Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Friday, February 21st, 2014
1:00 pm, Bennett Valley, Student Center

AGENDA

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III. Public Comment
IV. Business
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      i) Discussion
   b) AS.I.76.13.14 Reorganization/Restructuring of ASP: Discussion of a new
      structure and vision of ASP (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
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Posted on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 at the AS Senate Office by
Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Angie Durkee (unexcused), Bianca Zamora (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT Karen Thompson, Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Erik Dickson, Justin Gomez

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 1:05 PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment Katie, editor of the STAR, spoke up to tell the Senate good job on the work they did for the fee. She added that she is interested in covering elections and plans on publishing a “Meet the Candidates” blurb. She also plans on publishing an endorsement for candidates in the editorial section so she encourages the senators and candidates present to come to their meetings Tuesday at 5-8:40 PM so the STAR can get to know them.

IV. Business

a. AS.75.13.14 JUMP Program Update (Discussion)
   i. Discussion Katey Gama and Emily Langill came in to give an update on JUMP. They announced they currently have 16 programs in total. Next week, 12 students will be heading to the IMPACT conference and will get a chance to see what other campuses are doing. They just hired 5 new directors for next year. The Greek Service Day is coming up, March 2nd and 530 spots have already been filled. The Tunnel of Oppression is in April. This is a museum that will be set up by various clubs. Their program SOUPER has died out due to the fact that the Student Center and the Kitchens are now sustainable enough that they don’t need the program. They are looking to start SOUPER in other parts of the community instead, so they are open to suggestions if any senators know anywhere that would need such a program. They will have 5 trips going out for alternative spring break. They were able to offer a class this year. The price of the trip per student has gone from around $1000 to $200. In addition, they fundraised $5000 and are able to give scholarships to all those that applied. They are all local trips. VP of Finance Dougherty asked, regarding SOUPER, if they have consulted catering or Weyden and Brewster’s or the Cafe. Katey answered that the coordinator of SOUPER has a close relationship with the head of dining services. They have gained a good grasp on sustainability. Senator Dinari asked how many students are participating in alternative spring break. Katey answered around 65 students. Dinari asked if the
students received units for the class. Katey answered that yes, they count as elective units. Dougherty asked how they direct any walk in volunteers. Emily answered that they don’t see much face to face traffic as they did in the Student Union, but if they do they provide information on the sustainability volunteer days and days of service weekend trips. She added that they plan to do tabling outside of the Student Center. Senator Sampo asked if all the directors were new. Emily answered yes, but she will be the senior director. Katey added that all have been involved in JUMP in some way before.

b. **AS.I.76.13.14 Reorganization/Restructuring of ASP: Discussion of a new structure and vision of ASP (Discussion)**

i. **Discussion** Three representatives from ASP came in to present on the proposed reorganization of ASP. They explained what they want to move towards as an organization. They don’t feel they are serving the campus as they want to. In the reorganization, they will be having 5 different committees with one or two assigned ASP coordinators for each. Karen Thompson asked them to compare the old organization versus the proposed one. ASP answered that right now, all 6 of the coordinators all do everything. They feel they are not reaching all students in this way. After coming back from a conference in Boston, they saw there that students had this type of organization. They need committees because it is a lot of work. Senator Rice asked how the new budget will compare to the old one. Executive Director Dickson answered that it will be a little more but is not significant. Rice also asked if the committee for Homecoming will work with the Involvement Senator or Tradition Coalition. ASP answered that yes, their goal is always to work together. Senator Green asked if the cultural committee would work with the HUB in the same way. ASP answered yes. They will still work with all preexisting programs like they do now. Executive VP Gallino asked why they decided to bring about this reorganization now and if something prompted it. ASP answered that with Bruce leaving; the time to restructure is now. This way they will be bringing someone new in with the new structure. They added that it has been a long time coming. Gallino asked if this was the model of best practices from Boston. ASP answered that they thought of this model before Boston, but had reinforcement in Boston that it was a good idea. Executive Director Dickson added that this is the standard way of approaching programming. Senator Anthony asked if the senior coordinator will be above all other 7 coordinators. Dickson commented that that can be answered by looking at the organizational chart provided. The senior coordinator will be just like the senior director in JUMP. Anthony also asked if the different committees will work with AS, JUMP, etc. ASP answered yes, they always have. Dickson added that it is the mission of ASP to do so. Senator Tesluk asked about the number of students on each committee. ASP answered that there will be a variety between the committees. They add that no matter what there will always be a core group on each committee that show up every time. Tesluk asked if there was a functioning number they would need. ASP said that it depends on the type of committee and the type of event they are planning; size, venue, etc. Tesluk asked what they would do if they don’t get the number of students they hoped for on the committees. ASP answered that if that were to happen then they would not put on an event that they don’t feel is quality. If need be, they can move students around. President Hart asked if the marketing committees in Boston had the same structure. ASP answered that they were similar. The plan is mostly to go out in droves to flier/table and get people to come. Hart asked if the non-paid ASP staff on the committees would ever get full responsibility for an event. ASP answered that ultimately, all events will be the committee head’s responsibility. Senator Sampo asked why some committees had two coordinators assigned while others only had one. ASP answered that those committees with two coordinators will be bigger scale events. Big events are better
if two coordinators are in charge. Dickson added that with only one person per big event, they could have only one per semester. That takes a lot out of them. With two, they can have big events on a regular basis. VP of Finance asked what programs they will see more of after this new organization that they don’t see now. ASP answered that they hope to see more unity. It is better to have more big scale events and fewer smaller events reaching less people. Executive VP Gallino commented that only one committee is co-curricular. Dickson responded that co-curricular doesn’t always mean lecture and experience. It can be done in many ways. Gallino commented that that should be explicitly stated; students may not know that. Dickson responded that this is not going out to the campus. It is more of a guideline for ASP and Senate. Gallino commented that he wants the Senate to be aware of what this document means in regards to co-curricular. He wants to see that information explicitly. Matthew Lopez-Phillips responded that Student Affairs will have a document brought forth to the Senate shortly regarding those sort of definitions and meanings. Senator Dinari asked if they have clubs and organizations coming to them wanting to collaborate. ASP answered that some clubs come to them and ask how they want to do it, but mostly ASP reaches out and asks for feedback and ideas from clubs and organizations. Dinari asked if they have a template for clubs who need help or advice on planning events. Dickson answered that yes, the professional staff takes care of that. Senator Green asked about the difference between the campus connection committee and the special events committee. ASP answered that for the most part they will be working together. Special events are seen as large scale events, but do not specifically build SSU spirit. Campus connection focuses on school spirit/pride, like an event at a sports game. The goal is to create campus community. VP of Finance Dougherty likes how much easier it will be for students to come forward and get involved. He also thinks marketing is a big part so that students know what ASP does. Dougherty asked if they will see changes before the new ASP coordinator is hired. Dickson answered that once this reorganization is approved it will take a couple of months to get it up and running. They will see it next semester. Dickson added that the reason for the example budget to be included in the document is to see it all planned out instead of lumped as “money for events”. The amount of money for one thing does not indicate importance; it depends on cost of supplies and what the university requires for safety. Senator Rice asked if revising the coordinators’ job descriptions would affect Bruce’s job description. Dickson responded no; Bruce’s position is there to advise the ASP staff, which is stated in the description. Gallino suggested waiting until a new professional staff is hired and have them provide input. Dickson answered that that has been discussed but the decision was made to move forward with the reorganization now. Gallino asked if there was harm in waiting for the new person to come first to approve the reorganization. Dickson responded no; it would just push the timeline back. Senator Dinari asked Dickson if he thought approving this now would positively affect the number and quality of the programs now. Dickson clarified that there is nothing wrong with the way they are doing things now. There will still be the same programs, but this is just a different way of planning them. In response to the waiting question, ASP commented that they are all tired. This new organization would allow the 6 current coordinators to recharge. With this recharge, they can provide better quality events. Student Government Coordinator Gomez commented to keep in mind that it takes a lot of time for a process to reach its norm. VP of Finance Dougherty commented that he thinks the reorganization has the capacity to create more events. ASP responded that in the beginning, they probably would not, but they have the ability to add more. Gallino asked President Hart about his involvement in the reorganization process. Hart responded that they started talk in November. He suggested to ASP to talk about
the new model over winter retreat in order to get the idea to Senate as soon as possible. He added that 2 weeks ago he sent a notice out to ASP to be aware of utilizing the student center space for events on weekends or late nights. Gallino asked who initiated the conversation about the reorganization. Hart answered that he brought most of the energy.

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

c.  **AS.R.77.13.14 Honorary Membership for Justin Gomez: Approval of Justin Gomez as an Honorary member of AS (Action)**
   
   i. **Discussion** Senator Rice thanked Gomez and Dickson for always having an open door policy. Senator Anthony also thanked Gomez for his time here. She explained that being a graduate student, she sometimes has a hard time making connections, but she feels like she has a great group of friends now. President Hart thanked Gomez for challenging him last semester and keeping him in check. Senator Green also thanked Gomez for challenging her as well. Gallino teased that he had a different first choice of candidate 2 years ago for this position, but Gomez took the challenge and has exceeded his expectations. He has become a leader, mentor and friend. VP of Finance Dougherty commented that he was thankful to have had a resource for the club grant policy and an improvement in the retreats. Chair of the Senate Rashed thanked Gomez for being her sanity last semester and that Berkeley should be thrilled to have gained such a great person as a staff member. Senator Dinari also thanked Gomez for everything he’s done. Matthew Lopez-Phillips commented to Gomez that he hoped he heard the impact he had in such a short time.
   
   ii. **Action** Senator Green moved to approve the Honorary Membership of Justin Gomez, Seconded by Senator Dinari.
   
   **12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**

d.  **AS.RC.74.13.14 Consistency Waste Bin Colors (Discussion)**
   
   i. **Discussion** Chair of the Senate Rashed asked for this resolution to be tabled for next week, due to lack of corrections made on the document.
   
   ii. **Executive VP** Gallino moved to table the Consistency Waste Bin Colors Resolution, Seconded by Senator Dinari.
   
   **12 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**

e.  **AS.R.49.13.14 Water Bottle Resolution (Discussion)**
   
   i. **Discussion** Chair of the Senate Rashed also asked for this resolution to be tabled to next week.
   
   ii. **Executive VP** Gallino moved to table the Water Bottle Resolution, Seconded by Senator Dippel. In discussion, Senator Rice asked if both will be action items next week. Rashed answered yes, if they are sent to her by Monday.
   
   **12 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**

V. **Items for the Good of the Order** Senator Sampo commented that while they may not have the fee to worry about anymore, they still have the same issues. She talked with senators about talking to the provost to get him to hold a meeting with students. Senator Dinari agreed that this was a great idea. Senator Rice asked how the senators felt about it. Executive VP Gallino commented that he met with the provost yesterday and thinks he would be more than willing to have that conversation. Gallino added that he will email the provost and ask for his availability. Senator Green thinks it crucial that they pick a good time as there will only be one meeting. Sampo commented that she wants to get it as close to registration without interfering with it. She thinks this time would get the highest possible
turnout. Student Government Coordinator Gomez thanked everyone in the room. He commented that it was a wonderful opportunity working with students who have as much power as the Senate does. They have certainly left a mark. He added that leadership is a lifestyle and a choice and he thinks they are all doing well choosing that. Gomez wants the Senate to continue their momentum. VP of Finance Dougherty commented that Dickson is now getting a Facebook and Instagram. The provost explained why the fee did not go through but he has a feeling the conversation will come up again. The provost said $200,000 will be put towards department operating expenses. Dougherty added that he wants to make sure a budget line for the increase in participants of EOP is made so that it will not always be taken out of the reserve budget. Senator Green commented that there will be a new system used for scheduling classes next year. President Hart commented that the STAR has been very nice to them. If they see anyone around campus who works for the STAR or Katie, they should thank them. He urges the senators to do the same to the MAC team. He added that a new subgroup of the FAC will handle campus fee placement. Also, Hart mentioned that campaigning begins next week and wished senators and candidates who were present the best of luck. Senator Rice asked Dickson about the Elections Commissioner’s response time. Dickson responded that sometimes she is at work and cannot respond right away. Candidates must communicate with her directly and the Senate should not get involved. Dickson commented that Gomez is exactly who they wanted for this position. He has brought forth what this position was supposed to be.

VI. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by the Chair of the Senate, Iman Rashed, at 2:54 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on 2/26/14.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate