Associated Students
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, March 20th, 2012
6:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) Discussion on the Student Center Board of Advisors submitted by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate (Discussion)-maximum of 40 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   b) AS-R 09.11.12 Discussion on the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Discussion)-maximum of 40 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   c) Presentation and Discussion on SSU Academic Affairs Budgeting Principles by Dr. Margie Purser (Discussion) Time Certain: 7:15pm -maximum of 40 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   d) Reports from the AS Boards (Discussion)
      i. Internal Affairs Board
      ii. Representation and Engagement Board
      iii. Legislative Affairs Board
   e) AS-I 20.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 3.6.12 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   f) AS-I 21.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 3.13.12 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action

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 16th 2012 at the AS Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MINUTES

Members Present: Alex Boyar, Paul Ramey, Adam Gourley, Amanda Kosty, Emily Hurd, Alex Barker, Amanda Burke, Kimberly Liaz (6:30), Laura Paneno, Katie Havens, Jeff Young, Stephanie Parreira (6:10)

Members Absent: Katie Russo (excused)

Others Present: Jason Fitz, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording), Peter Neville, and Neil Markley

I. Call to Order- the meeting was called to order by Chair Amanda Kosty at 6:04 pm
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment- no public comment was made
IV. Business
   a) Discussion on the Student Center Board of Advisors submitted by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate (Discussion)-maximum of 40 minutes of discussion
   President Boyar began the conversation by pointing out that the MCC was not included in the Board of Advisors for the non-student membership category. A conversation on the importance of why students need to be on the board for a total of two years. Explanations were provided by Neil. Neil gave some insight for the new board of advisors and how the numbers and items were drafted. Purpose D was discussed in terms of how a fee for students would work. Dickson brought up the idea of repairs and breakage. Vice President Ramey was concerned about the contingencies of their positions. Discussion was held. Questions as to why the president of the AS Senate picks students for the board of advisors committee was asked. Student fees were discussed again.

   b) AS-R 09.11.12 Discussion on the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment Resolution submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Discussion)-maximum of 40 minutes of discussion
   Consequences of failing to make a plan within the two years were discussed. The ramifications were discussed amongst the Senate. A debate as to whether the students or SSU really have expressed a desire to have this resolution backed was debated. Financial liabilities were discussed. Operational aspects were discussed (ex: electricity use). Chair Kosty prompted the Senate to really discuss how this resolution would benefit the University and the Students. Discussion followed. Boyar informed the Senate that all of the UC campuses have signed this resolution, and six CSU’s have signed it (including Chico.) Discussion was held. The second to last therefore statement was looked over. Senator Young requested that at the next meeting with President Armiñana this resolution be discussed. The possibility of adding another therefore statement to the document was discussed in order for students to have a direct link to the document. Local involvement was also looked over. Reading the FAQ’s page on the website was encouraged, as well as bringing up the issue to councils.
c) Presentation and Discussion on SSU Academic Affairs Budgeting Principles by Dr. Margie Purser: BEGAN AT 7:15 PM

Dr. Purser began her talk by explaining the Senate Budget Subcommittee, the Academic Coordinating Team (ACT), the provost (within academic affairs and the faculty governance) and how all of these implemented budgetary principles. The change was to discuss a set of principles to decide budgetary principles. The board did not want to prioritize positions, and would like to get the campus involved to get everyone on the same page in terms of the budget. (This includes students and faculty). Long terms plans have been tabled for the time being. The board is requesting to get input from the Senate; they would like the Senate to discuss options, write up a report, and then submit it back to Dr. Purser to be read during the meeting. This needs to be completed before finals week this semester. The report is only needed for academic affairs. Questions for Purse on stumbling points, guidance, specificity, and how to keep positive (what can we save?) were asked and discussed. Out of state students were also discussed in terms of budget. They Harvey Davidson model were reviewed. Fee generations were debated in terms of the students. Dr. Purser encouraged the Senate to email her if they had any questions or concerns.

d) Reports from the AS Boards
   i. Internal Affairs Board (Barker): Out of club grant money, so most grants are conditionally accepted based on when funds can become available. Extra money from fall may be brought over to help pay for these grant submissions. Barker read off all the conditional waivers passed in IAB, as well as the items that were tabled or failed.
   ii. Representation and Engagement Board (Burke): no meeting being held, but to make quota a meeting was held after this Senate Meeting was adjourned.
   iii. Legislative Affairs Board (Havens): Lobby Corps was discussed for the training. The training will begin after spring break. They have a new goal to really understand the Governor’s Budget.

e) AS-I 20.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 3.6.12

Senator Parreira moved to approve the minutes from 3.6.12. Senator Havens seconded the motion. The motion was passed 11-0-0.

f) AS-I 21.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 3.13.12

Senator Parreira moved to approve the minutes from 3.13.12. Senator Havens seconded the motion. The motion was passed 10-0-1.

V. Reports from Liaisons

Dr. Purser informed the senate about the 16 unit cap coming out of the Chancellors office. This will impact double major and minors being done for SSU. This is going to impact many majors heavily. This was not included in the report, but was brought up during conversation. All of these ideas will be contingent on the tax reference. Right now, life is unstable.

MLP encouraged the Senate to have a safe spring break.

VI. Questions on Reports
- Paneno/Boyar- campus advisor position was brought up in terms of Justin leaving. The position freeze was discussed.
- Parreira/Burke- requested to know how survey's for academic experiences were going? According to Burke, it would be answered during the REB meeting held after the Senate meeting.
- Parreira/Ramey- A clarification on the Entrepreneurial Activities and how long they have been an issue based on the fees was explained by Peter. A conversation on fee process was held. Peter believes that something has to give soon, in terms of the auxiliary structure. The solution may not be a great one.
- Boyar requested that a PowerPoint presentation on the budget be included in the agenda for the next Senate meeting.
- Paneno/Boyar- a question on whether or not the $55 fee waiver will be cut was discussed. Boyar believes that based on the language of the memo, the fee will be cut for this fall semester.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Senator Havens encouraged everyone to vote. Vice President Ramey requested to know where they were in terms of the vote count. According to Dickson, the Senate had received roughly 1,600 votes so far. President Boyar encouraged Senators to attend the next selection for commitment speaker. The meeting will be held April 6th, 2012 from 2-5 pm. President Boyar also encouraged the Senate to focus on the awareness and long term ramifications of the school. Dickson informed the Senate that voting is a direct correlation onto everyone in the Senate. He encouraged the Senate to really make an effort to get everyone to vote. Fitzer encouraged the Senate to also promote the open positions that are now available online. The applications will close Friday, at 5 pm. Dickson closed the meeting by telling the Senate to set our alarm clocks at 6 am this Saturday to think good thoughts for Chair Kosty's interview in New Orleans!

VIII. Adjournment- the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate