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SENATE MEETING
Friday, October 18th, 2013
1:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

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III. Public Comment
IV. Reports
V. Business
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      i) Discussion
   b) AS-R.35.13.14 Recognition of 2013 CSU Trustee Award Recipient (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   c) AS-39.13.14 Feedback on Reorganization of Student Engagement
      (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
   d) AS-40.13.14 Discussion of Farmers Markets on Campus
      (Discussion, 20 minutes)
      i) Discussion
   c) AS-41.13.14 Future of large scale social gatherings (Discussion, 20 Minutes)
      i) Discussion
   f) Workshop on issues concerning students of SSU (Discussion)
      i) Discussion

VI. Items for the Good of the Order
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Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT Bianca Zamora (tardy), Tyler Davis, Anthony Gallino, Mallory Rice, Luke Tesluk, Sara Dinari, Matt Dougherty, Libby Dippel, Allison Jenks, Angie Durkee, Mac Hart, Annie Green, Sarah Anthony, Iman Rashed

MEMBERS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Justin Gomez, Erik Dickson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Richard Senghas

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 1:02 PM.
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business

a. AS-38.13.14 CSSA Report (Discussion, 10 minutes)
   i. Discussion- Bernadette Butkiewicz came to give a report on CSSA. She proceeded to give an update on the state budget, etc. Everything is done for the year unless it was a two-year bill. The federal budget is a mess. However, a $125.1 million dollar budget given was given to the CSU's. In November, it will be approved by the Board of Trustees. State funding is still an issue and CSU's are having to turn away students. They are looking to Governor Brown for more money. One bill was signed to be able to send a student trustee down to the Chancellor's Board of Trustee meetings in Long Beach. Also, a bill was signed that will give transfer students an easier pathway. Still, there is a lot of work that needs to be done. Graduation is also a hot topic. Senator Sara Dinari asked when the new transfer student pathway would be implemented and if current transfer students would benefit from it. Butkiewicz answered not until next year, they are still working on the details. Butkiewicz also mentions that two bills regarding Cal Grants were vetoed mostly because of limited funding. She adds that Cal Grants are the most underfunded, and unfortunately as a result low income students cannot attend college. In other CSSA news, there has been a committee started in San Francisco to divest in tar and oil. It could be done in about 12 to 14 months. Also, Butkiewicz will be holding a lobby seminar where lobby corps members will be learning how to lobby and then will be going to the capitol. It may be called Gaining Ground, but is open to suggestions. She adds that if any senators are interested, they are welcome to come. There was an incident at CSU Channel Islands, and they are looking for old resolutions at other CSU's that help victims of rape and assault if any senators are willing to help. Matthew Lopez-Phillips adds that there has been a lot of talk about the budget and
graduation. If we raise our graduation rate, we will get more money. His main concern with this incentive-based notion is the quality of education. He wants to find a balance. Executive Director Erik Dickson added that if a senator is thinking about applying for Greenovation funds, they must have a strong implementation path.

b. AS-R.35.13.14 Recognition of 2013 CSU Trustee Award Recipient (Action)
   i. Discussion- Senator Tyler Davis thinks this resolution is great work, and the recipient definitely deserves it. Senator Sarah Anthony was able to meet with the recipient and agrees that he does tremendous work and has outstanding leadership skills. Senator Bianca Zamora thinks it is time that the Senate recognizes students who are enriching the campus.
   ii. Action- Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to approve the Recognition of 2013 CSU Trustee Award Recipient, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis. 13 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

c. AS-39.13.14 Feedback on Reorganization of Student Engagement (Discussion)
   i. Discussion- Senator Annie Green comments that she is still confused on the reason for the reorganization. She wonders why they can’t just cut the programs that need to be cut instead of renaming and recreating a whole program. Executive Director Erik Dickson urges the senators to look at the whole picture. Every unit has been reorganized. Green adds that she is not clear on how which programs that will be cut were chosen. Senator Sarah Anthony mentions that she contacted Peter Neville and asked if there were any other CSU’s they modeled this after and if they wanted broader feedback. Anthony wanted to make sure that they understand the views of those in the programs that are being reorganized. She also thinks that more research has to be done. Senator Luke Tesluk thinks this reorganization has a good sense of direction and focus on leadership. Senator Tyler Davis thinks it is a hard change to follow and thinks that more statistics would be nice to see. He agrees with Senator Sarah Anthony-more quantitative data needed, thus he is torn. Senator Angie Durkee wants to know what is being done differently and why now. Senator Sarah Anthony thinks the vision is very honorable to get a more inclusive campus but she thinks the design is not conducive. She wants to know how this reorganization would affect finances and employees. Dickson inquires what kind of research she is referring to. Anthony answers that she has talked with Peter and was told that he had talked to a few people, but she thinks there needs to be more quantitative data, such as statistics from different populations, a survey, more details as to how it will affect finances, or projected number of people who will lose or gain jobs. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty adds that a pro to this reorganization would be the additional staff member for CSLIS because that is definitely needed as an extra resource. He adds that the con will be a loss of services to clubs who aren’t as large as Greek organizations or sports clubs. Dougherty feels that the reorganization makes it seem that less complex clubs will be underrepresented. Also, Dougherty feels there may be a loss of qualities of people who will be transferred. They were hired for certain reasons and now they will be moved to a different type of position. In addition, Dougherty feels that the Senate was not given thorough enough answers to certain questions that they asked of Peter and Niel, like which programs were chosen and why. Also, there is the financial piece that is left out. Dougherty feels that director and coordinator names that are changing should be given; they have little to go off of. Senator Mallory Rice comments that she really likes the leadership retreat idea for Greeks and sports clubs. That is a good aspect, but most students she has talked to do not like the cutting of the Super Kids Camp put on by the Rec Center. She adds that she
does not understand the reason for cutting that program as it builds strong relationships, beings in profit, etc. The program has many pros, so she wonders why they chose to cut that one. Senator Tyler Davis agrees with Rice, but feels it is a tough call. Davis adds that one of his constituents asked if a mission statement could be written in regards to this reorganization. He suggests going to the organizations and getting feedback on the reorganization as a whole, not just their programs. He also agrees a survey would be good. Senator Annie Green agrees with Dougherty; she thinks the ideas are really good but she wanted clearer answers, not just the answer that they are cutting these programs to get a broader organization as a whole. She wonders what is changing that is not already implemented here at Sonoma State. President Mac Hart is concerned with the pattern of people being in positions they did not originally apply to be in. It’s not that they aren’t capable but he fears in the long run it will have an impact on the quality of services and experiences given to students. He would like more feedback on that. Hart also adds that this reorganization seems separate from Matthew Lopez-Phillips’ ideas, thus it is not at all related to the intimate student experience. Hart adds that all programs will be funded by students and because of this Matthew Lopez-Phillips should have been involved in the plans in order to be on the same page as Nel, but he is not. Senator Libby Dippel mentioned that she is able to talk on behalf of the Rec Center employees. They understand that things need to change but they do not understand how. The Super Kids Camp kept business flowing during the summer and brought in $150,000 where 1/3 of that profit was used to fund things like intermural sports and many other sports programs. Dippel adds that students will notice, because it will directly affect them. Also, she mentions that the Rec Center employees were concerned that if they cut the Outdoor Resource Center, it will create more responsibilities for the front desk. The employees are worried that the front desk worker will be stretched with duties and it will become disorganized. In addition, one of the masseuses emailed Dippel and expressed her concern about job security. The masseuse said she will be offered another job by the school, but she wonders what else she could be besides a masseuse. Vice-President Matt Dougherty likes how there will be more eyes on the community and will be a safer environment for everyone. This reorganization will increase collaboration, which Dougherty feels is good. However, a con is that AS should not pay any of CSLIS’s operating expenses, which Nel mentioned was his wish but he said it is not a for sure yes or no yet. Dougherty adds that this needs to be decided. He suggests creating an advisory committee for the Rec Center so that they don’t lose the student voice for the employees. Also, if there are any positions that require medical training, Dougherty wants to make sure that after the transfer, those new employees still meet that requirement. Senator Sarah Anthony agrees with the thoughts about the Super Kids Camp. She adds that some students in the credential program came from this program. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez urges the senators again to look at the whole picture, not just the Rec Center. Some specifics are affecting a much larger picture. Senator Annie Green doesn’t think that the reorganization is helping the programs that already exist. Senator Tyler Davis mentions that he talked with Executive Director Erik Dickson about the Super Kids Camp. Davis reported that Dickson is upset with the Rec Center employees because they have not taken into account the real struggles that other programs are having. They are not stepping back to look at the other areas, such as the fact that CSLIS has been without necessary employees for years. Dickson urges the senators to give examples such as these during consultations so they can focus on the right things. It is all about perspective; they need to look at all the students’ perspective not just one area like Super Kids Camp. If they keep Super Kids Camp, something else may be losing focus. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino wants to focus on the
finances of this reorganization. He wants to know how this is saving money, where that saved money is going, and if it is the best option for saving money. Gallino adds that they need to see where the priorities lie based on where the money is going. This conversation needs to be had. Senator Sarah Anthony agrees with Gallino, she wants to know how much income will be derived and what expenditures will be used. She urges the senators to ask financial questions. Senator Annie Green felt that the handout they got describing the reorganization from Peter and Niel was not very direct. She wants to know what they are getting in return of things being cut-more elaborate papers. Richard Senghas mentioned that they are looking for feedback from faculty as well. He thinks it would be a good idea to look at the concerns and feedback of the faculty and see where they have the same concerns and get a chance to look at different perspectives and different priorities. Senator Sara Dinari mentions that a much smaller reorganization is happening in the library. She wants to know more about some of the students who are being reorganized in the library and how they are responding and how it will affect their work. She adds that 90% of the library employees are unhappy with the changes and it would be important to look at those who will be adopting new jobs and how they feel.

Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino adds that if the Senate is unsatisfied with the level of clarity they were given then they need to put that in their pros and cons response that will be given to Peter and Niel. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty mentions that there will be a $1.1 million area for growth. He wants the plan for growth and the timeline of the programs that will grow in future. Dougherty brings up the area of open swim which is two hours during the day in the Rec Center. There is only two hours reserved for open swim because various sports teams have reserved the pool for the rest of the time. Dougherty is concerned that by cutting that program, people who want to access the pool will not be able to anymore. He thinks it is key to keep this open for students and staff because it is there for everyone. Senator Mallory Rice agrees with Dougherty. She also wonders how the programs that will be transferred will create different burdens and what will they look like. Matthew Lopez-Phillips urges the Senate to look at the Student Affairs Committee report for the Student Affairs division, right before the split that happened. He suggests the senators to compare and contrast this to other CSU's and to see how the split was coordinated in order to maintain the student experience. Executive Director Erik Dickson thinks the list the Senate has complied is good, but others will want to know where to go next. He wants the Senate to think about what they think should happen because the staff will want to know their voice. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked when they will be presenting their feedback. Chair of the Senate, Iman Rashid, answered that two weeks from today they will be presenting. Gallino urges the Senate to work with him.

d. **AS-40.13.14 Discussion of Farmers Markets on Campus**
   **(Discussion, 20 minutes)**

i. **Discussion** - Senator Allison Jenks thinks a Farmer’s Market is needed because there is a separation between the students and the community that needs to be fixed. She adds that many students don’t have cars that live on campus and are unable to travel to the Rohnert Park of Cotati Farmer’s Markets, so it would be good to bring the food to them. Senator Luke Tesluk asks when they would like the Farmer’s Market up and running. Jenks answered sometime in March after the rainy winter season. Tesluk also asks what they are doing in regards to looking at vendors and regulations. Jenks says she has looked, but cannot currently carry out the Farmer’s Market because of the food policy. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino comments that they need to decide if they should even have one and then go from there. He thinks it is a good idea but they should look at attendance of other
Farmer’s Markets and see if there is a demand for such a thing on campus. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty likes the idea and feels that we do need it because it fits with our sustainability goals but he wonders who will run it. He asks if it will be an AS program or a JUMP leader or will they let SSE run with it. Dougherty adds that it doesn’t make sense to not have one. Senator Tyler Davis thinks it would be good to offer this type of activity because it would be open to the whole community. He asks if the food will come from student farmers. Jenks says that would be awesome to have student produce if it was possible but to also have other local community members participate. Davis asked where on campus the Farmer’s Market would be. Jenks answered that somewhere very central would be ideal but the farmers must also have access to trucks. Senator Mallory Rice thinks it is an awesome idea because in summer a lot of students go to the Santa Rosa Farmer’s Market. Rice adds it would be good to create more activity on campus but we would want to make sure we were not in competition with other Farmer’s Market. Rice suggests we could invite them to sell at ours to increase the community relationship. Senator Angie Durkee is in support as well because those students who are on campus who don’t have cars are unable to travel off campus to the other Farmer’s Markets offered. Durkee also asked how often it will be held. Jenks answered that it would be held once a week. President Mac Hart likes that it would be unique especially since there is not a year round one as of now. They need to have a discussion regarding if this is an AS area or a dining services project. Other campuses have pushed their Farmer’s Markets to undesirable locations. Hart adds that they will need to insure that their location is central and inclusive. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino suggests creating a task force with ways to move forward. Senator Sara Dinari thinks it would be super beneficial for those on campus. She adds that they did the exact thing at her community college. Instead of a food permit, they got a bazaar permit and called it a community market. Dinari adds that they held it on Fridays and it was a good way to end the week. Senator Sarah Anthony asks how they should go about task force. Jenks thinks it would be good to gather information in different ways and gain perspective. Richard Senghas adds that it may be worth comparing the Cotati and Rohnert Park Farmer’s Market and see how they are related to each other. It also may have useful information on how to do things. Senghas also suggested perhaps utilizing the new reserved lot that students don’t always get to use or trying different spots every week. Executive Director Erik Dickson thinks this is great idea but it is not the Senate’s job. They need to deal with the policy issue first. The main goal is to set up programs and directions so things like this can happen. Dickson adds that they need to make sure to set things up that can continue on. They need to set things up so that they exist within the architecture of the program.

e. AS-41.13.14 Future of large scale social gatherings (Discussion, 20 Minutes)
   i. Discussion- President Mac Hart wanted to address the issue of large scale social gatherings on campus. He felt this would be a good opportunity to decide if they want to use the Senate duties to put energy towards trying to remove the barriers in order to make events like this easier for students to put on. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty thinks it would be a great idea to talk with people from facilities to see if we even have the capacity. Although the homecoming event was successful, it was disappointing to have to turn students away. In order for this to continue, we need to knock down the barriers to allow for success. Senator Luke Tesluk feels that this is more of ASP’s direction and not so much the Senate’s. Senator Angie Durkee added that student engagement wanted to collaborate with them for homecoming. She wonders if they could allocate more funds for things like this instead of the AS. Hart clarified that the things they had to do were out of their realm. He adds that there is disconnect between programs and it is their
opportunity to bridge those disconnections. It wasn’t an issue of did ASP do their job, but more along the lines of how they can work with campus police to improve. Hart adds they need to have a more political aspect. Senator Tyler Davis agrees with Tesluk- it is not their job. Hart wants to focus on how they can work with other entities to improve connections and work on procedure to carry out future events. He suggests that they should pursue the idea of streamlining how they put on events. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez adds that he doesn’t know if senate is ready to have this discussion because they did not see the issue at the homecoming dance happening. In terms of AS’s role, Gomez comments that no one says they cannot have these events. Unless other organizations are being told that they cannot have certain events, then AS does not need to get involved. As of now, conversation is being brought up on campus scale. Senator Annie Green asks if there is already a policy restricting the number of people per event or how are we getting involved. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty thinks that if this truly is a problem then AS needs to offer help. Gallino agrees with Dougherty, but so far no one has come to the Senate with problems planning events. There is no evidence that barriers exist that we need to break down. Gallino adds that they simply misjudged the number of people who would attend the event. Senator Angie Durkee thinks there should be a procedural list to help students plan social gatherings on campus.

The Senate took at 10 minute break at 3:09 PM.

f. Workshop on issues concerning students of SSU (Discussion)
   i. Discussion- Executive Director Erik Dickson suggested making this a casual conversation between senators to see what direction they want to go with the next big thing. He urges them to consider what would make the university better. The Senate proceeded to have a discussion on issues concerning students of SSU. The Chair of the Senate, Iman Rashed, wrote down the ideas.

V. Reports
b. Senator Tyler Davis- This week, I researched Next Big Thing ideas; I am looking to get involved with the issue of allocation of funds through IRA fees. I had a one on one with Justin where we discussed goals for the semester remaining and more ideas for possible resolutions. I also had a one on one with Iman where we discussed further questions regarding IRA fees. In depth, we discussed issues dealing with allocations and the entire perspective of questions to ask. I met with Mac Hart where we reviewed the current standings as a senator and revised some goals and attitude for the rest of this semester and for the following semester. I also had some of my questions answered during a talk with Erik, dealing with the agenda items and getting input.
d. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino- No Report.
e. Senator Mallory Rice- No Report.
g. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty- No Report.
h. Senator Libby Dipple- This week, I’ve been in the office working on the ban of single-time-use plastic water bottles on campus. I attended the GE subcommittee where we continued our discussion on how to assess what kind of critical thinking students are learning once they complete the A3 level of GE. It was brought up that WASC will be evaluating the school in 2017, so it’s really important now that we
figure out a way to assess that critical thinking. Also, on Tuesday, October 8th, I gave my report to the Rohnert Park City Council.

i. **Senator Allison Jenks**- Saturday, I went to the CSSA meeting where they talked about the Greenovation Fund which is a grant to enhance the sustainability profile of each CSU. San Francisco State also talked about their plan to divest in tar and oil. This week I mainly worked on doing research on how to put on a Farmer’s Market and changing the food policy.

j. **President Mac Hart**- No Report.

k. **Senator Angie Durkee**- This week, I held office hours and had my one on ones with Justin and Iman where we talked about hiring a Tradition Coalition Commissioner. I also met with Allison and Gina to discuss the Food Policy. I attended the Web Advisory Committee and started writing a Bike Rack Resolution. I would like to start working on the Student Life Advisor Resolution and the Food Policy Resolution.

l. **Senator Annie Green**- No Report.

m. **Senator Sarah Anthony**- Saturday, I was spreading awareness about the Education Department as well as helping out constituents at Invisible Children. Monday through Thursday, I was going over legislation for the Next Big Thing. Friday, I held office hours and met with Justin for a one on one.

VI. **Items for the Good of the Order**- Matthew Lopez-Phillips attended a Sacramento State board meeting where they created four new initiatives to bring in more diverse students. The student club fee administration policy is looking to get feedback before giving report to the chancellor. He adds that he is looking into getting together a group to establish a parent presence here at SSU. Lopez-Phillips also brings up the Red Folder Project. There will be a red folder on each faculty’s desk that contains emergency protocol information at hand. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked for feedback on the chancellor visit. Lopez-Phillips answered that the committee has not met yet, but the reaction was overall positive. Unfortunately, the Senate’s time was cut short. Executive Director Erik Dickson is working with Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty in getting the corporate meeting ready. He urges the Senate to look at the corporate documents beforehand and come prepared. Senator Tyler Davis asked if the Children’s School will be discussed this time. Dickson answered yes. Dickson adds that the Produce Growers grant has gone through review and will start going out next week. They will be taking applications as soon as possible. Richard Senghas reported that $100,000 will be going to projects to bring in students to the GMC to get more involved. Regarding the chancellor visit, Senghas agrees that the head count issue needs to be fixed and the student services need to be improved.

VII. **Adjournment**- The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 5:20 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on **10/30/13**.

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Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate