect. Chair Kosty explained the drafting process. A concern
over article VII was discussed, and whether a 2/3rds majority would be a better fit
for the article. A debate over the 2/3rds followed. The executive order was looked
at, which delved into a connection with the process of what the Senate could do to
alleviate future problems. A discussion on whether the Referendum should be run
by the FAC was discussed.

B) AS-R 05.11.12 AS Endorsement of Real-Time Rideshare Program Resolution
submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira
Chair Kosty opened the floor for discussion. Senator Parreira announced that she
shared the differences between the two drafts and explained the major components
that had been either removed or changed. President Boyar expressed concern with
the program of Avego being associated with the Rideshare program, rather than
the Rideshare program with a partnership with Avego. Discussion followed. A
general consensus and liking the resolution followed.

Senator Parreira moved to change the last whereas from “they” to “climate
protection campaign was”. President Boyar seconded the motion. The motion
passed 9-0-0.
Senator Paneno moved to amend the fourth whereas statement to read “sponsored by Avego”. The motion died on the floor.

President Boyar moved to amend the fourth whereas statement to remove by “Avego and”. The motion was seconded by Senator Parreira. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Senator Barker moved to approve the resolution of the Endorsement of Real-Time Rideshare. A second was provided by Senator Parreira. The motion was approved 9-0-0.

C) AS-R 06.11.12 AS Commitment to Sustainability Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira

Chair Kosty explained the decision on having this item again as a discussion item in such a short span of time. Senator Parreira’s main desire is to get the Senate’s backing on sustainability, so she changed the resolutions on reflect a conversation about sustainability practices to be held at SSU. This would allow the Senate to really commit to sustainable practices during all discussions that involve the Senate. Differences on the two drafts were discussed. Fitzner attempted to explain the major components that are involved with making a commitment to sustainability. Discussion followed. Fitzner wanted the Senate to build a foundation before finalizing a solution in order to really promote discussion. Dickson stressed discussing a sustainability commitment by having a conversation first, and then pass resolutions once everyone can understand this fully. Senator Parreira is requesting that the environment and sustainability become part of the thought process of the Senate to back during major discussions. How sustainability practices would be held at SSU was discussed. Fitzner gave examples of basic sustainability practices that he’s learned through the reading, and encouraged the Senate studied these efforts.

A break was held at 7:10- Resumed 7:17

D) AS-A 056.11.12 Appointment of Paul Ramey to the Internal Affairs Board

Basic questions as to why Ramey is moving from REB to IAB were asked. Chair Kosty addressed the Senate with a simple explanation that they are trying to place Senators where they are going to be most needed. Ramey has a lot of experience, and has also been on the board the longest. IAB has a heavy workload, so it is up for debate as to how Ramey can help. Members discussed the conflict this item would conflict based up on the code for the Executive Vice-President. Concerns for IAB were discussed.

Vice President Ramey moved to appoint Vice President Ramey to the Internal Affairs Board effective February, 13, 2012. Senator Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.

E) Reports from the AS Boards

i. IAB (Barker)- Met Friday. Granted MESSA $600 for program. Discussed marketing plan. President Boyar asked a question on code reforms.
ii. **REB (Young)** – met yesterday. Discussed making a calendar of events that all members could attend to promote the Senate and AS. Talked about Academic Quality Enhancement. They would like to receive feedback from Senior Seminar classes. Members removed people from committees. A request from the Senate would like to see a written report on who gets accepted onto these committees.

iii. **LAB (Havens)** – discussed the AB 970 resolution that passed. Passed two new resolutions. They discussed the March in March campaign being held on March 5th. Members are looking into getting buses to allow students to attend the March. They also discussed Lobby Corps can provide an outlet for students to learn more about lobbying practices. They would like this to be promoted through tabling.

F) **AS-I 15.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 1.31.12**

Senator Parreira moved to approve the Minutes from 1.31.12. Senator Paneno seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.

G) **Approval of the Consent Calendar (Action)**

a.) **AS-A057.11.12 Removal of Laura Paneno from the Representation and Engagement Board**
b.) **AS-A 058.11.12 Appointment of Laura Paneno to the Legislative Affairs Board**
c.) **AS-A 059.11.12 Appointment of Katie Russo to the Representation and Engagement Board**

Senator Barker moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Senator Havens seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.

H) **Reports from Liaisons**

A. **Dr. Purser:** Executive committee met this past Thursday. They have been discussing how the registration process was done, and how the unit cap affects it. The wait-list functionality was looked at critically. SSU came in under the 103%, so no money will be paid back to the CSU. CSU has been looking into campuses that have gone over and are making them pay. (CSU Northridge for example will have to pay 7 million dollars back to the CSU). There is still a process occurring for the contract courses. Mostly policy and designation changes will be coming back to the Senate. Subsidization for low income students was rewritten to not really determine what a “low income” student is for the university, but rather how to better start a conversation as to how fees will affect these students in the long run.

B. **MLP:** SSU did a great job dealing with the unit cap restrictions, and really owned the idea of “taking only what we need.” MLP promoted the first class prisons, second class school lecture. They have finished reviewing all MCC candidates, and have five people who are interested in the position. There is talk that a 2.3 million dollar trigger cut won’t be coming in July 1st as was previously predicted, but they are still looking into how they are going to restructure with the governor’s proposal which is close to a 7 million dollar trigger cut affecting upper education. That cut will fundamentally change the institution if it goes into effect. SAC received memos about possible
sponsorships behind the athletic program offered at SSU. Senators Havens is now the new appointee to this committee.

V. Questions on Reports
President Boyar asked Senator Young a question on the CAPS waiting list and how that has been affecting mental health. President Boyar than asked Senator Young as well as MLP new strategies for students who are considered to be high risk for the university. According to MLP, the most at risk students are still seen through a new triage system. President Boyar then closed the discussion by asking Dr. Purser to explain this new triage system, and whether this was done through Academic Affairs. Due to the fact that internships have to be re-worked, the clinic was closed, but the University has decided that mental health is too great of a risk to lose, so CAPS fees have been implemented. Senator Parreira asked for clarification on what the Vice-President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management really did.

VI. Items for the Good of the Order
Senator Havens announced that we officially have 433 bills signed and filled out, but that we have run out of Bills for students to write on. Dickson announced that eight people have filed for office, and that the deadline is February 10, 2012. Class raps are going to occur soon, and it is vital that the Senate finds students to fill positions that are enthusiastic about being involved with AS. Chair Kosty promoted Pack the Den as a possible tabling session. It is being held February 9, with the women’s basketball game at 5:30, and the Men’s basketball game at 7:30. Senator Young also wanted to alert the Senate’s attention that baseball season is coming up, and that the fill the hill games are also great ways to promote AS. Chair Kosty has many seats to fill for committees, and requested that if any students express interest in getting involved, to see her. Illness is going around, so Dickson and Chair Kosty really requested that if anyone has a cold, or is feeling ill, to not come into the office so as to keep the office as illness free as possible. Chair Kosty also reminded the Senate that office hours can be used to meet with students or table, and that it is not necessary to send an email to do so. Vice President Ramey wanted the Senate to really be more present and active at upcoming events on campus. The first two events he would like to see the Senators at are the First Class Jails, Second Class School lecture which is being held February 8, 2012 at 7:30, and the second event is The Experience Workshop which is being held February 15, 2012. Kosty also promoted the Jump programs being offered.

VII. Adjournment- Chair Kosty adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: February 14, 2012

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate