

Associated Students of Colorado State University

Forty-Fifth Senate

Nineteenth Session

February 10, 2016

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Gallery Input
- V. Consent Agenda
 - 2/3/2016 Minutes
 - i. Minutes were approved
- VI. Guest Speakers
 - Presidential Ambassadors
 - i. My name is Zach and Caleb. We are a team of 14 students to represent the office of President and were founded in 2006. We engage with donors with our stories of experience from Colorado State University. Through this program, we get to attend a lot of big events. Philanthropy is a big part of Presidential Ambassadors and we see Colorado State University as our cause. One of my favorite event was attending the bowl game. There are several opportunities for personal and professional development through these events. Along with the growth, there is a large networking opportunity through these events. So we are going to have some recruitment events coming up. Through these events, you will get to mingle with current Presidential Ambassadors to ask questions and is a business casual event. We ask that you please RSVP to the events. There is a mandatory 3.0 cumulative GPA requirement or 2.75 GPA from the previous semester.
- VII. Executive Reports

- Deputy Director Siri: I know some of you have concerns about the GPA requirement for ASCSU. If you have questions or concerns, I would be glad to talk to you about that.
- President Sydoriak: There was a heavy focus on CSU-Pueblo in the Board of Governors meeting. The CSU system has bought eight parcels of land on Whitcomb. They are doing this to expand the road due to the stadium traffic and make it safer for alternative transportation. Traditionally we take cuts of 90-10 with CSU taking the larger load. There is talk of CSU taking more of the load in these cuts but is not likely.

VIII. Judicial Reports

- Chief Justice Dannemiller: Working with Andrei, we are finalizing the numbers of Senate seats for the next senate session. Andrei will be making a presentation about this and senators running for re-election. It is not a horrible process but is necessary. The Supreme Court is looking at the numbers from the registrar's office and found some discrepancy between the numbers and think that is due to double counting. If you have any questions, please stop by.

IX. Legislative Officer Reports

- Senator Lensky: The spreadsheet for meeting timeslots is completed and will be going out soon. This is once I receive all of the emails to send the document to.

X. Senator Reports

XI. Associate Senator Reports

XII. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members

- Associate Justice – Brittney Rondello
 - i. Presentation:
 1. This is Brittany Rodello and is applying for an Associate Justice position. She has an interest in a law field.
 - ii. Vote
 1. iClicker
 - a. Ratification passed
- BSOF – Sarah Bruce
 - i. Presentation

1. We decided that Sarah would be the best fit for the open vacancy on the BSOF committee. I think she has done a phenomenal job as a senator. She is impartial in decisions and is passionate what she does.
2. I have very little experience in finance. I tend to be more on the conservative side and will use that to the allocation of money.

ii. Questions:

1. Senator Lensky: Are there any time conflicts?
 - a. I have Thursdays as an open day so it looks like it is meant to fit in there.
2. Senator Hilaire: What is your interpretation of impartiality?
 - a. I aim to represent my constituents to the best of ability. I do get passionate about what I do but maintain that to an impartial sense.

iii. Vote:

1. iClicker
 - a. ratified to committee
- Senators and Associate Senators: Flint Corliss (College of Agricultural Sciences, Senator), Jessica Teal (Associate Senator for Health and Human Sciences), Zoe Austermann (College of Engineering, Associate Senator)
 - i. All were ratified to respected offices

XIII. Confidence Business

XIV. Committee Reports

- Internal Affairs – We met as normal and had the bill from two senate sessions ago. We toned down a lot of the information and focused more on facts and proven information. We inserted a therefore clause to help inform what the roundtable is created to do.
- External Affairs – Nothing to report.
- University Issues – We didn't have quorum for our last meeting. We were not able to vote on some stuff we want to see.

XV. Old Business

- Resolution #4513 In Memoriam
 - i. Resolution #4513 was adopted for discussion
 - ii. Parliamentarian Miller read Resolution #4513
 - iii. Discussion/Debate
 1. All amendments made in committee were adopted with a vote of 19:0:1
 2. Senator Bruce: There is an organization called the National Issues Organization and have a form draft that is nonpartisan and would be beneficial in the roundtable.
 3. Senator Williams: Should this pass, we will start making this event happen with logistics starting to be set and delegated. We have been working with the Department of Governmental Affairs and the Department of Community Affairs. We will also be advertising this event through the Marketing Department. I urge a yes vote on this resolution.
 4. Senator Hansen: What is the amount of student feedback?
 - a. The students I have talked to but are open to the idea. They think the discussion is not being had and are excited it is being done in a nonpartisan way.
 5. Senator Hilaire: We did discuss this at the last graduate meeting and the discussion was positive.
 - iv. Vote
 1. Motion passes with a vote of 21:0:4

XVI. New Business

- Bill #4514 The Diversity Bill
 - i. Bill #4514 adopted for discussion
 - ii. Parliamentarian read Bill #4514
 - iii. Presentation of Bill
 1. We have a bill that truly embodies the values of this body, campus, and institution. We are about removing barriers allowing everyone to have a chance to participate. The IEC has failed in its mission

to remove barriers. I think this is the first step in this process. At first these positions would be representatives but that does not solve the problem. This bill would be a direct representation about what the students of this campus wants. There are revisions that still need to be made. It doesn't solve everything but is a first step. I just want to reiterate a point of why don't they become senators. There are barriers that we cannot see and only the people facing them can see.

2. I presented a bill similar to this in 2013 and was voted to be postponed indefinitely. I went back to the drawing board and asked what would work. We had a time limit to create something by the end of the year. Some people that were a part of the non-voting positions are still here in the organization today. I thought that we were making steps in the right direction. These positions did not have a body to report to and that is why the IEC was created. That is where we are today. The discussions have been done and the research has been completed. It means a lot to people and the offices here. There is a slight error in regards to ratification but can be fixed. There would be nine new senators and nine associate senators. The importance is to realize is that you all have a lot of identities and diversity. You all are doing great work and the people that you invite to this organization resemble yourself. With this bill will bring new discussions and new bills to bring change. We have this gap and can close it within the next few weeks.

iv. Questions:

1. Senator Lensky: What do you see that this new IEC will be doing that the current one is not?
 - a. The IEC would act as the college council that they would report to like any senator would. It is already in the executive by-laws and would recommended to be put in the legislative by-laws.
 - b. We would remove it from the constitution and would be put in the by-laws. It would then be allowed to be more flexible and adapt to current times.

2. Senator Williams: Why did you have the senators appointed by the offices and not elected? Does that not create two separate two separate classes?
 - a. That is one thing that can be revised. We do not have the mechanisms for people to representatives of certain people. They represent perspectives of people and we cannot elect people based on that. The majority of the senators that are put into this room. The majority of senators that are here went through the college councils which is not democratic to be blunt.
3. Associate Senator Vaishampayan: Can you elaborate on the concerns of the offices?
 - a. They wanted to see that we are ensuring to accommodate these issues through other mechanisms. This is not treated as the end all. There is other work that needs to be done. They felt some conflict that these people would receive this prestige to serve these offices and have a different effect in this body.
4. Senator Bruce: What about all of the religious and monetary minorities?
 - a. This bill is not perfect and won't solve everything. This is just the first step. There is a foundation within the offices that we have mentioned so far. This allows us to have an initial step and then build from there. The university have created these offices as these areas have been significantly oppressed and was place to start. There are populations being left out at this moment but is a place to start growing to reaching out to these areas.
5. Associate Senator Durazo: Would the new council sit all 18 positions?
 - a. The senators would have the same requirements and would not be able to count IEC as a committee they sit on. They would report to this committee and their respective offices.

6. Senator Williams: Is one person just enough to represent these identities?
 - a. It will not completely represent every person. Over time, it will. It will be connecting offices and getting information out and being able to talk about these topics. It is our purpose to go to these other areas and get that student input from across campus and be the representatives that we are supposed to be.
7. Senator Beck-Doss: How can we ensure that the people appointed by the office will feel comfortable here and progress?
 - a. We will be preparing these representatives through these offices through training and a possible culture shock. Things are never perfect. There are going to be mistakes made on either side but will work to find a more cohesive body. Once it gets going, it will become seamless and will be a tradition. It is what you all make it.
8. Senator Hansen: How do you feel it is an additional layer of vetting?
 - a. As a member of the College of Liberal Arts, I felt comfortable sitting down with those people. It is an extra barrier for the IEC as it is not a place where they came from. It is a process of taking care of them and making sure they feel comfortable. We wanted the IEC to be so much more than what it currently is. Look at the result. Are there any IEC representatives here? The committee never really took off. If you ask most students what ASCSU is, most of them don't even know.

v. Discussion/Debate

1. Associate Senator Durazo: I think that the idea behind it is really great. The two major problems are this doesn't represent smaller groups and ASCSU is a privilege to be here. There are some amendments that could be made to fix these problems.

2. Gallery: You joined your college council and most of the time there is not a contest to these seats. Anyone can be a representative.
3. Senator Bruce: There is no power without a vote. That statement is insulting. We need to honor a voices. Beyond that, there are a lot of religious groups that not being represented. These can be fixed through amendments. Anyone can run for these positions.
4. Senator Lensky: I echo previous speaker. In my time in my office, I do not remember having an encounter with the STSP office. I am willing to respect them as representative but have not seen them come to us. Before this bill comes, we have to have a discussion about getting them involved in ASCSU. The authors have presented this but where is everyone else? I respect this bill but we need to have to have a discussion. This won't change the culture. The problems will be resolved through discussion.
5. Senator Prochazka: The majority of engineers are white males. Why should someone go through another office when my college cannot do so? At one point I was not a part of the engineering college council and did not feel comfortable doing that. I still went. I do not think that comfortability should be a factor.
6. Gallery: This is the wrong way to look at this. They do not feel welcomed coming here and talking about these topics.
7. Gallery: We should not put being not comfortable on them. It is our values that we should come to them with open arms to participate with us. I want to think about the words you use in this discussion.
8. Associate Senator Dicharry: I do whole heartily support diversity in senate. If it is unwelcomeness, we should fix that within senate first.
9. Associate Senator Wright: I think it has a good mission. It does have a dark assumption. It says that I don't want to come here because it mainly white people. It is important to me that we get pass this. I was nervous to go to my college council. I can't full-heartily get behind a bill like this. It is hard to see things from

other people's perspectives. We need to address the core symptoms of this problem.

10. Senator Hilaire: There are first generation students here. Every university has programs to help these students as it is a hard process for not being accepted. Just think about that. Yes it is a privilege to serve here but for the underprivileged, it is a barrier. I whole heartily agree with the smaller groups and would love to see something move forward with this. You have to start with small steps before you can achieve perfection.
11. Gallery: When you do not hold the identity, it is hard to see the perspective. They read the paper today and then do not want to come here. What happens when you are bilingual and want to come here and are afraid that the people will not understand you? That is what it feels like. I was here when I was the only black person here. We have worked hard. We have integrated people into this body. This is a bold step and there are people willing to talk with you. There are people coming here that were not able to do great work before and go and do that somewhere else. Or would you rather have them do that work here. We are here to break down barriers.
12. Senator Hansen: I will echo previous speaker. We will never find a perfect bill. This will not kill everything in one try. It is a first step. One thing I found most ironic is that we don't have barriers where it was publicized on the front page of the Collegian. People were not comfortable here and have problems. We are having the exact same problems that are being discussed for the past three years. We are the voice.
13. Senator Harrison: I would like to say in response to previous speakers is that our system is broken. People do not come to our body because we are not welcoming. There has to be a lot of research and literature to prove that these are not real. Theory would dictate that a small action like this can make a lot of change. It is going to happen. I echo previous speakers about not a quick fix. It is fixed in small changes. Your personal experience is your personal experience. Please keep these dynamics in mind.

14. Senator Beck-Doss: I echo previous speakers. This bill will not fix everything and is a step in the right direction. This is the step we must take. This needs to go through.
15. Senator Kealy: It is important that these offices that the people the title is named after. It is a resource to learn about other people that we share the classroom with. Do we want to be a reflection of our country's government? What do we want the next generation to think? Do we want them to see that we made a change or that we put this on the backburner? Do we just write bills or make change and progress here? Kwon has worked tirelessly on this issue and urged that this needs to be discussed. Our differences are what brings us together. We need to come all the way to them. No one should come to us to ask what we can do for them. This bill needs serious consideration and discussion.
16. Gallery: We are an office that works for the student voice. I am really confused as what harm it is going to bring by bringing more voices to this area. I don't think this is a bill to be arguing about.
17. Senator Williams: Diversity is not your skin color, gender, and sexual orientation. Your diversity is your background and experiences. We all have different backgrounds. I am all for diversity. I am not here for diversity that was created in the presentation of the bill. The definition needs to be altered before it has my support.
18. Senator Tolan: This is a step in the right direction.
19. Associate Osterman: I think it is a way to think about barriers between people who are seeing the barriers where the others are not. Just because it is not our truth does not mean it is not a truth.
20. Director Losolla: I am appalled by this discussion. I was wrong in my assumptions. As the gallery mentioned, what do you guys have to lose besides your spots. You are here to serve the students. By taking away these sports you are doing a disservice to them. Coming into this body is not easy for anyone. Give the chance for people to speak on their behalves. Make the change.
21. Senator Harbert: I authored a bill about the mission statement. This bill helps fulfill this mission statement.

22. Senator Conley: I echo previous speakers.
23. Deputy Director Siri: I am very much appalled by this discussion. I see no reason to why we cannot do this. Change is difficult and change is scary. If people see barriers that means that they do exists. You need to respect what they say.
24. Associate Senator Dicharry: There have been previous speakers about what is there to lose. This bill seems to bypass the root of the issue. I think that we need to fix the root.
25. Gallery: This bill is important to the body but also need to change the body. We need to do both. People in this office feel unwelcomed. If people who work here feel unwelcomed, how do people outside of here feel?
26. Associate Senator Durazo: This is an important thing to do. My major problem is that smaller groups would want a voice. I just ran for a senator seat and had three other people running against me. I hope that my amendment can fix these problems.
27. Gallery: There are few comments about that are being made. I am glad that we can acknowledge this and students have brought attention to these issues and have not done anything about it.
28. Senator Lensky: My fear is that it echo previous speakers. It is a first step but doesn't address the root of the problem. I am worried that no one will run at all. Who is going to run for these positions if the root of the problem is still there?
29. Gallery: They would come. It is not a matter of will they, they want to represent these offices. For all of you here, you have a passion for these issues. Diversity is a passion that other students have and will want to represent these areas. It is not about being racist or being privilege. You need to check your privilege but understand these. It takes time. The best way to understand it is by asking how your privilege affects others. This bill will do some much good. While in committee, please do not change the entire bill like the previous senate. If you make significant changes, it could the entirety of the bill.

30. Associate Senator Wright: I would like to say that we need to get away from the culture argument. I think there are barriers. We should have these representatives here and need to frame it in a different way. I don't believe there is a culture. There are good people here with good values and need to accept new people.
31. Senator Hilaire: I am not appalled by the discussion but welcome it. I don't anyone is afraid of new voices. The issues are more of the process. I challenge you to focus on perception. When I first became a senator, I was told that we seek to mimic the US government. You may not be discriminatory individually but can be seen that way as a process. This bill very much identifies the root problem. It is a partial solution to the problem. It is an onion. You need to chip away at the layers until you get to the center.
32. Senator Hansen: I don't believe in Jesus. That does not believe he is not real. I have noticed that there is a lot of I think and I feel statement. How many of you have gotten student input about this bill. From the people I have talked to, I have only gotten positive feedback.
33. Senator Bruce: I would like to honor everything that has been said. I would like to encourage the body to avoid drama and look at the discussion.
34. Associate Senator Vaishampayan: There is a lot of good discussion. We represent students but are student ourselves. If we already have these people here, they would be able to give the points that they are seeing. They are not here and is limiting the discussion. I think that it would change the culture and would be able have insight on these issues.
35. Senator Prochazka: I do keep hearing the same points over and over again.
36. Senator Kealy: What we need to realize is that we do not get to define the culture. This is something that we need to do. It is based on action. I don't see the problems of representation. These are students and represent diverse backgrounds. We should focus on the process. The process is a bit of an issue on the bill.

37. Associate Senator Horwitz: This was a really good discussion. We were pointing out faults. That is what amendments for.

vi. Bill was sent internal committee

XVII. Announcements

- Senator Prochazka: If you cannot make the internal committee, send me your comments and amendments to bring up.
- Senator Williams: External meets tomorrow to work on the roundtable. LADLC was supposed to meet this week and I goofed. It will meet next week and will be back on schedule. Thanks for the great evening.
- Senator Gregory: During this senate session, the last week we have raised the most money from my group out of all the groups so far. So thank you.
- Associate Senator Wright: I wanted to say thanks to everyone for being here. If you want to talk please come to me about anything.
- YAY BOX

XVIII. Roll Call

XIX. Adjournment