

Associated Students of Colorado State University

Forty-Fifth Senate

Sixteenth Session

January 20, 2016

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Gallery Input
- V. Consent Agenda
 - 1/20/2016 Minutes
 - i. Minutes approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
- VII. Executive Reports
 - Director Truitt: ATFAB will be starting next week on Tuesday at 5:15. February 16th at 4pm will be a signing event for sustainability.
 - Deputy Director Siri: Working on a sponsor for the blue books, updating the test files, and creating the curriculum for the first year seminar. If you are interested in one of the themes please come talk to us.
 - Chief of Staff: Please put all food trash in the kitchen and clean up the area. If you want to know any of the items that executive members are working on, come talk to us.
 - Director King: Day at the Capital is coming up and sign-ups are due soon and will be February 10th. I will be having a state affairs meeting to talk about items that are going on at the state level.
- VIII. Judicial Reports
- IX. Legislative Officer Reports

- Membership Officer Lensky: We are doing a calendar with many people throughout the organization. This calendar will have dates for all of the branches that everyone will be able to see. Internal committee are meeting and please attend these. We are also tracking external committees. Office hours are on line and fill those out.
- Speaker pro Tempore Seel: There will be an email going out soon with the link to the office hours. Please follow the food trash rule.

X. Senator Reports

- Constitutional Task Force: We have divided up the report into sections that are represented to the respected branches. We are trying to make the constitution smaller that relies more on the by-laws. We are going to make some of the changes to the process of amending the constitution to make it a little tougher. My email is spencernolan4@gmail.com.
- Senator Bryan: I have made the decision that I do not enough time as a senator and will be stepping down to an associate senator role.
- Senator Gregory: I am captain for a St. Jude event and will need some captains to help me in this event. I am looking to set up an ASCSU table to help with this event. If you are interested, please come talk to me.
- Senator Harrison: I am on a planning committee for the 'TILT' event for arts within the academics. This is open to everyone. The theme is global justice. If you are interested, please talk to me or Senator Kealey. The submission date is March 4th.

XI. Associate Senator Reports

XII. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members

- Director of Outreach- Steven Losolla
- Deputy Director of Outreach- Sam Hughes
 - i. We went through the applications and held interviews for five candidates. These were the best candidates for these positions.
 - ii. Steven Losolla: Loved my time with my previous department and looking forward to stepping into this role.
 - iii. Sam Hughes: My biggest role is communication and want to continue that here
 - iv. Questions:
 1. Senator Prochazka: What is your time commitments?

- a. Steven: My schedule is has allowed for time in the office and will be able to make the time commitment and not worried about that.
- b. Sam: I have a very flexible schedule and like to get involved and looking forward to this.

v. Vote

1. Both are ratified into respected positions

- Ratification of Senators and Associate Senators
 - i. Senator of Health and Human Sciences – Remy Altman

XIII. Confidence Business

XIV. Committee Reports

- Internal Affairs – We met on Monday and did not have any legislation. We talked about ideas for the future. We did elect a new vice chair and Christopher is that person.
- External Affairs – We will have our first meeting tomorrow in the senate chambers. We don't have any legislation.
- University Issues - We met today at 2:00 and selected Senator Rhine as the vice chair. We did not have any legislation.

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

- Bill #4512 ASCSU Mission Statement
 - i. Bill #4512 brought to the floor for discussion
 - ii. Bill #4512 read by Parliamentarian Miller
 - iii. Presentation of Bill
 1. This is a mission statement bill. This is part of my calling for being in this organization. This will hopefully bring all of us together.
 - iv. Questions
 1. President Sydoriak: I sent some suggestions and talk about that.
 2. Senator Bryan: Why is there no student's voice in the mission?

- a. I want to keep it broad so that it can be interpreted in different ways.
 - 3. Senator McConnell: What about the length?
 - a. We worked on it a little more after that last meeting and made significant changes to the wording and shortened it a little bit.
- v. Discussion/Debate
 - 1. Senator Bryan: There should be some sort of governing portion
 - 2. Deputy Director Siri: I echo previous speaker
 - 3. Senator Prochazka: I like the mission statement but thinks it does need some tweaking still. We do more than writing bills.
- vi. Sent to University Issues
- Res. #4513 Supplemental Funding Bill
 - i. Resolution #4513 adopted to the floor for discussion
 - ii. Resolution #4513 read by Parliamentarian Miller
 - iii. Presentation
 - 1. One thing that you won't realize is where to put the money. It is difficult of where to put the money without knowing where the initiatives will come from. We are able to correct the mistakes and fix that by giving money to the correct initiatives. This will make our organization more efficient. It give the directors to effectively spend money. Some areas that were misrepresented in funds were the elections manager, marketing, governmental affairs, health, office supplies, environmental affairs, supreme court, and office of the President.
 - iv. Questions
 - 1. Associate Senator: Does the left over money go to the other accounts?
 - a. It goes into the next administration budget
 - 2. Senator Bruce: When will we see you again if we run out of money? How can you ensure this will be different?

- a. The legal retainer fee was informing you. I can tell you that this has been one of the most conservative of the past administrations when it comes to spending money. You will not see another supplemental bill.
 3. Senator Harrison: Why were numbers so far off?
 - a. I can't have the foresight of new initiatives. Roll overs have happened in the past and I believe that the fees that student pay now should receive the benefits from the fees. We will still be conservative. I just don't have the foresight for what will come up.
 4. Senator Harrison: What was the roll over from last year?
 - a. It was a lot and was close to 130 thousand. We need to benefit the students now. I don't see the point for asking for more student fees.
- v. Discussion/Debate
1. Friendly amendments to 1500 to the health budget and grammatical amendments.
 - a. Passed
 2. Senator Lensky: They are doing a phenomenal job in their departments and have exceeded expectations. You can't allocate for that. I am for this bill.
 3. Senator Nolan: I am sucker for health and mental health. I have no problem pushing this through. I support a yes vote
 4. Gallery: The biggest changes were to marketing. She allocated her own funds to some of the departments to help them out. This would help them out. Most of the directors are creating new events such as the dinner series and this will help them continue to produce these events. You cannot really predict the future and have the money that is being discussed.
 5. Gallery: We did promote everyone's events. This was something that was not done last year and events were under promoted. So we decided to change that and could get everything advertised and promoted. There is a short turnaround from election to create a

budget and is hard to provide concrete figures. There is a learning curve to this process.

6. Associate Senator Vaishampyan: I don't think there would be a President to serve for more than one term and have those numbers figured out. He is requesting 20,000 dollars and is a small value compared to the pool. We have the money and should be using it.
7. Senator Beck-Doss: I echo previous speakers. We have a massive senate general fund and would still keep us in the safe zone.
8. Gallery: There will still be some events still going on in the semester. I would recommend to caution yourselves.

vi. Vote

1. Roll Call Vote

- a. Passes with unanimous consent

• Res. #4514 Gun Violence Memorandum

- i. Resolution #4514 adopted to the floor for discussion
- ii. Resolution #4514 read by Parliamentarian Miller
- iii. Presentation

1. Good evening Senate. I would like to say some carefully chosen words. I read this so that I remain on point. At 11:50pm, on July 19th 2012, I walked to my midnight desk job in Parmelee to what I hoped would be an uneventful night. Instead, thirty minutes into my shift, all the new incoming students started getting texts and calls from friends, spreading the news of the tragedy that, as I learned, claimed the lives of two of my friends. I went to the memorial services, paid my respects at the site, and clung to every word of the trial of James Eagan Holmes. I am not alone who mourned. It is in my unprofessional, civilian opinion that this incident could have been avoided, but I understand hindsight is 20/20. Additionally, I lost two more friends last year to negligence with firearms while cleaning them. I think this too could have been preventable and another two memorial services that I could have avoided going to. While I lived these terrible events, suffered through them, I am also a member of the National Rifle Association. I enjoy competitions, I'm in a rimfire league, and enjoy going out to the Pawnee National Grassland to go

shooting. I'd like to think that I am a very cautious and responsible firearm owner and user since I always keep the rules in mind. This is why Senator Williams and I bring this topic to you all. There have been too many incidents regarding firearms and there are some interesting conversations going on nationwide. I think it is time to start one here and I have 104,526 reasons in two years to have this conversation. While I am biased by experience, Senator Josh Williams is more than capable of leading the discussion and make sure that it is not reduced to political polarized muck. Before we call to action, I wish to discuss which actions we can take and have many voices heard and represented. Additionally, it would be a honor to have congresspersons, representatives, mayors, and community leaders to attend and participate in this conversation, and thus, I ask you all to consider this resolution that was written by the External Committee as a whole and myself. This resolution is written with the memories of those who are not with us today. I will now yield to Senator Williams. We are open to questions and points of clarification.

2. Within the Resolution, we call for the external committee to create this event. We will continue to do this with the passing of the resolution

iv. Questions

1. Senator Harrison: Was there any discussions for mediators or experts?
 - a. We have not considered that yet and are still in the planning phase of this event. We are planning to do something of an open forum would be beneficial.
2. Senator Rhine: What can you do to with changes?
 - a. We wanted to keep it vague and have create a space for a real discussion. We can also talk about where this will be going and not be bound by a piece of paper.
3. Deputy Director Siri: How are you going to get the word out?
 - a. We are working with the Departments of community affairs and governmental affairs. We will be working to advertise ourselves. We didn't want to dictate the types of outreach in

the resolution and left that up to the committee to determine that as well as the date.

4. Gallery: I encourage you to be specific as it is something that could go sideways very fast.
5. Senator Bruce: I echo the gallery. If you were to further specify this, how would you do that?
 - a. That is why we kept it vague. We will add things but will be cautious of political views and limit concerns.

v. Discussion/Debate

1. Senator Harbert: Thank you for this resolution as it is close to my heart.
2. Senator McConnell: Before this bill came on the floor, I was against it and after the presentation, I want to throw my support behind this resolution. We need to talk about these events in order to work to these events stopping. It could go wayside really quick so I ask everyone to be mature.
3. Director King: Before it goes to committee, I would like to see a list of what people would like to go into the resolution during the committee.
4. Gallery: I would like to see ideas for policy and things to happen in the future within this aspect. I recommend you read the law that was passed in California in regards to mental health and gun safety.
5. Speaker Seel: I will send a revised form of the resolution of the committee and will like to see some things established

vi. Sent to Internal Committee

XVII. Announcements

- President Sydoriak: We are working on some documents for the U+2 reform. IN February we will be starting to collect signatures. Please talk to Director Kendall and Director Losolla if you want to get involved. I helped draft the diversity bill during IEC and will be presented soon. If you want to see the document, please contact the leadership offices. I will be in talks of a campus safety advisory committee and think that some of the talk we are having will be beneficial. I decided to postpone the funding to the course survey changes due to not being able to overcome the biases towards women and minorities. I am not in support of that.

- Senator Bruce: There is a puppy missing and there are posters in the office and help spread the word.
- Senator Williams: Liberal Arts Dean's Council will be meeting this Friday and will be meeting bi-weekly. We will be working on a more concrete date and time.
- Associate Senator Worcester: The 17th annual CVMBS conference will be held on Saturday.
- Senator Lensky: New senators find us after senate. The dinner series are starting and next month is Blanche Hughes. If you have programs or events, please talk to us and outreach. If you are a part of college councils, please talk about what happens in senate and bring ideas from your councils. There are a lot of issues with office hours and lets fix it.
- Associate Seantor Horowitz: February 5th is an event for Black History Month. For more information, please talk to me.
- Director Balster: The dinner series is more of an intimate event to have conversations and get to know more of the administration and people here at the university. Please spread the word and the information you learn from these events. These people are great resources for the future. I see a lot of people that were not here for the collegian insert. If you are in that group, please come find me and we will get that fixed. We have a standing meeting every Thursday in regards to upcoming events and will then spread those out. It will be on the calendar and also through email.
- Director King: I am chair of UFAB we have proposals for 3 million dollars collectively and will be giving you updates about those.
- Vice President Dugger: I have a few spots in SFRB available if you are looking for an external committee. If you are interested, the retreat for this committee is this Saturday. If you are interested, please talk to me.
- Speaker pro Tempore Seel: We are going to establish an executive senator position from all of the councils to be more of a liaison position. Next week there will be a diversity bill. If you want to look at the bill, please ask to see it. It still needs some revisions. There will be an email going out tomorrow about committees and office hours.
- YAY BOX

XVIII. Roll Call

XIX. Adjournment