Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, April 17th, 2012
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) AS-R 10.11.12 Approval of the Preserve our Student Services and Programs Resolution submitted by Senator Jeff Young and Chair Amanda Kosty (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   b) AS-R 11.11.12 Approval of the Denouncing the Governor’s 2012 Budget Resolution submitted by Katie Havens (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) Discussion on Academic Affairs Budgeting Principles submitted by Executive Vice-President Paul Ramey (Discussion)-maximum of 50 minutes of discussion. Time Certain: 7:00pm
      i. Discussion
   d) AS-B 06.11.12 Approval of the 2012-2013 Budget Submitted by Vice-President of Finance Adam Gourley (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   e) AS-I 24.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 4.10.12 (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, April 13th, 2012 at the AS Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MINUTES  

Members Present: Alex Boyar, Paul Ramey, Adam Gourley, Amanda Kosty, Katie Russo, Emily Hurd, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz, Katie Havens, Jeff Young  

Members Absent: Stephanie Parreira (unexcused), Alex Barker (unexcused)  

Others: Jason Fitz, Erik Dickson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Dr. Margie Purser, Katie Linderme (recording), Peter Neville, Karen Paniagua, Anthony Gallino, Amanda Visser  

I.  Call to Order- the meeting was called to order by Chair Kosty at 6:02 pm  
II.  Roll Call  
III.  Public Comment- none provided  
IV.  Business  
   a)  AS-R 10.11.12 Approval of the Preserve our Student Services and Programs  
Restructure Resolution submitted by Senator Jeff Young and Chair Amanda Kosty  
President Boyar requested another Therefore statement to state that the Senate is  
tired of all forms of budget cuts.  

Senator Young moved to add a new therefore statement readings “let it  
hereby be resolved that the Associated Students of Sonoma State University  
denounces all future cuts to student Services and Programs.” The motion was  
seconded by Senator Havens.  

President Boyar moved to strike the word “future” from the proposed  
motion. The motion was seconded by Senator Burke. The amendment passed  
9-0-0.  

Discussion was held on the motion, and focused on the difference between this  
motion and the last therefore statement.  

The motion passed 9-0-0.  

Vice President Ramey moved to change whereas “student tuition was  
increased while at the same time students have endured campus based fee  
increases to support some student services such as Counseling and  
Psychological. The motion passed 9-0-0.  

Adding language to the document in order to be more specific was debated.  

Senator Havens moved to add “with sufficient training, education and  
background in their given functional areas.” The motion passed 9-0-0.  

President Boyar moved to amend the amendment to read “in student  
services.” Senator Young seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.  

President Boyar moved to approve the Preserve our Student Services and Programs Resolution. Senator Burke seconded the motion.

Dickson pointed out the overuse term of “graduate”, and whether or not CSLIS was moved for fiscal reasons.

Senator Havens moved to change undergraduates and graduates to students. Senator Young seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Discussion was held on the overall document.

The original motion passed by President Boyar passed 9-0-0.

b) AS-R 11.11.12 Approval of the Denouncing the Governor’s 2012 Budget Resolution submitted by Katie Havens

Senator Havens moved to amend after the 2nd whereas to read: “The California State University is currently being funded at the same level as it was in 1996, but is now serving 70,000 more students.” The motion was seconded by Senator Young. The motion passed 9-0-0.

The motion was put on hold because business item C was a time sensitive issue that needed to be started at 7:00 pm. Resumed at 8:00 pm

Chair Kosty re-opened the conversation to ask whether we are denouncing the whole budget, or only a portion of the budget. Input was given. Senator Young expressed concern at the lack of citation. Senator Havens explained reasoning behind how citations were done. A discussion on Governor Brown’s priorities was discussed.

Senator Young moved to change the first therefore statement to read “Denounces the tax initiatives relating to higher education of early childhood education.” Motion died on the table.

Vice President Ramey moved to change the first therefore statement to read “Denounces the Governors proposed budget of 2012 in regards to Higher Education and Early Childhood Education.” The motion was seconded by Senator Hurd.

Discussion on whether this amendment should denounce the whole budget based on how it affects education. Debate ensued.

The motion passed 6-3-0.

Dickson wanted to know why this document did not address the following situations; the SSU Mission statement, CSSA instead of SSU, the monetary symbols throughout the document, the use of the terms “Children’s School”, clarity of the document, and changing the terms “day care” and “good education.” Discussion followed.
Senator Havens moved to table until next week’s Senate meeting. Vice President Gourley seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.

c) Discussion on Academic Affairs Budgeting Principles submitted by Executive Vice-President Paul Ramey (Discussion)-maximum of 50 minutes of discussion. **Time Certain: 7:00pm**

Dr. Purser began the discussion by explaining the sub-committee’s principles with facing the impending budget cuts. She also explained the bolded words on the document, the section on transparency, and how all of this will affect the decision process. She requested input for Academic Affairs, and for the positioning of Academic Affairs via the University budget. How Academic Affairs operates was explained. Clarity was requested for budget changes explanation.

The list for what would be submitted was as follows:

1. Clarity
2. Consistency
3. Diversity of Curriculum
4. Having Capstone courses be available
5. Student Need

Consistency was discussed under the transparency issue. President Boyar expressed that students need more stability in terms of registration, classes, etc. Consistency was then defined “as the ability to predict the future in some sort of meaningful way.” It was also presented as “the actions of the university and how that reflects the message sent to students about planning ahead; Communication of changes, expectations, etc.”

Changes were then discussed in terms of innovation. Items 4 and 5 were felt to be more focused under Transparency. A discussion how to manage the dissonance with student success without consulting students was implemented.

A discussion on where to move Capstone Courses was held. It was moved under Mission of SSU and discussed the availability of graduating requirements in the path required, and how that relates to the availability of Capstone Courses. The mission was added to reflect that of the SSU Mission and showed that what is needed is more availability to provide support outside of classrooms.

Diversity Curriculum was then discussed. It was explained as needed to provide the experiences and courses that students need to discover and pursue their path (major changes, undeclared students, etc.). This idea was debated as to whether it is its own idea, or if should tag along under another section. The ability for allowing students to explore was debated in its relation as to how difficult it is to switch majors here at SSU. Dr. Purser believed that this idea belonged with the mission, and that with innovation should come experimenting.

Consistency and predictability were also discussed as a balancing act. Areas that should be covered more in terms of numbers were also discussed. Diversity of Curriculum was then defined as allowing a variety of course within a degree, area, or major. Faculty and student increase in order to actually be able to teach these classes. Consistency in classes limits the diversity of the major classes. This however has not been seen as a consistent issue, because students cannot afford to
necessarily take their time at the university anymore; they are left with limited choices.

Any last minute thoughts were encouraged to be sent to Dr. Purser or Dickson via email. A break Occurred at 7:50, and resumed at 8:00. Business item B was then discussed because business item C was a time sensitive issue and needed to be discussed at 7:00 pm.

d) AS-B 06.11.12 Approval of the 2012-2013 Budget Submitted by Vice-President of Finance Adam Gourley

Chair Kosty posted stipulations on how the motion for the budget should completed during the meeting. Revenue was then discussed first in order for all other motions to be done accordingly. Vice President Gourley gave a review on how revenue was calculated. Revenue percentages were read off. Vice President Gourley then discussed the cash revenue (under what was projected). Dickson explained factors for enrollment. Revenue was then decided.

Senator Hurd brought up the club grant policy from concerned students. Some students have requested to see more focus on the club grant policy in favor of Academic Clubs. Academic clubs were reviewed under the grand policy. Debate ensued. Sports clubs were then discussed especially insurance and liability. Orientation and the Homecoming line were then discussed. Shirts were discussed. A proposed idea was given on taking money from ASP and special programs as well. Discussion followed.

Vice President Ramey moved to reduce the all campus events line and subsequently reduce the AS allocation, and reduce the commencement speaker line and subsequently the ASP line by $1,000 and reduce the special project line and subsequently the Jump fund by $2,000, and create an orientation line under the Senate Line and subsequently increase the Senate funds. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gourley. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Shirts and Spirit wear was discussed. Rent was explained for the building. The Officer Hospitality line was explained and discussed over.

A break occurred at 9:55 pm and resumed at 10:03 pm.

Enrollment reduction was discussed. The conversation then moved into an explanation on the Student Center expense line was discussed. E01 thousand numbers were discussed. Legal counsel money was debated over. External audit was explained in relation to the operating fund.

Vice President Ramey moved to table the budget until next week’s Senate meeting. Senator Young seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.

e) AS-I 24.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 4.10.12

Senator Burke moved to approve the Minutes from 4.10.12. Senator Liaz seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.
V. Reports from Liaisons—none provided

VI. Questions on Reports
Chair Kosty reprimanded the Senate for not having a high turnout of Reports this week. She strongly urged the Senate to turn in their reports next week.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Dickson let the Senate know that an email will coming to hold panels throughout the week to meet the potential new JUMP coordinators for SSU. Participation is strongly encouraged, due to the nature of not having many students come reflects badly on the University. Senator Havens also encouraged the Senators to participate because she feels that many of the candidates are extremely interesting for the University. Chair Kosty wished Senator Parreira a late happy birthday, encouraged the Senate to participate in Earth Week, and made her final announcement that Senator Paneno has resigned for the remainder of the Semester. Senator Havens encouraged everyone to take their plastic bags over to the JUMP office to receive reusable tote bags (ten plastic bags will get you one reusable tote bag). Fitzer reminded the Senators that the Chair position and Undeclared Senator are due Wednesday at 5 pm. There was not much feedback for sign ups. He encouraged more people to encourage people to sign up for the position.

VIII. Adjournment- Chair Kosty adjourned the meeting at 10:42 pm.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: **April 24, 2012**

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate **Amanda Kosty**