Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, March 13th, 2012
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) Reports from the AS Programs (Discussion)
      i. ASP
      ii. JUMP
      iii. Elections Commissioner
      iv. Children's School
      v. Student Government
   b) Unallocated Reserve Request for AS/SU Student Leader Conference submitted by
      Vice-President of Finance Adam Gourley (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   c) CFO Report (Discussion)
      i. Discussion
   d) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Internal Affairs Board
      ii. Representation and Engagement Board
      iii. Legislative Affairs Board

V. Reports from Liaisons—Oral reports to be given to the AS Senate from our Academic Senate
   Representative and the University President’s Designee (Discussion)

VI. Questions on Reports—this item is an opportunity to ask questions of the officers about their
    submitted reports (Discussion)

VII. Items for the Good of the Order

VIII. Adjournment

Posted on Friday, March 9th 2012 at the AS Senate Office by

Katie Havens, Vice Chair of the AS Senate
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MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alex Barker (excused), Kimberly Liaz (unexcused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording)

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chair Kosty 6:04 pm
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment- no public comment was provided
IV. Business
   a) Reports from the AS Programs (Discussion)
      i. ASP (Bruce Berkowitz): Past events for ASP have been going very well. Cards detailing the events occurring in March were handed out to the Senate. They are currently planning for next semester. The big go to event for this month is the Tunnel of Oppression, Bruce explained that because it is student run, a lot of energy and time was put into it and the students are very proud. Next month look for more spirit events. Elise from ASP is looking for more support.

      ii. JUMP (Will Telfer): Alternative Breaks will be beginning next week. April 7th is the Rebuilding Together project where JUMP students help do home repairs to families who cannot financially afford the repairs. JUMP also plugged the Tunnel of Oppression. JUMP created two of the rooms in the Tunnel of Oppression: Religion and Homelessness. The Hunger banquet will be on March 19th at 6:00pm at the Commons. Tutoring and Mentor programs are good. They are in need of more volunteers for the Redwood Food Bank. JUMP’s total hours for the fall semester were 6,000 hours.

      iii. Elections Commissioner: The biographies and pictures of the current candidates for next year’s Senate are in the STAR this week. The voting for the elections will begin next week. There will be an email sent out to the students through the Seawolf accounts, but the request from Courtney is to also plug in social media sites (Facebook, twitter, etc.). There is currently a Facebook group to promote voting, so all members of the Senate should be encouraging this group through their own Facebook accounts and to tell their friends, coworkers, colleagues, etc. There will be tabling provided next week (weather permitting). The names of all the candidates were read to the Senate.
iv. **Children’s School** (Lia Thompson Clark): The Children’s School is looking to have a new roof in time for the spring. They have revised their mission statement. The new board created under this revised mission statement can include other members other than parents. Lia read the financial report from February. There will be a country wide event, Week of the Young Child, occurring in April to promote early education. April 27th in the Rohnert Park public library, there will be an event that Lia is organizing. The theme is children learning, parents earning. She requested the Senate to attend.

v. **Student Government** (Dickson): Focused on elections. Posters are being produced, but Courtney is going to need more assistance in putting the posters up. Voting is next week, and everyone is looking toward transition. There will be cleaning and a move out process in April of the Senate office to get organized for the incoming Senators. Audits are coming, which means that all the records that have been done over the past year will be reviewed. The FLP program is finishing up as well. AS jobs are going to be reviewed soon. There are over 40 student employee positions available through all of AS. Applications for these positions are due the 23rd. Interviews will begin after spring break. A high volume of people running for the election actually dropped out (about 10 candidates), so only three positions are contested.

b) **Unallocated Reserve Request for AS/SU Student Leader Conference submitted by Vice-President of Finance Adam Gourley**

A handout of the total value of money that remains in the allocated reserve funds were examined by the Senate. The Student Leadership Conference was discussed at CSSA. Senator Havens believed that this conference was an excellent way for the Senate to connect with their counterparts from different universities. The value in these connections was discussed briefly. Vice President Gourley would like to see this event become a regular event held at SSU.

Vice President Ramey moved to approve the Unallocated Reserve Request for AS/SU Student Leader Conference. Senator Havens seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0-0.

c) **CFO Report**

Gourley updated the Senate on the current budget. This year’s budget book will be presented to the Senate on April 3rd. April 24th it will be approved. Gourley asked for input because these reports are still in their early stages.

d) **Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)**

i. **Internal Affairs Board**: Did not meet this week, no report given.

ii. **Representation and Engagement Board** (Burke): REB discussed their involvement with Earth Week. Academic quality enhancement was also discussed on the best possible methods to get outreach from students. REB decided to create a survey to poll students on current academic issues that they would like to see get some attention. The unit cap was also discussed. There are currently vacant positions available on campus, and REB requested that the Senate be aware of these positions open so that false information is not being spread. They appointed Havens to be advisory.
V. Reports from Liaisons—MLP informed the Senate on the new Director of the Multi-Cultural Center. Mark Fabionar is coming to us from CSU Sacramento. MLP read the director's press release. He has done a lot of cultural change to help assess the community. Budget is not so great right now. The Summer Bridge program was requested to be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. Questions on Reports—
Chair Kosty requested that more reports be sent in on a timely manner. The reports were very “light” this week. Chair Kosty then asked Vice President Ramey to elaborate if there was to be a unit cap again for the upcoming registration. Vice President Ramey explained that currently this unit cap is in flux right now. The Provost might instill the unit cap if they feel it is necessary once again. Vice President Ramey is working on getting the provost to attend one of the future Senate meetings.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Senator Parreira informed the Senate on a sustainability dinner to be held March 15th from 5-8 pm in the Zinfandel Cafeteria. President Boyar expressed his concern about lack of questions being asked on reports. Dickson is going to be requesting a Senator to be on the Search Committee to help find the new JUMP coordinator. This is going to be done more aggressively in April. Audits are also coming up again. This is a tri-annual process where they must submit all documents to be reviewed. The last time a report was provided, it was 100 pages long. This requires a lot of prep from the business staff. The process lasts approximately six months. Chair Kosty plugged the swirl time event held last night for Alternative Breaks. The redwood food bank charity event only has about three members of the Senate able to attend, and they will be meeting at the flag pole at 4:00 pm March 14, 2012. One final push for voting was talked amongst the Senate.

VIII. Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm by Chair Kosty.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate: March, 20, 2012

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate