Associated Students
Sonoma State University

SENATE MEETING
Friday, October 25th, 2013
1:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Student Union

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) AS-1.42.13.14 2013-14 AS Budget Revision: Approval of a revision to the 2013-14 AS Budget (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   c) AS-R.44.13.14 Corporate Resolution on Bank Signature Authority: Approval of a resolution establishing signature authority for the AS checking account and procedures for large amount checks (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   d) AS-1.45.13.14 Approval of Annual Operating Reserve: Approval of use of up to $40,000 of the Annual Operating Reserve to address revenue shortfall in the Children’s School fund (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   e) AS-1.46.13.14 Acceptance of the 2012-13 Audit and Basic Financial Statements: Accepting the audit findings and presentation of the basic financial statements (as of June 30, 2013) by our external auditor Pisenti & Brinker, LLP. (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   f) AS-R.30.13.14 Resolution on Remuneration of Officers: Approval of a resolution to establish remuneration amounts for AS officers effective in the 2014-15 term (Action)
      i) Discussion
      ii) Action
   g) AS-47.13.14 Updated Club Grant Policy (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
V. Items for the Good of the Order
VI. Adjournment

Posted on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013 at the AS Senate Office by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes  
MEMBERS PRESENT Bianca Zamora, Tyler Davis, Anthony Gallino, Luke Tesluk, Mallory Rice, Sara Dinari, Matt Dougherty, Libby Dippel, Allison Jenks, Annie Green, Angie Durkee, Mac Hart, Iman Rashed  

MEMBERS ABSENT Sarah Anthony  

OTHERS PRESENT Justin Gomez, Erik Dickson, Richard Senghas  

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate at 1:03 PM.  

II. Roll Call  

III. Public Comment- John Michael Vincent Coralde was formally recognized as the recipient of the 2013 CSU Trustee’s Award for Outstanding Achievement.  

IV. Business  

a) AS-I.42.13.14 2013-14 AS Budget Revision: Approval of a revision to the 2013-14 AS Budget (Action)  
   i) Discussion- Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty gave an overview of each item in the narrative. Clarification was given on club grants and the timing and rationale of the additional funds. Student staffing and the management of office hours was addressed by Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino. Concerns were mentioned over the costs for a professional staff search that was also addressed. Mac Hart commended the formatting of the budget.  
   ii) Action  
   Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to approve the AS Budget Revision, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis.  
   12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions  

b) AS-R.43.13.14 Corporate Resolution on Emergency Closure of the Children’s School: Approval of a request for an Emergency Closure Allowance for the Sept. 5’ 2013 closure of the Children’s School (Action)  
   i) Discussion- Executive Director Erik Dickson provided clarification on the necessity of this resolution. Senator Mallory Rice asked about the process required to apply for CDE funding. Cleaning items were addressed by Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino.
ii) Action
Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to approve AS-R.43.13.14:
Corporate Resolution on Emergency Closure of the Children’s School, Seconded by
President Mac Hart.
12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

c) AS-R.44.13.14 Corporate Resolution on Bank Signature Authority: Approval of a
resolution establishing signature authority for the AS checking account and procedures
for large amount checks (Action)
i) Discussion- Executive Director Erik Dickson provided clarification on the university
policy and why the resolution needs to adjust this policy in order to reflect university
procedure.
ii) Action
(1) Senator Angie Durkee moved to add the word “different” after the word “two”
in the first Therefore statement, Seconded by Senator Sara Dinari.
12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Senator Tyler Davis moved to approve AS-R.44.13.14: Corporate Resolution on Bank
Signature Authority, Seconded by Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino.
12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

d) AS-I.45.13.14 Approval of Annual Operating Reserve: Approval of use of up to $40,000
of the Annual Operating Reserve to address revenue shortfall in the Children’s School
fund (Action)
i) Discussion- Clarification was given on the purpose of the resolution by Vice-
President of Finance Matt Dougherty. Executive Director Erik Dickson provided more
insight on the nature of the shortfall. Dr. Richard Senghas provided context to the
impact of the federal sequester on our operations. Senator Angie Durkee raised
concerns over the amount in the reserve. Dickson clarified the rarity of these types
of requests. Questions on the timeline of such a request were addressed by
Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino.
ii) Action
Senator Mallory Rice moved to approve AS-I.45.13.14: Approval of Annual Operating
Reserve, Seconded by Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino.
12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

e) AS-I.46.13.14 Acceptance of the 2012-13 Audit and Basic Financial Statements:
Accepting the audit findings and presentation of the basic financial statements (as of
June 30, 2013) by our external auditor Pisenti & Brinker, LLP. (Action)
i) Discussion- Executive Director Erik Dickson provided relevance of what the Senate
should pay attention to. Senator Tyler Davis asked for priority items that they should
be aware of. Dickson noted that there was no deficiencies, etc. It was stressed that
the senators that they need to be plugged into the corporation they run for the well-
being of the corporation.
ii) Action
Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to approve AS-I.46.13.14:
Acceptance of the 2012-2013 Audit and Basic Financial Statements, Seconded by
Senator Tyler Davis.
12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
f) AS-R.30.13.14 Resolution on Remuneration of Officers: Approval of a resolution to establish remuneration amounts for AS officers effective in the 2014-15 term (Action)

i) Discussion - Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino presented the importance of taking the Personnel Committee’s recommendations into account. Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty clarified the rationale of a stepped increase over five years. Dougherty provided additional insight on how the personnel committee arrived to the recommendation, commenting on the research and rationale behind it. Dougherty pointed out that the recommendation was non-binding. Dr. Richard Senghas commented on the potential of future adjustments based on the cost of living and how the resolution looks politically-wise with gradual increase overtime. Senator Allison Jenkins asked about the rationale behind 9 months and Gallino provided clarification. Dougherty expressed concern over the increased amount that executive officers would be receiving too. Senator Tyler Davis expressed support for the increase and the fiscal burden it relieves.

ii) Action

(1) Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to replace the first therefore clause of the resolution with the first recommended therefore clause, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis. There was discussion on the concern over CPI as a long term solution presented by Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty and the timeline of the conversion.

11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Rice not present)

(2) Senator Annie Green moved to add a third therefore clause stating “Let it hereby be resolved that the 2019-2020 Senate reevaluate the monthly remuneration according to the Consumer Price Index.”, Seconded by Senator Bianca Zamora. There was discussion of massive support for kicking the cans down the road expressed by President Mac Hart and Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino.

12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

(3) Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to replace the second therefore clause with the second recommended clause, Seconded by Senator Libby Dippel.

12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

(4) Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty moved to amend the second therefore clause to increase "$675" to "$775" and reduce "$40" to "$20", Seconded by Senator Sara Dinari. During discussion, Dougherty presented his rationale which was challenged by Senator Annie Green. Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino expressed his dissent for the amendment. Senator Angie Durkee expressed her desire for a similar raise for senators.

1 aye (Dougherty), 11 nays, 0 abstentions

The Senate took a 10 minute break at 3:26 PM.

(5) Executive Vice-President Anthony Gallino moved to approve AS-R.30.13.14: Increase of Remuneration for Senators of the Associated Students, Seconded by Senator Mallory Rice. Executive Director Erik Dickson questioned affordability to the board. Questions on projected revenue were asked by Senator Sara Dinari.

(a) During discussion, Senator Bianca Zamora moved to replace “senators” with “officers” in the last therefore clause, Seconded by Senator Tyler Davis.

11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Hart not present)

11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions (Gallino not present)
g) AS-47.13.14 Updated Club Grant Policy (Discussion)
   i) Discussion- Vice-President of Finance Matt Dougherty provided overview of the
   major changes made and the rationale behind them. He also informed the senators
   of prior years’ spending patterns and flaws within the current policy. Proposed
   amendments were given to each section.

V. Items for the Good of the Order
VI. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 4:57
PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on 6/3/10.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate