Associated Students
Sonoma State University
SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, March 6th, 2012
6:00 p.m., Erin Fisher Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) Recommend the implementation of the Student Fee Referendum Code to the
      University President submitted by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   b) Discussion on Global Warming submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira (Discussion) -
      maximum of 40 minutes of discussion
      i. Discussion
   c) Discussion on the effectiveness of the AS Standing boards submitted by Chair Amanda
      Kosty (Discussion) - 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-11.18.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.21.12 (Action)
      i. Discussion
      ii. Action
   f) AS-11.19.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.28.12 (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 2nd, 2012 at the AS Senate Office by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
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MEETING NOTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Fitzner, Erik Dickson, Katie Linderme (recording)

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate at 6:02 pm
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment – no public comments were made this week.
IV. Business
   A) Recommend the implementation of the Student Fee Referendum Code to the University President submitted by Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate
   Chair Kosty provided a run down on the major changes that were made to the referendum. A conversation on the simple majority in regards to the demographic provided at SSU was discussed. A debate on a hypothetical 2/3rds majority being instated was discussed. Under-Represented students were discussed in terms of the referendum. Voting practices along with changes coming to SSU were mentioned. The 2/3rds majority idea as well as alternate numbers or operations were debated. The structure of the Referendum was discussed. More discussion on voting methods was debated. The appeals process was discussed. Section B-14 days was discussed. The timeline of the referendum was looked at.

   President Boyar moved to change article C1 to read “no later than the last day of instruction of the semester in which the election is held”. Senator Young seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0-0.

   A discussion on the 14 days occurred again from the Appeals Board Section B was debated. Some suggestions were to change it to an academic week, seven days, and 72 hours.

   Vice President Ramey moved to amend Section 8 to read “within seven instructional days after...”. The motion was seconded by Senator Barker. The motion passed 12-0-0.

   Article 5 under D/E1 was clarified. Section D was also discussed in terms of clarification of the election funds.
Senator Barker moved to accept the recommendation of the student Free Referendum. The motion was denied.

Senator Burke moved to approve the implementation of the Student Fee Referendum Code to the University President submitted by Amanda Kosty. Senator Liaz seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-1-0.

B) Discussion on Global Warming submitted by Senator Stephanie Parreira
President Boyar wanted to know where the ideal direction of the conversation would go. He expressed concern that discussions could never really lead to items getting passed. A discussion on how the SSU President has not signed the American College & Universities Presidents Climate Commitment. An action plan conversation was discussed. Awareness of Global Warming was debated. Senator Havens encouraged Senator Parreira to commit to one project that the Senate can back in fulfillment to their commitment to sustainability. Educational trainings were discussed.

C) Discussion on the effectiveness of the AS Standing boards submitted by Chair Amanda Kosty
Havens opened the discussion with describing her position as chair of LAB. She believes that being part of this board makes her position as Statewide Issues Senator more difficult, because the board has to decide positions that she should be implementing as a Senator. A critique of programming across all the boards was discussed. A concern with REB is that the board is pushing to find things to discuss when they felt that there was very little to actually talk about. In contrast, IAB expressed that their meetings felt productive and busy every week. Some suggestions were held to get more people onto IAB to help with passing bylaws, codes, grants, etc. Pros and Cons were discussed. Dickson posed the question as to what is the purpose of the boards and what has been gained from being on them. Student Leadership qualities were discussed. Dr. Purser encouraged the Senators to use the code in order to raise effectiveness of future boards.

D) Reports from AS Boards
i. IAB (Barker) – had an 8 hour long meeting. They discussed three different grants. (IFC grant for Greek Olympics, snow club travel grant, and they tabled the women’s and gender studies grant until the IAB meeting.) Currently they have a budget allocation of just under $5,000. They then finalized the budget for the 2012-2013 academic school year.

ii. REB (Burke) – did not meet because of the March in Sacramento. Earth Week meeting being held for Friday at Noon with ASP. She cannot attend the meeting so if any other Senator feels strongly about attending and can attend she requested that they go in her absence.

iii. LAB (Havens) – no meeting was held this week also due to the March in Sacramento. There will also be no meeting next week because it is lobbying day in Sacramento.

E) AS- I 18.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.21.12
F) Barker moved to amend "??" to read "Senator Barker". Senator Burke seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0-0.

Senator Barker moved to approve AS-I 18.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.21.12. Senator Parreira seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0-0.

G) AS-I 19.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.28.12

Senator Havens moved to approve AS-I 19.11.12 Approval of the Minutes from 2.28.12. Senator Parreira seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-1.

V. Reports from Liaisons
Dr. Purser met with the executive committee last Thursday. They set the Agenda for this week. The provost came to that meeting and requested a draft for the academic affairs committee to draft principles to observe during the budget reduction process. The provost wants a student representative to sit on the new committee that two faculty chairs have been added. Dr. Purser will be making this new report being drafted for the committee. Budgeting process will also be discussed. Open forums will be occurring soon. The strike authorization was discussed.

VI. Questions on Reports
Vice President Ramey requested to know the final total bucks for the Bucks campaign. Senator Havens explained that there is not a final tally because the bucks were not successfully delivered to the Capital due to many other occupy movements being present there that day also requesting meetings. The rough estimate though is around 8,000 bucks.

VII. Items for the Good of the Order
Senator Hurd made a plug for Geek Week which is next week, March 12-16. President Boyar requested Senators to table at Kia’s People’s University event. Another request for the same event was held to have AS present for the dialogues. Dickson reminded the Senate that it is currently elections season, which means that while in the office, elections cannot be discussed and support of other candidates must be hidden while in the office. Voting was also mentioned by Dickson, because the turn out for voting will be a direct reflection on the current Senate. Jason Fitzger and Dickson will both be out of the office this week and next week. Fitzger leaves Friday, so any last minute changes need to be met before then. Stipends for the officers were missing, and the situation has been rectified. The new stipends are going to be released on Friday after 3 pm. Fitzger alerted the Senate’s attention that the new applications are online to hold positions for the office in jump, ASP, Student Government, Accounting, and Event Staff. There are cards by the inboxes to hand out to interested students. You cannot be an officer and hold a staff position at the same time. Chair Kosty closed the Senate meeting to really reach out to students and to push new agenda items now rather than later.

VIII. Adjournment - Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

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

Amanda Kosty, Chair of the Senate