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Associated Students
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SENATE MEETING
Friday, October 4th, 2013
1:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT Mallory Rice, Annie Green, Sarah Anthony, Anthony Gallino, Matt Dougherty, Luke Tesluk, Mac Hart, Sara Dinari, Libby Dippel, Allison Jenks, Angie Durkee, Bianca Zamora

MEMBERS ABSENT Iman Rashed (excused), Tyler Davis (excused)

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

I. Call to Order- This meeting was called to order by Mallory Rice, the Vice-Chair of the Senate, at 1:01 PM.

II. Roll Call- Matt Dougherty (tardy)

III. Public Comment- Megan Konieczka, President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, came to talk about their event Midnight Madness. It is a large rally to kick off the start of basketball season. They came to ask for our help and support. President Mac Hart asked the location. Megan answered that it is in the Men's gym at 9:00 PM.

IV. Business

a. AS-A.34.13.14 Appointment of Senator of Undeclared Studies Sarah Dinari (Action)
   i. Discussion- Senator Libby Dippel discussed the process that occurred in IAB. Seven potential senators applied. IAB then narrowed those seven down to 3 strictly by resumes, and then interviewed the remaining applicants. Dippel commented that Sara Dinari (present) stood out from the rest automatically. She showed concern for the undeclared population, has experience with Model UN, and can hit the ground running. President Mac Hart asked Sara if she was a transfer student, Sara answered yes. Hart added that she will be able to reflect their needs in Senate.
   Senator Sarah Anthony asked Sara to expand on her student government experience. Sara answered that she served on the executive board in high school, was the treasurer of a couple clubs at her community college, and was also a peer educator who along with another student helped run the peer mentor program.
   Senator Luke Tesluk thinks the IAB made a good choice. Richard Senghas asked Sara what her major is, she answered political science. Senator Bianca Zamora asked if the senator in the Undeclared position had to be an undeclared major, Executive Director Erik Dickson answered no because they are a special interest senator. After the following vote, Sara was sworn into Senate.

ii. Action- Senator Libby Dippel moved to approve the appointment of the Senator of Undeclared Studies Sara Dinari, Seconded by Senator Angie Durkee.

10 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Dougherty absent)
b. **AS-R.35.13.14 Recognition of 2013 CSU Trustee Award Recipient (Discussion)**
   i. **Discussion**- Senator Bianca Zamora expressed her want to recognize the award recipient. She stated that the Senate is charged with enriching SSU students and this student has done so. She added that it is important to recognize his accomplishments. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino agreed with Zamora. Gallino added that after approval in a subsequent meeting, Senate should present the resolution to him during one of their meetings. President Mac Hart added that if a senator sees him, they should tell him he is awesome. Senator Angie Durkee has seen him hard at work, and agreed that he deserves the recognition. Executive Director Erik Dickson asked Zamora to expand on the award. Zamora answered that 1 student from each CSU receives this award for superior academic excellence, has usually overcome some hardship, and is a star student in all aspects. She continues that each candidate goes to the conference with President Armiñana where they present a speech to the Governor and other recipients. Senator Angie Durkee asked if just one candidate received the award. Zamora answered yes, one student per year per CSU. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked Zamora to expand on the process. She answered that each student has to go through an application process and write about their lives and present their GPA. There are two rounds, in the end the campus chooses. Senator Allison Jenks asked how students many applied, Zamora answered that she doesn’t know. Senator Libby Dippel added that in the past there has been no recognition, so this is good. Senator Angie Durkee added that she wants to put this on the Senate in a Minute video.

   i. **Discussion**- No discussion was needed.
   ii. **Action**- Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to declare the Senator of Social Sciences seat vacant, Seconded by Senator Annie Green.
      11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

d. **AS-37.13.14 Discussion of Chancellor’s visit (Discussion)**
   i. **Discussion**- Executive Director Erik Dickson made sure it was known when Chancellor White was coming. He emphasized that they only have 45 minutes to talk with the chancellor so they need to figure out specific areas they want to touch on, as well as establish a tone. Dickson added that they need to have a discussion with each other prior to the meeting. Senator Annie Green was curious to know what the chancellor actually does. Others agreed. Dickson answered that he is the President of the Presidents of the CSU’s. He runs the 23 CSU’s, manages the budget, creates system-wide policy, and executes those decisions at the CSU level. He also appoints Board of Trustee members of a CSU. As well as running the day to day operations. He is the main contact for the CSU system in Sacramento at the capital. Dickson added that he handles 500,000 students. Richard Senghas commented that Chancellor White came out of the UC system. He is a strong promoter of education through direct experience. Senghas adds that he is new at this level so he is coming around to get to know all the CSU campuses. Senghas urged the Senate to think about what is particular to Sonoma State and why we are unique but still part of the overall system. Senator Sarah Anthony comments that one of her major concerns is that there is not enough space to allow more students in. She suggested asking Chancellor White his intended goals on that issue. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino agreed they should definitely ask him what his ideas are. He adds that the Senate needs to do their research and know the definition of bottlenecking, etc. to know what they are talking about when they are talking with him. Executive Director Erik Dickson urged the Senate to look at the latest Board of Trustee’s agenda because they talk about similar
issues. Richard Senghas adds that this is only the opening of a conversation they will continue to have throughout the year. They will have more chances to talk with him. Senghas adds they can always follow up by email. Matthew Lopez-Phillips stated that the Senate is the body with the direct contact to be able to address cares and concerns. He also commented that people talk so much about resource that they lose the discussion on experience. Lopez-Phillips urges the Senate to think about something that they want, which leaves tons of things to talk about. He also suggested talking about what it means to be a student at Sonoma State and to brag about what they’ve done so far. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino suggested asking the chancellor about the situation with the number of students versus our unit load capacity. This is why we see a lack of classes. Gallino offers two possible solutions: they can refuse to admit as many students but this may affect the budget negatively or they could increase the full time equivalency capacity to accommodate all students. Gallino suggested that they talk about the quality outside of class in order to see the equivalency capacity rise. Gallino also added that Sonoma State is the only campus that does not have a Student Affairs division because it was split in half. This affected advising, programming, and support for club and orgs due to limited staff in CSLIS. Gallino urges that they can’t let these things continue and they need to be fixed. Senator Annie Green commented that he seemed nice and very cool. Executive Director Erik Dickson added that these 45 minutes are important but the lasting flavor they leave as a Senate is more important. He wants the chancellor to feel engaged with students. Dickson urges the Senate to be engaging and not be quiet. This is their lasting legacy. Richard Senghas adds that it may be good to open up problems early and provide solution with it in order to end the session on an up-swing and good note. President Mac Hart added that each Senate member is uniquely involved and they can discuss those aspects with him. Hart feels that they need to show our interests because it is worth bringing up. Senator Bianca Zamora adds that she wants to know what a chancellor is all about because it will be her one day. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty wanted to know the dress code. Various senators suggested wearing their polo’s. Senator Angie Durkee agrees with the polo idea and adds that she wants to know the chancellor’s road to success and how he manages his budget. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino added that if the Senate has any other questions they would like to ask the chancellor then they should send them to him. He will be put together a list on paper so everyone can see. Senator Sarah Anthony added bringing up the issue of standardized testing, Governor Brown’s big thing. She wonders what message these standardized tests will give to the CSU system and wants to get Chancellor White’s thoughts. Senator Sara Dinari also suggests bringing up the issues with the GRE. She feels that there should be study help, workshops or counselors to help students to pass the GRE exam for graduate school. Dinari adds that people always talk about transitioning students into Sonoma State but do not talk much about how to help students leave Sonoma State. Matthew Lopez-Phillips also encourages the Senate to think about how the standardized testing will be used and what it means for those who are graduating. He comments that that is an important topic. Senator Allison Jenks added asking about the creation of online education and its impact. She also agrees with wearing the polo’s idea. Senator Bianca Zamora thinks they should end the 45 minute meeting with teaching the chancellor the Seawolf Howl. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty adds bringing up the idea of virtual labs as well and get the chancellor’s thoughts. Senator Sara Dinari also thinks it is important to bring up the notion of transfer student transition. She feels that Sonoma State should make more of an attempt to welcome them.
e. **AS-37.13.14 Discussion of Associated Students Next Big Thing (Discussion)**
i. **Discussion**- The discussion was continued from last week. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino urges the senators to get moving because there is only limited time left. There are 6 or 7 meetings left this semester. Some senators asked about the meeting on December 6th. Executive Director Erik Dickson answers that the meeting may not be efficiently used as needed and therefore they may or may not have it. Gallino asked if there were any more ideas to add from last week. Senator Annie Green wants to work on class availability size, and where the classes are put. She comments that teachers are upset with where they are being put. Senator Libby Dippel brings up the idea of banning the sale of one-time-use plastic water bottles. She has reached out to CSU's who have done this and is doing some research. Senator Sara Dinari adds that her community college created water bottle filing stations to help with that problem. She feels if they had more filling stations it would help. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino commented that the school just purchased a computer program to be able to look at a space and what will be best utilized in that room. Executive Director Erik Dickson suggested to Senator Annie Green to talk to Elaine Sandburg. He adds that he can put her in contact with that person. Senator Angie Durkee asked if there will be classes in the student center, Dickson answered no. Vice-Chair of the Senate Mallory Rice urges the Senate to come prepared to meetings with solid ideas. Senator Bianca Zamora comments that each Senator may have various separate projects and it may be hard to consolidate all those projects or to just pick one. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino suggests that they share their current projects during the senate reports. Gallino also comments that they have to act as whole to get anything done. They have to be strategic in order to best benefit the campus.

V. Reports

a. **Senator Mallory Rice**- No Report.

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

c. **Senator Sarah Anthony**- I had an exhaustive week with midterms, including three all-nighters. However, I was able to make it into the office to do a few hours of office work and attend a one on one with Justin.

d. **Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino**- No Report.

e. **Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty**- No Report.

f. **Senator Luke Tesluk**- On Wednesday, I had a one on one with Justin where we discussed a variety of topics. After, I wrote up and sent out emails to people who were important in the area of advising. This includes people such as Elaine Sandburg, Jason Wenrick and also past senators who have had more experience in this area than me. I also met with constituents to get their personal experiences and frustrations in regards to the current registration system. Their stories provided insight into the broken nature of the current system. On Thursday, I went over the agenda preparing remarks for the section on “The Next Big Thing”. To do this, I looked at registration policies as well as keeping in mind the experiences of my constituents. I also reviewed with Justin some other ideas for this area and how they could be potentially incorporated into the agenda. On Friday, I helped Senator Durkee with the homecoming outreach on campus. I also attended the Senate meeting only to miss out on the “Next Big Thing” segment. I then attended the Campus Reengineering Committee at 2.

g. **President Mac Hart**- This week, I met with Matthew Lopez-Phillips and talked about student affairs on our campus and the meeting with the chancellor. I also met with faculty leadership and discussed the chancellor visit next Wednesday. I did the following for Homecoming outreach: spoke at the sports club meetings
and at the KSUN radio class, Angie and I spoke to a lecture hall in Stevenson 2001, and lastly I tabled Thursday afternoon in the main quad and on Thursday night at the cafeteria.

h. Senator Sara Dinari- No Report.

i. Senator Libby Dippel- Last Tuesday, I met with IAB to discuss our recommendation for the Undeclared Senator seat. I had a meeting with John Scott Forester yesterday, along with Allison Jenks, to discuss his view on the reorganization of student life. He is a professor in the art department and teaches a yoga class at the Rec center. I also met up with some Campus Rec staff members today to get more of their input and perspective on how the reorganization affects them. I started taking steps toward looking into banning the sale of one-time-use plastic water bottles and bike lanes/pathways on campus. I also plan on continuing my Greek outreach this Sunday. Lastly, I attended the GE Subcommittee meeting where we discussed the following. The committee has pretty much finalized that students attempting to petition for 11 units in the C category will more likely be declined, as one unit courses are now being offered. They won’t do the same for the B area just yet. They have officially approved the new policy that the CALS, AMCS, and future NAMS courses will give freshman their ethnic studies credit. I brought up possibly allowing the one unit students get for language labs go towards the C category. They approved the move of the Genocide & Holocaust class from the Sociology department to the Political Science department. They are also looking at a better evaluation of the critical thinking freshman are getting out of FLC’s (FYE, HLC’s, etc.).


k. Senator Angie Durkee- This week I held office hours and attended the Internal Affairs Board Meeting where we voted on the Undeclared Senator. I also held the Tradition Coalition meeting. I talked to a classroom with Mac about Homecoming and also talked for homecoming in the Stevenson Quad with Bianca and also in front of the cafeteria where I dressed up as Lobo.

l. Senator Bianca Zamora- No Report.

m. Senator Tyler Davis- Monday, Sarah Anthony and I went to the Rotaract Club meeting to spread the appearance of Senate and learn about the meeting. We were glad to make the visit. Tuesday, I had a one on one with Justin where I made some goals for the week which was greatly needed. Thursday, my meeting with Dean Silver was postponed. Hopefully this week we will meet. I also held regular office hours. Unfortunately, on Friday I had to miss the Senate meeting due to a funeral.

VI. Items for the Good of the Order- Matthew Lopez-Phillips received an email during meeting about a small fire on Petaluma Hill Road. He commented that Zamora and Durkee are doing a good job tabling and rallying students. On another note, they are keeping registration the same, 16 units. In a report from the counseling center, it was documented that there were over 768 unique students who utilized the counseling center with a total of 2,768 visits. The average wait time was 2 days and the average wait to get a full appointment after the first visit was 7 days. Lopez-Phillips comments that these are good numbers for the cramped space they are utilizing. Executive Director Erik Dickson urged the senators to look at the overall picture and get on the same page. They also must help Senator Angie Durkee with Homecoming next week. They need to show the students they are interested. Also, he suggests giving Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez a bit of a break next week as he will be busy with homecoming. It is also the beginning of budget revisions. Dickson also commented that only 5 signed up for the Senate team participating at Sonoma Serves. He also urged senators to take care of themselves and stay home if they are sick. They need to practice communication. The AS Personnel committee is working on hiring a replacement for
Bruce Berkowitz. Dickson also encourages the senate to understand the gravity of the beer garden that will be present at Homecoming. It is important to be a leader in this aspect. He strongly communicates taking care of themselves. If they are interested in seeing this happen more, they need to take responsibility. If something goes wrong, it will be on Associated Students. Matthew Lopez-Phillips adds that people are watching how the students are going to engage with this. He urges senators to look out for friends who don't need to be there anymore. He comments that we are pushing to show the community that this substance can be used responsibly. Vice-Chair Mallory Rice ended by thanking everyone for being supportive of her hectic academics.

VII. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by Mallory Rice, the Vice-Chair of the Senate, at 2:45 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on 10/17/13.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate