Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012
6:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) Discussion on class registration with the Provost (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   b) AS-R 09.11.12 Approval of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) Discussion on AS Sustainability Plan submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Discussion)-maximum of 40 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-I 22.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 3.20.12 (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, March 30th, 2012 at the AS Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes  

Members Present: Alex Boyar, Adam Gourley, Amanda Kosty, Katie Russo, Emily Hurd, Alex Barker, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Jeff Young, Stephanie Parreira (6:05 pm)  

Members Absent: Paul Ramey  

Others Present: Erik Dickson, Jason Fitzer, Katie Linderme (recording), Provost Rogerson  

I. Call to Order: Chair Kosty called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm  

II. Roll Call  

III. Public Comment- none  

IV. Business  

a) Discussion on class registration with the Provost  

Provost Rogerson explained that the unit cap was coming from the chancellor’s office, and will be occurring for the fall semester. The structural deficits, waitlist, trigger cuts, and the fates of majors were discussed. Academic Affairs role was also discussed. The provost believes that majors will be not cut from SSU, and he also explained how SSU seems to be better equipped to handle the unit cap than other CSU campuses. A question on the petition process for more units was explained. An explanation from the provost on how registration will work for the upcoming semester was explained. Academic Advising was discussed at length. Impact on graduation was discussed. The Early Start Program was also explained by the provost.  

b) AS-R 09.11.12 Approval of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira  

President Boyar met with President Armiñana and asked why the previous proposal for the Climate Commitment was rejected. President Armiñana was requested to not sign it by the CSU due to lack of funding from the CSU to sponsor the program. Senator Parreira suggested that changes could be done to the resolution in order to still gain a greenhouse emissions report. A potential alternative for the therefore statement was debated. Pros and Cons were discussed.  

Senator Parreira moved to strike “in order to prevent the worst possible outcomes of climate change from occurring” in the first therefore statement. Senator Havens seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-0.  

Senator Parreira moved to approve the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment Resolution. Senator Paneno seconded the motion.
President Boyar moved to strike “Ruben Armiñana” and “fall of 2010 Semester” from the last therefore statement. The motion was seconded by Senator Parreira. The motion passed 11-0-0.

A conversation on the pros and cons of the resolution were debated. The deadline aspect of the resolution was discussed at length. Credibility and making a statement were also debated.

The motion passed 7-4-0.

A break was called at 7:33 pm - resumed at 7:40 pm.

c) Discussion on AS Sustainability Plan submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira

Senator Parreira used the Sonoma State Strategic Plan to outline the proposed AS Sustainability plan. Purpose of the document was discussed. Fitzner questioned whether the Senate read this article with enough depth. Discussion was held on sustainability plan visions. Goals were discussed in terms of what the plan covers. Chair Kosty requested to discuss alternatives to a sustainability plan. Fitzner explained the differences, but stressed that the average length of a sustainability plan for other CSU campuses was roughly 20 pages. Dickson encouraged the Senate to not pass this with the wording, because as it reads now, it would force the Senate to take on projects that are already being covered by other branches of AS. A discussion of why this document was important was held. Internal education was looked at.

d) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)

i. Internal Affairs Board (Barker): there was no meeting held before spring break. No meeting was held this week as well. Friday the 13th’s meeting will be held. Barker requested code changes by Friday.

ii. Representation and Engagement Board (Burke): They had two committee appointments. They also drafted the principles of academics with 10 bullet points. This will be sent out soon to the Senate. Senator Burke pushed for feedback from the Senate on these bullet points.

iii. Legislative Affairs Board (Havens): the 16 unit wide cap was discussed. LAB is working on informing students. A FAQ’s pamphlet will be hopefully released soon, but in the meantime, Senators are requested to inform students that this unit cap is coming. They also discussed the governor’s budget and the resolution coming soon for higher education. Chair Kosty encouraged the senate to read through Senator Havens report on legislative information.

e) AS-I 22.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 3.20.12

Senator Parreira moved to approve the minutes from 3.20.12. Senator Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-0.

V. Reports from Liaisons—none were provided this week

VI. Questions on Reports
Senator Havens explained her report, particularly the ranking system of priority numbers. Senator Havens also explained the legislature’s stance the unit cap. Chair Kosty requested Senator Havens to explain Chess XVII. Senator Havens invited future Senators to this event. Senator Parreira requested Senator Young to explain the Senate’s role in Earth Week. Senator Young will be receiving more information closer to the event.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Senator Barker’s reminded the Senators to submit codes by Friday, and that her “non 21st birthday” will be occurring on Thursday! Chair Kosty reminded the Senators that accountability reports were done and that March’s outreach hours were too low. The end of the term is vastly approaching and that means that communication between everyone needs to be clear. Finally, there are only going to be three more senate meetings left, and that This Friday is the only time that new resolution may possibly be allowed. The Senate meetings are now going to shift to discussing the budget. Fitzer reminded the Senate that this is a transition for new officers and that if there are any ideas or items that have been left unfinished, he suggested to write them down and then submit them to the incoming officers. A reminder to really ask questions during one on ones was also prompted by Fitzer. Finally, Fitzer informed the Senate that he submitted his resignation letter, effective the end of June. Dickson then informed the Senate that a search process to replace Fitzer will be formed quickly. The Audit will also be coming on May 4th. Senators were encouraged to email Dickson for questions in the upcoming weeks due to lack of office hours with him. Finally Dickson requested that all laptops, phones, and other electronic devices be banned for the rest of the year. Chair Kosty closed the items by informing the Senators that the Chair Position will be open on the website very soon, as well as a position for the undeclared Senator. An email to the Senate will be coming soon.

VIII. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: April 10, 2012

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate