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SENATE MEETING  
Friday, April 25th, 2014  
1:00 pm, Bennet Valley, Student Center  

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Posted on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014 at the AS Senate Office by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Iman Rashed (tardy, excused), Sara Dinari (unexcused), and Mallory Rice (unexcused)

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

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Libby Dippel, Vice-Chair of the Senate, at 1:02 PM.
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a. AS.87.13.14 Movement of sports clubs from campus rec to CSLIS
      i. Discussion Niel Markley was present to address the concerns of sports club moving to CSLIS. Vice-Chair Dippel asked Niel to talk about why the decision was made. Markley responded that CSLIS in the process of hiring additional staff to take on additional responsibilities and noted that they have been understaffed for a while. All work is done by Micki and Heather. With the sports clubs in the Rec, they follow similar policies but he decision was made to move them to CSLIS primarily to have consistency for all clubs with one place for advising. They are looking for sports club experience in the new staff coming in. The sports clubs will now have four staff for advising instead of one as in the Rec. Markley added that Mike Dominguez will still be there as a resource for all sports clubs. Senator Green commented that housing sports clubs in the Rec is the national norm. She asked Markley why that was not followed. Markley responded that it can be done both ways. Sports clubs are usually in the Rec but every campus does it differently. Unlike other campuses, SSU does not have the luxury to have an office for each category of club. Senator Zamora wondered why they chose to change a system now that has always been working sufficiently. Markley answered that students and staff have done a great job and there won't be much change systematically, but there seems to be disconnect between the way the Rec and CSLIS run things. He responded to the why now question with the fact that they have an opportunity with the two new campus life advisors coming in. Senator Dippel asked how much the focus groups for the candidates have played a role in the decision. Markley responded that there was not much of a response. There was only one comment that stood out regarding CSLIS. There was not much feedback. Senator Green that the emphasis on the new
staff having sports club experience has changed from last week where it was stated that there was not emphasis of sports club experience in the job description. Green wondered what had changed. Heather from CSLIS responded that sports clubs are mentioned in the position description. All of the campus life advisor position descriptions are consistent which allows for flexibility. Heather added that they are making sure to ask the incoming candidates about sports club experience and advising styles in their interview. She added that Katie, a sports clubs member, is on the search committee. All sports club members were invited to attend the open forums. Senator Anthony asked Katie how she felt about the process now that it was almost over. Katie responded that she is concerned but cannot give her opinion. A student from the Equestrian team commented that the decision to hire two new staff was made after the sports clubs were moved and she is concerned that sports clubs are not in the position description. Heather clarified that sports clubs are mentioned in the position description. The student then asked about the open forums. Heather responded that the invitation was extended and the information was shared. Heather added that there will be one more on Monday. President Hart asked Markley about the inconsistencies mentioned earlier. Markley responded that with two offices information is not always used in the same way, mostly regarding risks and advising. President Hart explained the major concerns of students from sports clubs to Heather and Niel. He added that while losing Mike Dominguez as a special resource is a problem, he is more concerned about being consistent with risk management. He commented that the problems arising with CSLIS are mostly due to short staff and the new two campus life advisors coming in will fix that. Hart added that he does not want the sports clubs to lose Mike as a resource. A dance student spoke up and expressed his concern that the new staff coming in will not be able to fulfill all the needs of the sports clubs. He added that the risk is not the same as that of a social club. Markley responded that they will still have Mike as resource and they will have a lot of leadership expertise in CSLIS which can aid in keeping risk management consistent. Senator Zamora asked if there was any way the move will not happen with hearing the concerns of sports clubs. Markley responded that the move is happening. The underlying issues are important but in the short term, as well as the long term, it will have to happen. He added that Mike will still be present and there will still be those connections. Heather commented that it is important to know that sports clubs fall under CSLIS’s realm and Mike is very much a part of their team. She added that they very much see him continuing to be a part of that team in an appropriate role. A student asked if the University recognizes sports clubs as competitive teams. Markley answered yes, but not NCAA level. The student then asked if they could only move the social risk of sports clubs to CSLIS and the competitiveness can remain under the Rec. Markley responded that there are specific issues that arise where one cannot split those advising issues completely and it is hard to draw lines. He added that they need to keep in mind that the new staff coming in will have some experience. The student asked about the “specific issues”. Markley responded that splitting up advising causes confusion and responsibilities begin to blur. The student asked if the new staff coming in will be able to handle all paperwork that piles up for sports clubs at the beginning of the school year; the season starts when school does. Markley responded that they will make sure the transition is smooth and they will be sure to have Mike work with Heather closely. He added that he does not foresee too many issues with that. A dance student expressed her concern that they are only “hopeful” when they need to be certain. Markley answered that yes they are hopeful. There will be someone there to help with the process. Chair Rashed suggested that they go to the candidate forums and provide input that way. Another dance student commented that they keep saying the new staff will work
with Mike, but she wondered why they don't just keep sports clubs under Mike. Markley responded that the obvious concern of the room is to stay with Mike but it is being done and a smooth transition will be made with the help of Mike. A student commented that it seems that this move is just to make things easier on the administration. Markley responded that the move is certainly not easier this way, but it needed to be done. A student expressed that she is concerned about the vagueness of the reasoning for the move. Chair Rashed commented that the move is being happening and the best thing for both sides is to be as involved as possible. She added that she hopes it will go smoothly, but if it doesn’t then they will regroup and get from there.

b. AS.185.13.14 SSU 14-15 Budget Book (Action)
   i. Discussion Chair Rashed gathered that all issues have been addressed and discussed. Executive Director Dickson clarified how to make changes. He suggested focusing on one area of concern and he will balance the budget at the end. Senator Zamora clarified the student assistant’s number in the JUMP fund. Executive VP Gallino clarified the reasoning for the $40,000 surplus line with VP Finance Dougherty. Gallino also asked if the reserves were at the recommended levels. Dougherty answered that yes, they should be. Dickson added that none are at the minimum or the maximum level. Senator Green expressed her concern about the $400 in the voter registration line. She wondered if they should increase that. Senator Sampo commented that she talked to Bernadette and reported that the $400 is only to hold the polling place in the Cooperage. Dickson explained how things were done in the past. He added that if they want more money towards voter registration then they should put more money in that line. Dougherty wondered about the EO 1000 line. He commented that this year they paid less than they expected and wonders if they should lower the amount in the line. Dickson commented that he will check the estimate for next year. Gallino wanted to discuss the game manager line. Since they do not pay for sports insurance anymore then he feels they should be consistent and take the game manager line out as well. Senator Green commented that they supposedly were cutting IRA funding drastically this year as well and is worried that they will cut too much for sports. Dougherty clarified that IRA cuts only affected around 3 sports clubs and not most of them. Gallino added that he thinks it is not AS’s responsibility to pay for game managers. He believes it should be the University’s. Senator Sampo agreed with Gallino. She feels that helping sports clubs to such an extent is unfair. Green wondered if the university will pick up the slack and that it seems risky. Chair Rashed commented that only about 500 students are in sports clubs and they are using student fees to pay for only a small part of the student population. Dickson clarified why insurance money was cut. President Hart commented that removing game managers would benefit from having conversations prior to doing so. He added that it may be better to start those conversations next year. Dougherty agreed that they should fund the game managers next year and have the conversations to cut them starting next year. Chair Rashed agreed. Gallino countered that with hearing the one hour conversation earlier regarding the complaints of sports clubs and the University’s decision to move them to CSLIS anyway, that the University is concerned with the risk and they will surely pick up the slack or find a way to do so. He added that he thinks funding at the University for sports clubs is unfair. President Hart and Tyler Davis both think that they should not spring this decision on the sports clubs and they should have the conversations begin next year. Dougherty clarified the purpose of the orientation line. Matthew Lopez-Phillips added that he definitely likes the AS T-shirts given to freshman at orientation; it is a way for the students to connect to AS right off the bat. Senator Sampo brought up the request from last week to move Big Nite and Commencement from ASP down to their Steering
Committee line and wondered about that rationale. Dickson clarified ASP’s reasoning; they do not want that much money to be tied up and would rather be flexible. Senator Zamora agreed with the idea and thinks it should be done. President Hart countered that there will be adjustments made along year as the new organization model plays out. He added that next year they will have the experience and can change the budget lines accordingly. Dougherty added that there is always the option to make a budget revision in the spring semester as they see it fit. Dickson disagreed with Hart and Dougherty. Moving the money down to steering committee allows them to make decisions faster and how they want. He added that making budget revisions can be risky. Gallino commented that they should not provide the steering committee with such freedom. They will have to plan ahead and schedule. Dougherty agreed. Senator Green clarified that Bernadette’s CSSA travel is under the Officer statewide travel line. Senator Durkee wondered if they should offer more money for AS scholarships. Gallino responded that they would need to change the resolution as it states that only ten can be awarded. Green added that keeping the competitive nature of only ten keeps the exclusiveness. Senator Zamora clarified the transitional housing decrease. Senator Jenks wondered if they are required to send someone to CSSA and if it is beneficial to the Senate. Chair Rashed responded that that may be an issue for next year’s Senate. Senator Green commented that she thinks it is important to have and they should not take away the opportunity. Gallino added that they should not limit next year’s Senate. There was a discussion on educational initiatives. Gallino then commented that they need to balance the budget after the motions were made. Dickson commented that there was a $600 deficit. There was discussion on where to balance that $600. Dickson commented that Dougherty’s suggestion of taking $600 from the EO 1000 was the best fit.

ii. **Action** Executive VP Gallino moved to combine the President and Officer Budget lines into one line titled “Officer’s Budget” in the Senate Fund, Seconded by President Hart. In discussion, Senator Durkee wondered if $3000 was enough. Senator Davis wondered what they spent this year. Dougherty responded that he thinks it was only $1000.

12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Dinari and Rice absent)

President Hart moved to increase the Voter Registration line in the Senate Fund to $1000, Seconded by Executive VP Gallino. In discussion, Senator Zamora wondered if $1000 would be sufficient since it is an election year. Senator Green feels that may not be enough and that the poll may not be in the Cooperage due to the new Student Center. Dickson clarified that it is in the Cooperage because of parking and the use of the rooms follows the Sonoma County guidelines. Green then commented that she thinks $1000 is sufficient to promote voting. Gallino clarified which elections were happening this year.

12 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Dinari and Rice absent)

Senator Zamora moved to increase the Steering Committee line in the ASP Fund to $37,000, no second. Motion failed.

VP of Finance Dougherty moved to decrease the “EO 1000” line by $600, Seconded by Executive VP Gallino.

11 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Dinari, Rice and Hart absent)

Executive VP Gallino moved to approve the VPF’s Draft Budget as amended for the 2014-2015 year, Seconded by Senator Davis.

11 yes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Dinari, Rice and Hart absent)
c. AS.88.13.14 FDA policy regarding blood drives on campus (Discussion)
   i. Discussion Senator Zamora explained the rationale for the discussion. She feels they should sign on to the resolution. Senator Sampo clarified that this will not shut down the blood drives but will amend the questionnaire. Executive VP Gallino agreed with the resolution. Senator Jenks provided some data from 2010 regarding giving blood and resulting HIV. Chair Rashed commented that they should be more concerned with the processing of the blood as opposed to those who are donating. She added that she thinks promoting a homophobic stigma should not be done, especially in this day in age. She wants AS to back it. Gallino added that it is the fault of the blood bank not the donor. Senator Green thinks they could easily amend the questionnaire to ask something more general instead of the homophobic wording. Senator Sampo commented that some do not know that they have HIV or AIDS. Senator Green responded that the blood bank should make sure to test the blood appropriately. Senator Anthony thinks that it is important that the resolution is not asking to suspend the blood drives. Gallino agreed and thinks the resolution is fine.

V. Items for the Good of the Order Senator Jenks reported that many bike locks and lights were given away for Earth week. They were very well received. Senator Anthony reported that the Education Job Fair was going on that afternoon in the ballroom and that everyone was welcome. Senator Dippel commented that if any senators hear any registration concerns, to tell her so that she can take them to her last GE subcommittee meeting. Senator Zamora commented that they should draft a letter regarding the death of the SSU student. Executive Director Dickson responded that traditionally the AS President sends a letter to the family. He suggested anyone that wanted to to work with President Hart. Senator Green reported that there will be week-long performances in the Library displaying different types of arts. Dickson reported that next week is the transition meeting where they will be swearing in the new Senate. He also advised the senators to clean out the office.

VI. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 3:21 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on 5/17/14.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate