Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Friday, September 20th, 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-29.13.14 Strategic Plan Program Initiatives (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
   b) AS-R.28.13.14 Creation of Student Produce Grower Insurance Service
      (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   c) AS-R.30.13.14 Increase of Remuneration for Senators of the Associated
      Students (Discussion)
      i) Discussion

V. Reports
VI. Items for the Good of the Order
VII. Adjournment

Posted on Tuesday, September 17th, 2013 at the AS Senate Office by

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
MINUTES

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 - Brandon, supporter of the Creation of Student Produce Grower Insurance Resolution urged senators to vote yes in approving the resolution.

IV. Business

a. AS-29.13.14 Strategic Plan Program Initiatives (Discussion)

i. Discussion - Genevieve Sullivan came to present and discuss the Join Us Making Progress Specific Initiatives which all the directors were a part of creating. Fifty percent of the programs and projects of JUMP are located in Rohnert Park, and the rest are in Petaluma or Santa Rosa. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked if JUMP is trying to control the risk that comes with driving to and from projects. Sullivan answered that it is something they are always talking about and they are always having those conversations in order to ensure safety. Executive Director Erik Dickson adds that these initiatives are how Associated Students plans for budget changes and how to continue with the future. Bruce Berkowitz came to present Associated Students Productions Specific Initiatives. They just hired 3 new student assistants and are in the process of training them. He then passed around the current projects ASP is working on. Bruce introduced Jackie to elaborate on his presentation. She talked about how they consider what to plan and what events to host. They are looking to change up the venues where events are held. Jackie also brought up the question of ASP handling diversity or leaving it to the HUB. The same issue was brought up with spirit programs that have now moved to Senate. Jackie also talked about her current leadership position and is unsure whether her exact position will change to a different one or if a new position will be formed from it. Senator Bianca Zamora commented that the poetry reading she attended hosted by ASP was amazing and liked that it was something outside of the HUB. She added that collaborating with us adds to our spirit as a whole. Student Government
Coordinator Justin Gomez presented Student Government Initiatives. The first Tradition Coalition event “Pack the Pub” was moderately successful. They brought together various spirit programs in order to avoid competition between the different organizations. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked where the fifth initiative dealing with accessibility came from. Gomez answered that the Senate had talked about making student government more available for all students and to decrease any barriers there may be. Senator Annie Green asked what FLP was. Gomez answered that it was a Freshman Leadership Program that began in 2011 to increase freshman’s connections with student government, JUMP and ASP. Green also asked if that was the same as FIG or FYE residential programs. Gomez answered no, those programs are completely different. Senator Angie Durkee asked if we are trying to bring FLP back next year. Gomez answered maybe; it is an opportunity to see if we can create a successful program to keep students involved. We need to ensure that this program will attract freshman who will really want to get involved and engage them properly. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked if these initiatives were informational or if we were to provide feedback. Executive Director Erik Dickson answered that this is the first time we have presented such initiatives to Senate so the process is a little vague but nowhere does it say that Senate is to confirm them. He added that feedback and ideas will come at a later time. They are meant to explain where we are going as a corporation as opposed to what we are currently working on. They encourage us to ask more questions in February when we have this conversation again.

b. AS-R.28.13.14 Creation of Student Produce Grower Insurance Service (Action)

i. Discussion- Senator Luke Tesluk expresses his concern that this resolution’s purpose is to increase fundraising and that is against our club grant policy. Senator Tyler Davis thinks that it is a good program to enrich the lives of students. He suggested perhaps making it a loan instead of a grant. Senator Annie Green is apprehensive because she is not sure if the resolution fits with AS. Senator Allison Jenks mentioned that she talked with Patrick Maloney, the contact for the Entrepreneurship Program. He said that they are still a small program and won’t have much money to support the insurance. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino asked if this resolution is the best place to put our money out of all things that are brought to our attention. He is concerned with the timeline provided. He feels that this may be convenient for people who need the money now. Also, Gallino adds that this is not budgeted and thus, would put pressure on those who have to create the process. He is also concerned with the notion that growers can reaply. Gallino feels that the insurance seems like a one-time/first-time thing and growers should not need to apply for a second year due to the profit made during the year of growing. Senator Tyler Davis agrees with Gallino on his last point. Davis thinks this resolution is about putting your foot in the door and he likes the idea of giving back to freshman. This makes the program unique. Davis feels it would be a mistake to not help out in some way. Also, he added that it would be good to have some sort of follow-up meeting to see how the crop is doing. Senator Mallory Rice agrees with Gallino. The only way she would vote yes is if it was a formal loan program in order to prepare them for the real world, as opposed to a grant. Senator Luke Tesluk agrees it has good intentions. Senator Bianca Zamora is in favor of this resolution. She feels this can create potential and opportunity for students which is the reason why we are here. She feels that a loan is hard to pay back and that a grant would be easier to give out. Zamora added that the money would come out of the unallocated reserve which is money that is there for a reason. Senator Tyler Davis mentioned that this program would be a full circle: we give them money and then they give to students. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino commented
that this is only one officer’s idea of what to do and it is very specific to certain students. He mentions that he wants to be able to reach as many students as possible, and this specificity may not be able to do that. Senator Annie Green suggests that we increase the amount offered in the short term loan in order to reach the growers. She expressed her concern that the resolution does not require the growers to sell their produce back to the cafeteria; they could sell to anyone. Richard Senghas responded to Gallino by saying that this resolution may be something that AS would want to have to show students that it’s here. Senghas urges us to consider if this grant being available creates an environment to push students to get involved. In this case, Senghas mentioned, that this resolution may be worth exploring. Executive Director Erik Dickson mentioned that the club policy does not apply to this resolution but may bring up issues with the clubs. Senator Tyler Davis thinks this program may be a double-edged sword. He questions if it is about making something universal or if it is about starting something to spark new programs in the future. Senator Luke Tesluk finds it troubling that this isn’t laid out clearly for them. Senator Tyler Davis agrees that this resolution needs to be written more concisely. Senator Angie Durkee’s only concern is if this will enrich students as whole because it would only reach 5 students. Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez thinks these are all valid points. He mentioned that the spirit of the club grant policy does conflict with the resolution as is. He urges the Senate to consider our current practices in how we are allocating money. Executive Director Erik Dickson asked the senators why they hadn’t come with changes ready to be made; they are still having the same conversation from last week. Dickson suggests that we need to move forward. He urges the senators to make sure the changes are worth it. He mentions that a loan program may be much harder to execute than a grant program. The loan may create problems. Senator Annie Green answers Dickson that she isn’t sure how to go about making changes. Richard Senghas answers that you just do it; you simply say what you want to be changed and go about changing it. Chair of the Senate Iman Rashed asked the growers that were present what their plans were. Megan Callahan answered that their main goal is to give local and healthy food to freshman. Brandon added that when he over grows, he may have to find other places to sell. Currently, the chefs at the cafeteria are more than willing to take all the produce offered by the growers. The chefs try to buy locally and organic but sometimes it is hard with the quantity they have to buy, which is why Brandon is adamant about passing this resolution. He added that it should be a one-time grant; if you have been growing produce for a year then you should be able to buy your own insurance the following year. He also adds that interest in growing food has increased in the past 3 weeks and some students are already willing to pay money while others can’t currently afford it. He states that we help students get to college, so we can help them a little more. Brandon ends with the statement that the impact is much larger than 5 students.

ii. Action

1. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to remove “student growers would be able to receive insurance grants more than once, but” in the fourth therefore clause, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis.
   10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (3 absent)

2. Senator Mallory Rice moved to change “grants” to “loans” in the first therefore clause, Seconded by Luke Tesluk.
   0 ayes, 11 nays, 1 abstention (Rice; Dougherty absent)

3. Senator Bianca Zamora moved to add a sixth therefore clause that states “Therefore let it be further resolved that student growers prioritize and
contribute to the health and well-being of SSU students by having the primary consumers of the produce be the SSU community”, Seconded by President Mac Hart.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

4. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to add “only” after “that” and replace “priority” with “will be given the grant, with the discretion of the grant being awarded to the Vice-President of Finance” in the fourth therefore clause, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis.

0 ayes, 13 nays, 0 abstentions

5. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to add a fifth therefore clause that states “Therefore let it be further resolved that the approving authority of the grant will rest with the Vice-President of Finance and the Student Government Coordinator”, Seconded by Senator Sarah Anthony.

13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

6. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to delete the seventh and eighth therefore clauses and add “starting in the 2014-2015 year” to the last therefore clause, Seconded by Mallory Rice.

4 ayes, 9 nays, 0 abstentions

The Senate took a five minute break at 3:17 PM.

7. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to add another therefore clause that states “Therefore let it be further resolved that grant applications will be available only between the first day of instruction of the fall semester to October 1st of the same semester”, Seconded by Senator Sarah Anthony.

6 ayes, 7 nays, 0 abstentions

8. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty moved to remove “in the 2013-2014 year” from the seventh therefore clause, Seconded by Senator Annie Green.

0 ayes, 13 nays, 0 abstentions

9. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty moved to replace “form” with “availability” in the first therefore clause, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis.

4 ayes, 9 nays, 0 abstentions

Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to approve the Creation of Student Produce Grower Insurance Service, Seconded by President Mac Hart.

12 ayes, 1 nay (Rice), 0 abstentions

Upon approval, a task force was created in which Senator Allison Jenks, Senator Tyler Davis, and President Mac Hart volunteered to be on. They were told to contact Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty and Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez.

The Senate took a five minute break at 4:07 PM. Upon return, roll was called and Senator Marina Goldstein was declared absent (unexcused).
c. **AS-R.30.13.14 Increase of Remuneration for Senators of the Associated Students (Discussion)**

i. **Discussion**- Senator Bianca Zamora presented the history and rationale of the resolution. Senator Libby Dippel asked for clarification on how the dollar amount was concluded. Senator Tyler Davis answered with commentary on how it should be increased in accordance with the executive officer compensation. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty provided background on fees and cost of the increase, in addition to why consumer price index is relative to the $350 increase. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino provided insight on how the increase relates within the context of other AS staff members as paid employees. Suggestions as to consulting to the Economics Department on the relevance were also given by Senator Libby Dippel. Senator Bianca Zamora expressed concern for the quality of life and wellness of senators. Senator Angie Durkee expressed her support citing the lack of attendance of Senator Marina Goldstein. Senator Tyler Davis also presented the idea of efficacy wage theory and how more pay could increase productivity. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino challenged the wage efficacy theory. Senator Annie Green expressed her concern over taxing of increase. President Mac Hart expressed support by increasing quality of work and Hart’s soul is warmed by Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino’s voice. Senator Bianca Zamora expressed her support for reducing financial barriers and making AS attractive to more student leaders.

Motion to forward to Personnel Committee with recommendation by October 25, 2013, Seconded by Senator Mallory Rice.
11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Hart absent)

V. Reports

a. **Senator Bianca Zamora**- No Report.

b. **Senator Tyler Davis**- This week, I met with Terry Lease, the business chair representative. I learned many things about the business department; one being that it looks like business oriented GE classes will be coming to SSU in the near future. I attended the BESA meeting where I met with all the representatives of the business clubs on campus: Accounting Forum, Business Management Club, and the Finance Club. I went to the Town Hall meeting with Senator Annie Green and VP of Finance Matt Dougherty. It was a very informative meeting about the Entrepreneur program we are trying to offer at SSU. This affects all five schools and could be the start of creating our own personal careers with our own ideas. I held office hours and met with Justin Gomez for a one on one. Lastly, I prepared for the Senate Meeting by writing/reading about concerns regarding the agenda items.


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

e. **Senator Mallory Rice**- This week, I met with Senator Bianca Zamora and Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino to discuss EOP Resolution follow-up. In addition, I met up with an EOP advisor yesterday and have a meeting with Julie on Monday. I have some ideas regarding follow-up in the works. I also emailed club members regarding BOT’s meeting next week. I am going into the Physics Club and Math/Statistics Club next week to discuss with them the 120-unit progress and inform them that virtual labs are being discussed at the BOT meeting. I am going to make a flyer summarizing the main points being discussed that impact STEM majors. I highly urge every other school senator to have discussions with clubs regarding the impacts of agenda items.
g. Vice-President of Finance: No Report.
h. Senator Libby Dippel: I attended the GMC opening gala last Sunday. I had a lot of fun and was able to meet a city council member. I have been doing some in-depth research on off-campus student housing during my office hours this week. I plan on resuming the meetings with Greek Life this Sunday. I attended the IAB meeting last Tuesday to start the process of filling the Undeclared Senator position. Thursday, I attended my first GE Subcommittee, which was a lot more interesting than I had anticipated. The main concerns we addressed were the needed 1-unit area C classes, waivers, students being a unit short in area B, upper division GE units be 8 instead of 9, and possibly giving ethnic studies credit to HLC’s. Saturday, is Rohnert Park Founder’s Day. I will be running the 5K at 8:00 AM but I think it would make a great statement to the community if we all were there to show support. I am also meeting with a student group right after the meeting who wants to discuss the 120-day ordinance.
i. Senator Allison Jenks: I met with Justin Sullivan and Paulette Loubet about composting and recycling events on campus, Earth Week, and Sustainability Week. I also met with Craig Dawson, Mark Bradley, John Duke, Cyndie Morozumi and Justin Sullivan to talk about waste receptacles, color coding and labeling, and water bottle filling stations. I talked with students interested in producing and selling food. Also, I had a discussion with students about the growers grant resolution. Lastly, I talked to freshmen who are interested in sustainability on campus.
k. President Mac Hart: This week, I met with a student photographer to analyze her project for an AS visibility campaign. I attended the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Council. This will be an awesome council that will have some lively discussion regarding the policy, law, and ethics of how we advise the president of the university on how to best manage alcohol and drug use at SSU. I met with Jesse Red, president of the Interfraternity Council. I attended a quarterly Academic Foundation meeting. On Sunday, I attended the GMC gala and met a number of Rohnert Park city council members. Lastly, I attended a Bank Local and learned a lot about the unique qualities of Exchange Bank, which is one of the banks Associated Students does business with.
l. Senator Annie Green: No Report.
m. Senator Sarah Anthony: This week, I spent time familiarizing myself with the similarities and differences of each of the Education Departments. I talked with various committees and clubs and was able to get familiar with current Sonoma State policies. I read over the agenda for Friday’s Dispute Resolution Board where I then spent three hours in the meeting with the heavy case at hand. Lastly, I worked on the Big Nite Resolution and had a one on one with Justin.

VI. Items for the Good of the Order: Commentary from Student Government Coordinator Justin Gomez was given to the Senate on preparation for future meetings.

I. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashid, Chair of the Senate, at 5:23 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on 9/29/13.

Iman Rashid, Chair of the Senate