Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Friday, February 28th, 2014
1:00pm, Bennet Valley, Student Center

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) AS.77.13.14 University Budget (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
   b) AS.1.76.13.14 Reorganization/Restructuring of ASP: Discussion of a new
      structure and vision of ASP (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   c) AS.RC.74.13.14 Consistency Waste Bin Colors (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   d) AS.R.49.13.14 Water Bottle Resolution (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
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VI. Adjournment

Posted on Tuesday, February 25th, 2014 at the AS Senate Office by
Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT Mac Hart, Anthony Gallino, Iman Rashed, Matt Dougherty, Tyler Davis, Natalie Sampo, Sarah Anthony, Bianca Zamora, Allison Jenks, Annie Green, Luke Tesluk, Sara Dinari, Angie Durkee

MEMBERS ABSENT Mallory Rice (excused), Libby Dipple (unexcused)

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

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 1:02 PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment Elections Commissioner Angie reminded the Senate that there will be tabling on Monday from 10:30 AM to 12 PM with free coffee. Also, the candidate debates are on the 5th and 6th of March in Ballroom A from 12 PM to 1 PM. She encouraged the senators to get the word out and remind everyone to vote. She thanked everyone for their help so far.

IV. Business

a. AS.77.13.14 University Budget (Discussion)
   i. Discussion VP of Finance Dougherty commented that the scheduling didn’t work out with the guest speaker. Chair of the Senate Rashed requested a senator to table the discussion for a later date.
   ii. Executive VP Gallino moved to table the University Budget discussion, Seconded by Senator Davis.
       12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

b. AS.1.76.13.14 Reorganization/Restructuring of ASP: Discussion of a new structure and vision of ASP (Action)
   i. Discussion- Discussion from last week was continued. President Hart commented that he likes the committees. ASP will be able to form bonds with the student community. He thinks this restructuring is in the right direction and likes the collaboration and marketing committee. This will get ASP’s name visible on campus. Executive VP Gallino expressed his concern that this reorganization would not have happened without the initiation of President Hart. It was not an organic process of ASP. Regardless, he still thinks it would be a good idea. Senator Zamora commented that this model would bring the campus together and bring pride to the campus. Senator Anthony believes this is a good idea, but she thinks ASP needs to wait until their new professional staff is hired; the timing is bad. Senator Sampo disagreed. She commented that having a new program in place before the new professional
staff comes in is more beneficial. Senator Green agrees with everyone, but they won’t know if this will work until they try it out. President Hart introduced Jackie from ASP to provide her input. Jackie agreed that this reorganization may not have been done in the right process but regardless, it is happening. The campus is constantly changing and this reorganization has been done in other campuses. She doesn’t think waiting for the professional staff to be hired is a good idea. ASP is student run and students need to make these decisions. VP of Finance Dougherty commented that he likes how this new structure incorporates the whole team of ASP. It was done with good intentions and all of ASP staff was involved. All of ASP knows in advance of the changes. He added that he doesn’t think it is a bad thing that they had a push from President Hart. Senator Dinari mentioned that a majority of ideas came from suggestions and models from other schools. No one knows ASP as well as ASP. They have to change with the campus culture. She thinks it is a great idea and the Senate should support it. Senator Sampo expressed her concern about the number of coordinators per committee. She wonders why two coordinators are still needed when they have committees. Jackie responded that it is hard for the coordinators to do a lot on their own. The members of the committees can help but the coordinators have sole responsibility. They have the relationships with collaborators and the experience. She added that this can change, depending on how it plays out next semester. Senator Durkee agreed with everyone. She likes the different aspects on campus life. She agrees they can modify the structure if needed, but it was done with great intention. Senator Green asked Executive Director Dickson expanded on the budget. Dickson answered that the only reason the budget is included in the document is to provide a visual aid. This budget looks different from past ASP budgets. The Senate will decide how much they want to put towards ASP. The difference is that money would be requested based on committee instead of one big amount. Senator Davis commented that he likes the freshness and that the new person coming in won’t have to flip between programs. He added that those from ASP who came to talk last week seemed spent.

ii. Action- Senator Zamora moved to approve the Reorganization/Restructuring of ASP, Seconded by Senator Davis.

10 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions

c. AS.RC.74.13.14 Consistency Waste Bin Colors (Action)

i. Discussion The senators discussed possible amendments and their pros and cons. They also asked clarifying questions from the author of the recommendation, Senator Jenks.

ii. Action

1. Senator Green moved to add “and labels” after “colors” in the bolded recommendation statement, Seconded by Senator Davis. During discussion, Senator Durkee wondered if they needed to specify the labels. Senator Sampo did not think that was necessary. VP of Finance Dougherty suggested they add another sentence regarding labels.

12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions


12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Senator Zamora moved to approve AS.RC.74.13.14 Consistency of Waste Bins, Seconded by Senator Anthony. During discussion, Senator Jenks clarified what the Sonoma County Recycling Guide dictates. VP of Finance Dougherty asked if there
was an action plan in place. Chair Rashed responded that it is only a recommendation. Dickson added that he will send it out to the appropriate people.

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

**d. AS.R.49.13.14 Water Bottle Resolution (Action)**

i. **Discussion** Chair Rashed commented that she sent the updated version with the agenda. Senator Jenks mentioned that they fixed the issues they discussed last meeting. Senator Green expressed her confusion on the wording “entity” in the second therefore statement. She thinks it should be "the". VP of Finance Dougherty wondered if everyone was comfortable stating that they will put on the “Take Back the Tap” event every year. Senator Green commented that it seems like they are asking for a lot of things, so they may not need the outreach event. Senator Sampo thinks education regarding this issue is important and it needs to be put out there for students. Executive Director Dickson is concerned that the resolution is making broad demands. They are asking others to do things, but not who or why. It is not specific and as a result leaves holes. He added that if they want a program to do something then they should tell that person to do so in the resolution. VP of Finance Dougherty thinks they should be specific. He added that he thinks they should take out the “every year” demand on the Take Back the Tap therefore statement. Senator Green added that she wants to take out the exact event altogether. Prior to the final approval, Executive Director Dickson asked if the ban would be immediate or a phasing out. He wondered what the Senate’s intentions were. VP of Finance Dougherty asked Dickson if he thought it would be a big transition. Dickson answered no; he just wants to keep with the intent of the resolution. If the intent is for the ban to be immediate, then he will do so. Senator Davis commented that he is in favor of an immediate ban. Chair Rashed asked Senator Jenks to present the action plan. Executive VP Gallino asked if the action plan was a document of the Senate. Dickson answered no. Senator Jenks went over the action plan. VP of Finance Dougherty asked about the intentions of the March 14th CRC meeting. President Hart responded that Niel Markley mentioned that going to the CRC to request funds for filling stations would be a good idea. Hart added that that sentence in the action plan is an intention to ask to be put on the agenda. Gallino commented that he wants to change CRC to VP of Administration and Finance. Dickson clarified the protocol of being put on the agenda with CRC. It is an advisory body. He added that the language on JUMP carrying out the action plan is presumptive. Senator Sampo asked if they had even talked to JUMP. President Hart requested to take out that demand of JUMP. Senator Zamora clarified that there will not be any water bottles anywhere. Dickson responded that yes, only on remote locations if there is no potable water can they have plastic water bottles. Gallino and Dougherty expressed that they would like the action plan to be washed.

ii. **Action**

1. VP of Finance Dougherty moved to amend the second therefore statement by taking out "every school year", Seconded by Senator Dinari.
   
   **4 ayes, 8 nays, 0 abstentions**

The Senate took a 5 minute break at 1:46 PM.

2. Senator Green moved to remove the second therefore statement and replace it with “Therefore let it hereby be further resolved that Associated Students participate in educating the students of Sonoma State University about the importance of water and waste conservation”, Seconded by VP of Finance Dougherty. During discussion, Executive VP Gallino asked Senator Jenks to clarify the event. Senator Dinari asked if any similar event had been done
before. Senator Jenks responded that a few concerned students were able to
gather 450 signatures at various tabling events. Senator Green thinks that
something has to be done, whether it is an event or not. Executive Director
Dickson commented that the end of the amendment is misworded. Senator
dinari responded that “water conservation and waste management” would be
better.
6 ayes, 7 nays, 0 abstentions (Chair Rashed broke tie)
3. Senator Dinari moved to remove the second therefore statement and replace
it with “Therefore let it hereby be further resolved that Associated Students
participate in educating the students of Sonoma State University about the
importance of water conservation and waste management”, Seconded by
Senator green. In discussion, Senator Davis commented that he thinks the
amendment is good.
11 ayes, 1 nay (Gallino), 0 abstentions

President Hart moved to approve AS.R.49.13.14 The Phasing Out of Single-Use Plastic
Water Bottles, Seconded by Senator Zamora. In discussion, Dickson clarified the last
therefore statement.
12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

V. Items for the Good of the Order President Hart commented that the STAR will be
printing a piece on the Associated Students fee like they did for the IRA fee. He added
that many important people will be coming to the campus within the next couple
months, so be aware. They should talk to Bernadette if they are interested. Senator
Zamora commented on the keynote speaker that was at a BSU event. She mentioned
that a student at the end commented on the undertone of racism on campus and many
students agreed. Also, there was a student who posted a picture on Facebook of
another student wearing a confederate flag in class and was highly distressed. Zamora
reminds the Senate to be aware. VP of Finance Dougherty commented that a few events
are going on in Lobos. He encourages them to attend and tell their friends to go. He
added that they will have two presenters coming within the next couple weeks to
Senate. Senator Jenks commented that the Recreation Center became a certified Green
business. Senator Sampo mentioned that she and Senator Tesluk are getting together
workshops in order to prepare students for the “town hall” meeting with the provost.
Senator Green commented that she is working with the Dean of Arts and Humanities to
get together an In Motion program but with art. Green also asked if Senate was being
held on March 14th. Chair Rashed answered no. Senator Anthony commented that there
will be an Education Job Fair on April 25th, many students are excited. Senator Tesluk
mentioned that he and Senator Dipple met with people from Residential Life about their
survey. He added that other organizations are taking notice of what Senate is doing.
Senator Dinari asked if they had a cohesive answer regarding parking lot D. Gallino
answered that a week from Monday it will be open; “Reserved” only. Dougherty added
that they will gradually be opening short term parking. Also, the bookstore’s new
location is opening March 10th.

VI. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 2:25
PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on March 10, 2014.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate