Associated Students
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Friday, August 30th, 2013
1:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business

a) AS-13.13.14 Guest Dr. Andrew Rogerson: Discussing state of Academic Affairs (Discussion)
   i) Discussion
b) AS-14.13.14 Review of Signage policy (Discussion)
   i) Discussion
c) AS-15.13.14 Strategic Plan initiatives by program - TIME CERTAIN 2:00pm (Discussion)
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   ii) Student Government
d) AS-R.16.13.14 AS support of Big Nite Resolution (Action)
   i) Discussion
   ii) Action
e) AS-B.17.13.14 Approval of Lobby Corps mission and intent (Action)
   i) Discussion
   ii) Action
f) AS-18.13.14 Legal & Conflict of Interest Training and Orientation: The Senate will participate in a training & orientation about their legal responsibilities and on declarations of conflicts of interest (Discussion)
   i) Discussion
g) AS-A.19.13.14 Accepting resignation of Undeclared senator and declaring position vacant (Action)
   i) Discussion
   ii) Action

V. Senate Reports
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VII. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, August 27th, 2013 at the AS Senate Office by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT Anthony Gallino, Tyler Davis, Sarah Anthony, Mallory Rice, Annie Green,
Rashed, Marina Goldstein

MEMBERS ABSENT Mac Hart (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 1:00
PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

IV. Business

a. AS-13.13.14 Guest Dr. Andrew Rogerson: Discussing state of Academic Affairs
   (Discussion)

i. Dr. Rogerson came to our meeting for any questions we may have regarding the state
   of Academic Affairs. He began by explaining his position at the school. In essence, he is trying to give
   students the campus experience we would not have gotten at perhaps a junior or community college.
   Richard Senghas added that provosts come from previous faculty so they are already educated in scholarship
   research, etc. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked the provost to explain where we are
   financially with academic affairs. Dr. Rogerson answered that we were able to offer maximum number of classes
   this semester but we are always looking for more money to put towards academics. In addition, we are seeing an
   improvement in the state budget. Dr. Rogerson agreed we are struggling to meet every student’s needs but we are being
   conscious of money and are trying to steer most towards academics. Senator Sarah Anthony asked what the provost is doing to
   make sure everyone is benefiting from academic affairs. The provost answered he would like to see a 4 year plan for all students solidify but because we have limited
   funds, the unit cap was set at 16 units to be fair to those who are unable to take on extra units. Senator Mallory Rice asked how it was determined which department
   received money to hire faculty and how faculty was distributed amongst departments. Dr. Rogerson answered that it is hard to determine because the distribution of students in all majors is vastly different. He added that he wants to
   find a way to even out distribution for majors so would be able to solve the problem of limited faculty. We are currently approximately 21 faculty members short.
Senator Annie Green asked if it would be helpful to reduce the number of majors on campus. The provost agreed it would be helpful but it would not be easy to do. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino suggested Dr. Rogerson to speak on the merging of divisions that occurred in the academic affairs office. The provost clarified he does not have much to do with the student affairs aspect of academic affairs but Matthew Lopez-Phillips does. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked about student affairs’ financial connection to academic affairs. Dr. Rogerson answered that the operating budget is $400,000, which is not enough. However, the provost mentioned that we received another $650,000 from the CSU Long Beach Chancellor’s Office and it will be used in various programs to help first-time-freshman. Senator Allison Jenks asked Dr. Rogerson how he felt about online classes. The provost expressed that many faculty are against it but he does not feel that way. He stated we are starting to see a growing number of students in online courses with 66 currently enrolled. Dr. Rogerson also stated that we have the highest average unit load out of all CSU’s, 13.7. Senator Angie Durkee asked if there was a 4 year plan set for all majors. The provost answered “no” because all majors are different. Senator Bianca Zamora wanted to clarify that our average unit load (13.7) was not including wait listed class. The provost answered “yes”. Erik Dickson suggested that the provost offer us advice about registration. Dr. Rogerson answered that registration issues do not come to him but that this was the smoothest year so far. He stated that we received more money to hire another registrar. Senator Tyler Davis asked how many students actually graduate in 4 years. The provost answered with 25%, which is the second highest in all CSU’s. Davis also asked how many graduated in 6 years; the provost answered with 58%. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty asked if there was any initiative in place about taking classes at another CSU that would work towards your major. The provost answered only classes in the online aspect would count but only for General Education. Dr. Rogerson mentioned the initiative was clearly experimental and if it proved to be a success then it will expand. He also mentioned taking classes at another CSU over a summer or winter intercession will still transfer over. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked if there were any ideas of ways to create space for more science labs, etc. The provost agreed that we have the space but there is still the issue of scheduling. Dr. Rogerson ended the discussion with the notion that he has an open door policy and would love to hear from us anytime.

b. AS-14.13.14 Review of Signage policy (Discussion)
   i. Executive Director Erik Dickson wanted to give the Senate a briefing about why this change in the signage policy is occurring. He went through the signage policy to point out things that need to be looked over and specified. He suggested that the Senate create a small task group to make such changes quickly. Dickson also suggested the task force meet with someone from Facilities Management and perhaps Heather Martin if Senate was to give CSLIS head authority on A-frames. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino volunteered to take the lead on the task force. Senator Annie Green and Senator Angie Durkee volunteered to join as well. Richard Senghas suggested getting faculty involved in the process in order to gain their approval without blindsiding them.

c. AS-15.13.14 Strategic Plan initiatives by program- TIME CERTAIN 2:00pm (Discussion)
   i. JUMP
   ii. Student Government
   iii. Due to time constraints, Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to table the Strategic Plan initiatives discussion to a later Senate meeting, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
d. AS-R.16.13.14 AS support of Big Nite Resolution (Discussion only)
   i. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino thought it would be important to point out the significance of the annual Big Nite event and the tradition that it holds on campus. Gallino proposed that the Senate should reiterate this to the students and explain how important the tradition is to Sonoma State. Senator Libby Dippel commented that it was well written and agreed with its purpose. Senator Annie Green asked why it was important to acknowledge the event. Gallino answered that we need to raise awareness of what we do. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez commented that most resolutions the Senate has passed have been demanding but this one points out our success and is positive in nature. Richard Senghas suggested that all faculty members be added to the distribution list. Matthew Lopez-Phillips commented that this will certainly open doors for the conversation of who we want to be.

e. AS-B.17.13.14 Approval of Lobby Corps mission and intent (Action)
   i. No discussion was needed.
   ii. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to approve the Lobby Corps Mission and Intent, Seconded by Senator Angie Durkee.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

f. AS-18.13.14 Legal & Conflict of Interest Training and Orientation: The Senate will participate in a training & orientation about their legal responsibilities and on declarations of conflicts of interest (Discussion)
   i. The Senate participated in a training and orientation about their legal responsibilities, as well as declarations of conflicts of interest. The training was headed by Executive Director Erik Dickson.

g. AS-A.19.13.14 Accepting resignation of Undeclared senator and declaring position vacant (Action)
   i. Undeclared Senator Yadira Rodriguez is no longer attending Sonoma State University for personal reasons and has officially resigned from her position. Senator Angie Durkee asked if the candidate who ran against her will automatically be declared as the replacement. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez answered no, but we can reach out to her to see if she is still interested and to reapply. Gomez also mentioned that we must keep in mind that the replacement will not have all the training that we have, so we must choose wisely. The Senate should seek out people who may be fitting for the position. The responsibility is on them. Applications will be available starting Tuesday of next week. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino suggested thinking about sitting on the Internal Affairs board. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty asked if the replacement must be in the undeclared school. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez answered no, because they are a special interest senator as opposed to a school senator.
   ii. Senator Tyler Davis moved to declare the position vacant, Seconded by Marina Goldstein.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

V. Senate Reports
   i. Senator Tyler Davis- I attended my one on one with Justin to get a weekly goal. I attended approximately four office hours reading over the agenda, getting familiar with the different topics and issues at hand, and coming up with the questions I felt my school would have. I finalized my meeting with Dean Silver which will take place
on September 5, 2013 at 2:00 PM. I did a class wrap in CALS 393 with Matt Dougherty on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 and an out-reach class wrap at Finance Club on Thursday, August 29, 2013. Lastly, I went to the get together between the Senate and the Student Senators Thursday, August 29, 2013 from 5:00-6:30 PM.

ii. Senator Libby Dippel- I did a segment with KSUN radio on Tuesday to discuss the 120-day ordinance. It actually did no broadcast on KSUN itself, but rather on a station that faculty advisors work for. And that station is broadcasted out to Sonoma County. I did two additional class wraps. I am beginning to call and set up meetings with Greek Life Organizations to discuss strategies on how to reduce the noise level and constant recurrences of parties. I finished writing my Bill on Elections Code Revisions and have submitted it. I attended the Governance Social on Thursday, August 29, 2013. I researched and made phone calls to find out if Rohnert Park’s Noise Ordinance applies to our campus or not. Lastly, I talked to the STAR about the 120-day ordinance.

iii. Senator Sarah Anthony- I attended the Transfer Student event on August 26, 2013. I held office hours on August 26 and August 30, 2013. I met with Invisible Children Club. I also talked with Pamela about different credential programs and ‘Flex’ programs, where students are able to spend more than just one to two years for their credentials. I attended the SSU Governance Social on August 29, 2013. I completed reading paperwork from Dispute Resolution Board. I met with Justin for a one on one and also completed three class wraps. Lastly, I figured out how to expand field placements through all semesters and talked with Mary Dingle.

iv. Senator Allison Jenks- Monday, I did a couple class wraps and went to the transfer student welcome. Tuesday, I met up with students who were interested in compost and sustainable food on campus. Wednesday, I attended the Sustainability executive committee where we talked about continuing the Water Works Program and Sonoma State’s preserves. Thursday, I met with Justin about my plans this semester and what I want to accomplish. Also on Thursday, I attended the annual SSU Governance Social where I met with faculty members. Friday, I am meeting with Cyndie about composting in the residential community, Patrick about sustainable food, and am attending the Senate meeting. I have also been talking to Jessica Way about the bins that are going into the Student Center.

v. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino- Monday, there was a transfer student reception, which was a success. Many transfer students visited our table and signed up to receive more information. Wednesday, I went to a Student Center Board of Advisors Marketing Committee meeting with Justin Gomez. The committee discussed the pre-opening event and grand opening event, many exciting things in the works. Thursday, I went to Educational policies Committee where we discussed policy and procedure for non-credit barring certificate courses offered through the School of Extended and International Education. The sentiment from the body was to proceed with minimal intervention of these certificates and leave the majority of review of certificates to the originating department, until such time that Academic Planning committee sends forward the policy regarding certificate courses to the Academic Senate in the next few weeks. I also went to the Academic Senate where mostly just reports were given. Among the reports was a report from Dr. Armíñana about the Chancellor’s visit. It appears AS will have time with the Chancellor White in the afternoon for an hour just before an open forum. A governance social followed the Academic Senate. It went well and discussion was had to figure out how we might have more in the future.

vi. Senator Angie Durkee- This week I completed office hours. I attended the U-Engage Meeting and the Faculty Governance Social. I updated the Tradition Coalition duties. I reserved the Erin Fisher Room for the next month at 12:00 PM for
Tradition Coalition planning. I had a one on one with Justin. I crafted soccer game tailgate details and homecoming week events.

vii. Senator Bianca Zamora- This week, I went to the Academic Senate for two hours, where I briefly spoke about the bias response protocol that Associated Students passed last semester and said it was on its way to becoming a reality from the summer meeting that happened with Mark from the HUB. Also, I went to the Senate mixer with Academic Senate. I brought along four diversity affairs council members. They were able to interact with the several members of Academic Senate and eat delicious chicken wings.

VI. Items for the Good of the Order- Executive Erik Dickson mentioned that the opening for the new student center, as of now, will be November 5, 2013. Matthew Lopez-Phillips added that this date is subject to change.

VII. Adjournment- Adjournment was called by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 2:56 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on [Signature] 9/13/14.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate