Associated Students
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Friday, November 1st, 2013
1:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

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II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
V. Task Force Reports
   a) AS-I.47.13.14 Updated Club Grant Policy (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   b) AS-48.13.14 AS Recommendation on the Student Engagement
      Reorganization (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
   c) AS-R.49.13.14 Banning the Sale of Single-Use Plastic Water Bottles
      (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
   d) AS-R.50.13.14 Advising Resolution: Call for Training of Faculty and Students
      (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
   e) AS-A.51.13.14 Appointment of Natalie Sampo as Social Sciences Senator
      (Action)
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Posted on Tuesday, October 29th, 2013 at the AS Senate Office by
Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Bianca Zamora (excused)

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 1:01 PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

IV. Business

a) AS-I.47.13.14 Updated Club Grant Policy (Action)

i) Discussion- Vice President of Finance Matt Dougherty brought the issue of the club grant policy up in Senate for the previous week and was discussed there. Dougherty wanted to focus on making the policy more fair and able to serve more students. He also wanted to encourage clubs to plan more in advance and actually use the funds they are awarded. Senator Tyler Davis asked when the Lobo Preferred status expires. Dougherty answered at the end of the academic year. Senator Luke Tesluk asked how the Senate will go about approving. Dougherty said they would be presented a spreadsheet in corporate meetings. Tesluk also asked about those clubs in post-probation. Dougherty answered that those clubs cannot apply for funds at that time. Executive Director Erik Dickson adds that it depends on who put them on probation. If the club is frozen, then they have no money. Probation is not an action of AS but an action of the university. AS then acts accordingly. Senator Mallory Rice verified the Lobo Preferred grant amounts with Dougherty. Tesluk asked Dougherty to clarify what consumable meant in this context. Dougherty answered that anything the club may need that is not classified as equipment is considered consumable. Senator Tyler Davis expressed his concern that if the president and treasurer are not doing their part, what will a club do to receive funds. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez commented that AS should not be funding such clubs. Dougherty added that only one of those officers needs to apply for a grant. It adds an opportunity for the club to plan as a group. Senator Angie Durkee asked about
what a club can do if they wanted to fundraise. Dougherty comments that the Programming tier as it states now contradicts itself. The events should be free for students-no cover charge. The event should not be held for the purpose of fundraising. Executive Director Erik Dickson adds that if we are helping them put on their event, then AS is essentially funding their effort. He adds that it should not be this way. They need to put forth an effort to raise their own money. Dougherty adds that it should require no fee for students because students should not be deterred from attending event. Durkee then asked what if a club wanted to give a certificate to a certain club member. Dougherty answered that it is not AS’s responsibility and clubs should use their own money for those sorts of things. Durkee asked how they are tracking club expenditures as of now. Dougherty answered that clubs turn in various forms as proof for business office. Senator Mallory Rice mentioned the consumables and asked if it applied to all sports clubs. Dougherty says that as the policy states now it leaves those questions at a place where him and Justin Gomez must agree on a consensus. Gomez adds that the line between equipment and consumables is narrow but they can use their own discretion to reach decision. Senator Luke Tesluk clarified with Dougherty about the approval process timeline. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked if the $100 per person to travel would be enough. Dougherty answers that this way it will benefit as many members as possible. Dickson agrees. He adds that their main goal is to be broad and to benefit and include as many students as possible as per State of California law. President Mac Hart asks about when clubs will be able to apply for funds under this new policy. Dougherty answers as soon as possible so students don’t have to wait until spring semester to apply. Senator Angie Durkee asked if there was a limit on how many clubs can be Lobo Preferred. Dougherty answered that there is not. Durkee expressed concern if we have enough funds to support all clubs if they all become Lobo Preferred. Dougherty and Dickson agree that they should. They can determine this when they discuss the budget and see how many clubs participated and go from there. Durkee asked if spring funds can run over to fall. Dougherty answered no because it would be under a new budget. Senator Annie Green thinks the policy is a good improvement. Senator Tyler Davis expressed his concern about there not being any repercussions if clubs do not keep up with Lobo Preferred qualifications. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino likes the flexibility given to AS and being able to use own discretion.

**ii) Action**

1. Senator Tyler Davis moved to add "Repercussions for Lobo Preferred club members are at the discretion of the AS Vice President of Finance and Student Government Coordinator", Seconded by Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty. During discussion, Senator Luke Tesluk expressed his approval- there needs to be regulation.

   **2 ayes, 10 nays, 0 abstentions**

2. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to remove "Should a cover fee be charged to attendants, the AS reserves the right to implement a stipulation on the request related to the fee charged of students and may require that such fees be discounted" from the Tier 1 description, Seconded by Senator Mallory Rice.

   **12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**

3. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty moved to add “previous” before “fiscal year” in the last sentence of the first paragraph of the Club Grant Approval Process section, Seconded by Senator Libby Dippel.

   **12 ayes, 0 abstentions**
(4) Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty moved to add "Clubs may lose Lobo Preferred club status if multiple grants are filled out incorrectly", Seconded by Senator Sara Dinari.
0 ayes, 12 nays, 0 abstentions

(5) Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to table AS-I.47.13.14 for a future Senate meeting, Seconded by President Mac Hart.
8 ayes, 4 nays, 0 abstentions

AS-I.47.13.14 Updated Club Grant Policy has been tabled for a future Senate Meeting.

b) AS-48.13.14 AS Recommendation on the Student Engagement Reorganization (Discussion)
i) Discussion- Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino provided a handout of main pros and cons discussed in past meetings. He wanted to make sure all concerns and benefits are addressed in the handout. If anyone wants to change things, Gallino urges the senators to write down exactly what they want to change so that next week they can come with action items. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty wants to add the concern that the Rec may lose its student-run structure. Senator Annie Green thinks that overall the handout looks good. Senator Sarah Anthony wants to change the concern dealing with the data to state that it needs to be more quantitative. Senator Luke Tesluk thinks that specific budget concerns should be included and the services that students are losing. Gallino clarified that students will not notice the reorganization for the most part. President Mac Hart adds that he would have wanted to see some proof that Matthew Lopez-Phillips was also in collaboration with Peter and Neil. He feels that if all three were a part of the reorganization then it would have been a better product.

c) AS-R.49.13.14 Banning the Sale of Single-Use Plastic Water Bottles (Discussion)
i) Discussion- Senator Libby Dippel thinks that sustainability is a major issue. The idea of this resolution is to conserve our resources for future generations-thinking in the long run. She adds that the "Green rating" of a school is greatly taken into consideration when students are choosing which school to attend. Dippel adds that it will instill pride. They have done small scale things but they need to do something that students will see. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked about Gatorade bottles or soda bottles. Dippel answers that there are not stations to refill such things around campus. She adds that this resolution will promote the use of multi-use bottles. Senator Annie Green is concerned that if they do ban bottles, there may not be enough water filling stations to compensate. Gallino asks that are plenty in the new student center and there is also one in Charlie Browns Cafe. Senator Mallory Rice asked how much a water filling station costs to install. Senator Allison Jenks said around $2,000 depending on company. Senator Tyler Davis is concerned about the costs- the school will be losing revenue if they stop selling plastic water bottles. Senator Libby Dippel commented that she tried to narrow down the statistics to California or Sonoma County but was only able to find national statistics. President Mac Hart comments that he thinks this issue is the most untouchable because of so much revenue is brought in by plastic water bottles. He adds that they would have to have substantial student support because plastic water bottles are top sellers on campus. He recommends adding that any new building to be built on campus will be required to have water filling stations-make it a standard. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty adds that they might want to address the
issue that the cost of cups of water will increase. While plastic water bottles bring in a lot of revenue, he thinks it could also save money for the campus. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez mentions that the main concern of AS is the students and not the costs. Senator Sara Dinari commented that every student she talked to was in support of this. She only received positive feedback. However, she wonders if Aquafina is part of a contract for the next number of years. This may stop them from proceeding. Dr. Richard Senghas added that they can recommend that the university not renew such contracts. Matthew Lopez-Phillips added that making sure there is at least one water filling station in every building is a good start.

The Senate took a 10 minute break at 2:55 PM.

d) AS-R.50.13.14 Advising Resolution: Call for Training of Faculty and Students (Discussion)
   i) Discussion- Senator Mallory Rice explained that she is essentially calling for a reorganization of the Advising policy - more training, regularity, etc. Senator Annie Green agrees that overall most students do not get enough advising. Senator Angie Durkee thinks that perhaps summer orientation leaders should also get similar training. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty inquires about the training that is currently offered. Rice says that she does not fully have that information but what is now available is not required to be taken. Executive Director Erik Dickson thinks the Senate should be actively seeking those types of facts and information. Dougherty thinks it would be good to include feedback on advising from students and professors. Senator Luke Tesluk commented that he was a co-sponsor of this resolution and feels that it addresses the issue seriously. Senator Annie Green thinks it should specify that it’s the regularity of such training that is most important. Dr. Richard Senghas thinks it would also be helpful to draw on specific resources. He adds that there was a survey given not so many years ago and urges the Senate to go and look at those responses. He also adds that graduation rates have gone up maybe suggesting that advising is also improving. There is also a problem of student to advisor ratio and there are often not enough advisors to meet students’ needs. Senghas suggests creating a joint resolution in collaboration with faculty to show that they are working together to solve this issue. Senator Tyler Davis agrees with Dr. Senghas. Also, he thinks students need to be aware that they need to actively see their advisors. Senator Annie Green thinks it should state that the number of advisors is declining and this is a major issue. She does not want the resolution to come off saying that the advisors are doing a poor job. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty agrees with Green. Rice comments that the intent of resolution was not to dishearten faculty but was to establish regularity with the training they receive. Senator Sarah Anthony adds that academic advising has very many aspects and resolution should either be narrowed down or broadened accordingly. Executive Director Erik Dickson comments that the senators need to talk with each other and to their constituents in order to move forward. Dr. Senghas offers possible sources of data.

e) AS-A.51.13.14 Appointment of Natalie Sampo as Social Sciences Senator (Action)
   i) Discussion- Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty welcomes Natalie Sampo to AS and asks what her major is and what about the position appealed to her. Sampo answered that her major is history and she is currently an officer for the history club. She wanted the opportunity to get involved when the position opened. President Mac Hart and Senator Annie Green both support this appointment.
ii) **Action**- Senator Angie Durkee moves to approve the appointment of Natalie Sampo as the Social Sciences Senator, Seconded by Senator Libby Dippel.
12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

f) **AS-52.13.14 Senator Training Professionalism In-service**
   i) The Senate participated in a training regarding Professionalism, headed by Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez.

V. **Task Force Reports**
   a. The first task force currently in operation focuses on the issue of lowering the cost of education but is currently working on the food policy. Senator Libby Dippel reported that in their last meeting they read through the food policy and are in the brainstorming phase. She adds that any feedback would be much appreciated.
   b. The second task force is dealing with the reorganization of student life. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino reported that they discussed the drafting of a recommendation as a solution to different problems. He added that it should be ready in about two weeks.
   c. The third task force is focusing on the issue of advising. Senator Sara Dinari reports that she met with an undeclared advisor to discuss issues. Senator Mallory Rice met with her subcommittee regarding wanting to put the advising resolution on the agenda. They are going to take the resolution and go through all of it with Erik Dickson after the move in to the new student Center.

VI. **Items for the Good of the Order**- Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez introduced Sean Johnson to talk about the professor surveys given out at the end of every semester- the SETE's. He begins by mentioning that they are a critical part of the faculty review process. They are looked at by chairs, deans, etc. This year they have decided to change those surveys from in-class to online. On November 18th the email for the link to the surveys will be sent out and it will also be available on Moodle. This link will take you to SETE page. Johnson adds that many departments have added additional electronic questions as well. Students will get 3 reminder emails if they do not complete the surveys. They will end on the last day of instruction December 6th. There will be questions for both lecturers if there are more than one and also for lab instructors. The surveys are completely anonymous, but students are urged to participate. Senator Mallory Rice asked Johnson about these surveys in regard to tenure. Johnson says that he cannot answer that directly but surveys are certainly taken into consideration in the tenure process. Senator Annie Green mentions that the Nursing Department does this and their participation is lowered. Green fears this will happen to every department. Johnson agrees that this is a concern but they did a test run over summer and responses were positive. He adds that if ample reminders are given, the quality of responses was better than paper. Senator Sarah Anthony asks if accountability of the computer is taken into effect. Johnson cannot speak specifically on that issue, but the process lasts over 3 weeks so there should not be an issue of the system crashing due to crowding. He mentions that other campuses with more students use this method and they have not run into issues. Senator Sara Dinari agrees with Green. She does not know what students will do if they're left to their own devices. Dinari also asks why they decided to switch to electronic. Johnson answers that they cannot force students to participate but teachers are left to handle that issue how they choose. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked how the response rates are at other CSU's. Johnson answers that it depends on the nature of the class. He adds that as long as the teachers urge the students to participate,
then the response seems to be okay. Johnson finishes with the notion that in-class surveys do not offer enough time to fill out the most quality response.

VII. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 4:30 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on November 11th

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Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate