

**Associated Students
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 28th, 2012
6:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union
MEETING NOTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Boyar, Paul Ramey, Adam Gourley, Amanda Kosty, Katie Russo, Emily Hurd, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz, Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Jeff Young, Stephanie Parreira

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alex Barker (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Fitzer, Katie Linderme (recording), Matthew Lopez-Phillips, Dr. Margie Purser

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

- **Collin Yballa:** Yballa came in to apologize for his inappropriate language used on his club grants. He was joking around while making them, but realized later that it was not a very professional demeanor to take when requesting funds from AS. While he cannot personally be at the IAB meeting for Friday, he is sending a representative to make sure that any questions can be answered in regards to their grant so that questions can be answered accurately.
- **Katie Linderme:** Made an announcement on behalf of Women's History Month, specifically the talk that professor Janet Hess will be making. She encouraged the Senate to be present for the opening ceremony occurring Thursday, March 1st, 2012 from 12-1 at the MPR.

IV. Business

a) AS-R 07.11.12 AS Organizations Council: Funding Opportunities Resolution submitted by Senator Laura Paneno

Questions on the first therefore statements were asked. Many Senators believed that in order for this resolution to be passed, there should be a clearer breakdown of the funds, similar to that of the grant process taken by the rest of the student body. A discussion on how the money would be dispersed was debated. Fitzer strongly encouraged the Senate to look as to why this resolution was created two days before the event, but to also keep in mind that it might not necessarily apply towards just this event, but for all events organized like this in the future. More conversation on the wording of the first therefore statement was discussed. President Boyar offered his funds in replacement to that of the Org Council money. A discussion on how to make the resolution clearer was debated. Fitzer explained how the budget could be laid out in order to really know how to properly allocate funds to these types of events. He also answered questions on budget initiative lines. Institutional integrity was viewed. Fitzer again explained that regardless of how this is viewed, it cannot be viewed as the same process as club grants. A conversation on why this was written as a resolution rather than a bill or a grant was also debated.

Vice President Ramey moved to approve the AS-R. 07.11.12 AS Organizations Council: Funding Opportunities Resolution. Senator Paneno

seconded the motion. A discussion on wording and the therefore statement was debated. The resolution failed 3-8-0.

b) AS-B 05.11.12 Increasing Senator Stipends as recommended by the AS Personnel Committee

President Boyar opened the discussion with the effectiveness of this bill. Senators debated over how the money being used could potentially provide more office hours, or less shifts available on other jobs held.

A break occurred at 7:02 pm and was resumed at 7:07 pm

Senator Havens made the argument that many positions are considered to be hard working positions, and they do not receive stipends for their work. Accountability of work ethics was discussed. Fitzer requested that the Senate shy away from using actual numbers to discuss this, but to instead focus on the ethics of the stipends increase. Future financial liabilities were discussed. Productivity in terms of money and pay values was also debated. MLP also made the point that having more money can open more doors that are not working related (different forms of release). He also pointed out that money does not necessarily correlate with what is required of the job at hand (example, teachers). Fitzer clarified the budget and those processes involved.

Senator Burke moved to approve AS-B 05.11.12 Increasing Senator Stipends as recommended by the AS Personnel Committee. Senator Hurd seconded the motion. The bill failed 5-6-0.

c) Discussion on Global Warming submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira

Vice President Ramey moved to table the remaining business items until the next Senate Meeting. Senator Paneno seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-0.

d) Discussion on the effectiveness of the AS Standing boards

e) Reports from the AS Boards

f) AS-I 18.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.21.12

V. Reports from Liaisons—none

VI. Questions on Reports— none

VII. Items for the Good of the Order- none

VIII. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Approved on March 6, 2012 by the Associated Students Senate



Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate