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SENATE MEETING
Friday, April 11th, 2014
1:00pm, Bennett Valley, Student Center

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) AS.1.85.13.14 SSU 14-15 Budget Book (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
   b) AS.1.86.13.14 Assigning individuals to sign AS/CDE agreements and reports
      (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   c) AS.1.84.13.14 Movement of sports clubs from campus rec to CSLIS
      (Discussion; 20 mins)
      i) Discussion
V. Items for the Good of the Order
VI. Adjournment

Posted on Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 at the AS Senate Office by

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Iman Rashid, Chair of the Senate, at 1:00 PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

IV. Business
   a. AS.1.85.13.14 SSU 14-15 Budget Book (Discussion)
      i. Discussion Katey Gama and Emily Langill came to answer questions regarding JUMP’s budget requests. Executive VP Gallino was concerned as to why they needed 10 coordinators for alternative breaks. Katey explained that they have expanded the program from 5 coordinators to 10 coordinators. They have decided to have co-leaders, so they need 2 coordinators per trip. They wanted to make the alternative breaks coordinators equal with the other coordinators in the office. Senator Sampo commented on the expansion of 13 coordinators to 27 coordinators. She wondered why they needed so many. Katey responded that having the alternative break leaders considered coordinators has added 10 to the original 13 and also other programs have expanded. Some just had site leaders but now they need coordinators as well. Katey added that that way they can require them to do what they need to do to put on the program. Senator Rice wondered if $3,000 was enough for transportation the past year. Emily responded that yes, they weren’t using all that they were allocated. Gallino commented that they could look into other means of reimbursing travel as well. He also noticed that the amount requested for retreats and trainings has decreased greatly. He wondered if they would be able to put on quality retreats with such a decrease in funding. Katey explained that last year the coordinators went to the ABC conference but now that they have more coordinators, only the directors. She added that it is also more local this coming year. VP of Finance Dougherty asked Katey and Emily to expand on the duties of a main trip leader versus co-trip leaders. Gallino expressed concern that they are expanding programs but are decreasing budgets. Emily explained that as a director, she set up the budgets for all her programs. She wants to establish this
system for all coalitions. They are trying to be resourceful. Gallino commented that it seems they are putting money towards alternative break but taking away money from all other programs. Katey responded that they have spent a lot of time talking about that issue. In the end, they gave the responsibility of managing the budget to the coordinators in order to be as resourceful as possible while giving quality programs. Executive Director Dickson added that this budget request reflects JUMP’s current spending practice. He added that they need to keep in mind that JUMP is less about bringing things in and more about taking people places. They are not trying to spend money where they don’t need to. VP of Finance Dougherty wondered what they were doing sustainability wise now that SOUPER is gone. Katey responded that they are looking towards other projects like the campus garden. Gallino asked about their fundraising efforts. Katey explained that for alternative breaks, each participant was required to give 15 names to send out donation requests. These donations provided money for books, bags, etc. They received a great response. Jackie Torres from ASP came to answer questions regarding ASP’s budget request. Senator Sampo asked why they requested so much funding for the steering committee. Jackie explained that that money would be there for a backup, in case programs ran out of money. Ultimately, steering committee would decide where the money goes. Gallino asked Jackie to expand on how they decided to allocate money for the committees. Jackie explained that they looked at what they spent previously and then broke up the total campus event budget from last year. Heather Howard-Martin from CSLIS came to answer questions about CSLIS’s budget request. Senator Sampo asked about the new staff coming in. Heather explained that they are in the process of hiring 2 new campus life advisors. VP of Finance Dougherty clarified the breakdown of what AS does to help CSLIS and had Heather explain the leadership awards. Two faculty members from the tutorial center came to answer questions regarding their budget request. They commented that they are currently serving 20% of the student population and see roughly 900 students per semester. They also coordinate the SI instructors. Dougherty clarified that they are not charged for the space. He also asked about their advertising efforts. They explained that advertising is in the university’s operating budget and they do not ask for funds from AS for that. Dougherty clarified what a student could do to add a new class tutor. The tutorial center faculty commented that this year they are covering 57 courses, mostly mathematics and statistics. Senator Green asked about the math tutorial center and how it is tied into them. The faculty answered that that center is mostly for math majors and focuses on upper division classes. Dougherty suggested implementing online help. Senator Green wondered about the residential life tutoring. The tutorial center faculty answered that students who attend don’t always sign in but it is helpful for those who can’t make the regular office hours of the tutorial center. No one from the Children’s School was present to answer questions regarding their request. Executive Director Dickson was present to answer questions regarding the Senate Fund request. Senator Anthony clarified the increase in funding for game managers. Gallino asked about transitional housing and allocating the amount laid out in the referendum. Dickson answered that they have requested what they will use and to meet the referendum amount they can tap into reserve funds. Senator Dippel clarified the breakdown of the elections budget. Senator Zamora wondered if funding the education initiatives was something that they would utilize. Dickson responded that it is there for the success of the Senate. Zamora also asked if they still needed to allocate as much money for the CSUnity Conference since SSU is hosting this year. Dickson answered that they still have most costs, only some are reduced. President Hart clarified the reason for the tradition coalition line being absent. Gallino asked about the plan for the FLP funds. Dickson responded that there is new staff coming in and they may
have plans to revamp those programs. Gallino asked Dougherty about the Officer’s and President’s budgets. Dougherty responded that he wants to talk about whether or not there needs to be both. Gallino also commented on the voter registration line only being $400. He urged the senators to keep in mind that this is an election year and they may need more than usual. Senator Green asked why only $1000 has been allocated for Lobby Corps if the program is expanding. Dickson answered that it does not take much to fund Lobby Corps and they save money by going to CHESS and participating in lobbying at the capitol that way. Dougherty clarified with Dickson that the orientation line is only for shirts. Dickson also answered questions regarding the General Fund request. Gallino clarified with Dickson how they came to decide the professional staff salaries and salaries benefits line with 3 professional staff members not here. He also asked about the increase in funding for student assistants. Dickson responded that AS is largely student staffed, with the addition of the MAC team and Front Desk team as well. He added that there has been an increase in minimum wage in California so the pay scale will be going up.

b. AS.I.86.13.14 Assigning individuals to sign AS/CDE agreements and reports (Action)
   i. Discussion Chair of the Senate Rashed requested a motion to table the event until after business item c was discussed. Once the Senate returned to this business item, Executive Director Dickson explained the reasoning behind the resolution. Gallino clarified that the titles of those listed have changed. Dickson responded that yes that happened very recently. Dougherty asked for an example where such signatures are needed. Senator Anthony clarified that there would be appropriate contacts once these people are gone or have transferred. Dickson responded that he is constantly in contact with Amanda Visser’s team and it will be taken care of.
   ii. Action Senator Dippel moved to table AS.I.86.13.14 until the end of the meeting, Seconded by Executive VP Gallino.
       14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Executive VP Gallino moved to approve AS.I.86.13.14, Seconded by Senator Dinari. In discussion, the titles of the responsible parties were corrected to reflect recent change.
       14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

c. AS.87.13.14 Movement of sports clubs from campus rec to CSLIS (Discussion; 20 mins)
   i. Discussion Executive Director Dickson explained the movement of sports clubs from the Rec center to CSLIS. Heather Howard-Martin, from CSLIS added that the decision was made last week by the Vice-President’s to move sports clubs under CSLIS’s reign. They wanted to house all clubs under CSLIS as they already charter all clubs under law. She added that they are hiring 2 new advisors; one will be purely devoted to sports clubs. The Vice-Presidents felt that having one place to manage all student organizations was important. Heather added that the CSU does not differentiate policy depending on club. Executive VP Gallino clarified that the sports clubs will still have access to facilities in the Rec center. Heather responded that there are no wishes to sever the relationships made between sports clubs and the Rec center. Senator Green wondered about Mike Dominguez’s job. Dominguez was present and spoke up that he is not losing his job but he just won’t have the responsibilities associated with the sports clubs anymore. Senator Dinari asked about his current duties regarding sports clubs. Dominguez responded that it is mostly advising; he works along with the team and answers all questions regarding sports. He added that what is changing is that he will not be the lead contact anymore. VP of Finance Dougherty asked how much of his time is dedicated to sports clubs. Dominguez responded that it is about 30% or less. Gallino asked
Dominguez to expand on how sports clubs are different from other clubs. Dominguez answered that sports clubs are very active and that comes with a lot more risk. He is hoping that the new advisor coming in will have some experience with that risk. A student, Gabe, spoke up that his main concern is that the new advisor coming in will have experience with the social aspects of clubs as opposed to sports clubs. He fears they will lose the connection they've made with Mike and his connections to the coaches. He added that this is not best for sports clubs or the university as a whole. Senator Dippel asked Heather if the new professional staff member coming in is required to have some sports experience. Heather responded that when the job was posted, the decision had not yet been made. She added that regardless, most candidates have strong risk management oversight and strong advising abilities. She added that Katie, student assistant to Mike Dominguez, is on the search committee for that new advisor. Senator Dinari asked the students who are present representing sports clubs, after finding out that they now have one advisor reserved for them, what their concern is. One student spoke up that clubs have a very competitive nature and there have been communication errors with CSLIS in the past. They are worried that things will not run as fluently as it is now. Chair of the Senate Rashed commented that the time limit for the discussion is up and it seems that the issue has already been resolved.

V. Items for the Good of the Order Gallino and Dougherty reported on what happened in PVAC. Senator Dippel reported that the Campus Planning Committee will be putting in a new skateboard rack on campus. Senator Zamora thanks everyone who helped with Tunnel of Oppression. She added that it was a great success and brought a lot of issues to light. President Hart commented that tomorrow, Saturday, is Seawolf Decision Day so if anyone is on campus they should make AS’s present known. He added that there will be potential professional staff members coming in so be on the lookout. Executive Director Dickson provided details for the AS Gala on May 2nd. He added that he appreciates the recognition for his hard work and that he needs everyone to be a part of the hiring process of new professional staff. He will be sending out information on the open student forums for those candidates. Senator Sampo reported that they had to cancel the town hall meeting with the provost, but she is looking to work over the summer to start out next semester with something similar. Dickson also reported to keep in mind transition materials for next year. Senator Dinari thanked Dougherty and Dickson for putting together the budget book. Dougherty added that there is still 2 weeks of the budget to go and he would like substantial discussion on it.

VI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 3:13 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on 4/18/14.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate