

Associated Students of Colorado State University

Forty-Fifth Senate

Twenty-Second Session

March 2, 2016

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge

III. Roll Call

IV. Gallery Input

- Good evening, the big reason I am here tonight is the voting for the diversity bill. I heard there is an idea to block the bill to be voted on. I ask for you to think with your heart and mind tonight and that you are acting the way you preach. Last week we were all here and discussed why this bill is important. We are here to make sure that the voice of the students is represented. We are calling on you to make the right choice tonight. I hope that tonight you will make the right decision.
- Our primary goal is to enhance students within our group. We are successful by providing opportunities. I am excited for the opportunity to offer a leadership position in ASCSU. We have the opportunity to give students a chance in this area. I know students in our office are more informed now than they have ever been. Having these representatives is a start and a good start. Having diversity is a value not for a select few but for all. If you have any questions you can contact me.
- We all heard the arguments that were presented last week. It is important to have a voice. You can see what happens when people have the chance to make a change.
- I am only here to represent ALVS. I can only talk on behalf of ALVS and do not know what it is like for other people. I cannot make decisions based on other people that I am not familiar with. This speaks to why these groups needs a voice. I do understand the draw to opposing the voice. More senators dilutes

your vote. For us, it is much more of an emotional and needed thing rather than a political or numbers thing. See it from our side and see the need for the people that are here tonight. When you are voting, keep that in mind.

- I am a veteran and a student of the engineering college. The point of a university is to promote an environment that opens our horizons and makes us a more rounded individual and community. I would say that this bill makes positions that are needed. I do not readily identify with the college that I am in but more so with ALVS. I know people that are here and people that could not make it here need this bill. When it comes to the vote tonight, please think about these topics.
- I enjoy having an education and pursuing an education. This diversity will help people like myself to go to express my needs and concerns. I am not a typical student. Our society has changed and have different needs. We need to revamp our ideas and process. We all have different issues that are based on life decisions. It is a big challenge to overcome and can do so by working together. We may have different point of views but we are all here to get an education. I don't see how people without a similar background can make decisions on my behalf. I think that this diversity bill is a step in the right direction to make this happen.
- It is nice to see everyone again. We did have an approval last meeting and with less senators here I don't see why it would not pass again. We brought a crowd again and would like to see the people that said yes and meant it.
- Diversity at this university came before us and will extend well past us. Students have stood up to make the offices and to make change on campus. Make your vote count and be a part of the change. Make the vote not for us, not for you, but for the future.
- I came back as well to see the passing of the bill. This is huge and very impactful. We are speaking for this bill. Listening to the discussion last week, we swayed several people that were on the fence last week. If you are in opposition, please have discussion so we can talk about this. Please ask more questions and would like to talk to you. We came back and will do so in the future. Please vote in favor of this bill.
- For me I don't identify as an engineer but as an African American student. I ask you, what do you have to lose from passing the bill? I really hope you meant the votes that you made last week. Not passing this bill would mean losing our voices.

- I don't always spend time in the office but appreciate what they do and what they stand for. You guys all join going to represent us but we are asking for people to represent us.

V. Consent Agenda

- 2/24/2016 Minutes
 - i. Minutes were passed

VI. Guest Speakers

- Pranaya Sathe - Global Youth Leadership Forum
 - i. I am a senator here for the College of Liberal Arts. I was presented an opportunity to go to India and represent CSU. What this group does is hold a lot of humanitarian event to help people in need. The first event will be the Global Youth Leadership Forum. There will be 150 or so representatives to represent different countries and university. It will be aimed at talking about global peace and what we can do in the future. We will be covering how the current and future societies will be able to meet the needs of the world. Some of the categories that will be the topics for the forum will be Current and Far-Sighted, Humane and Digital, Global and National, Dynamic and Peaceful, and the last one is Ethical and Profitable. An interesting thing about this event are the speakers and what they represent and their experiences. We will have three members of congress that will attend. There are no universities going from Colorado with a student perspective. I will be talking about CSU and especially what it means from a student perspective. Three will be 3.5 million people that will be attending this event. A lot of the universities that will be attending this event are top tier institutes and will be important to voice our opinion. I will be going in a three part factor. I will be representing the city of Fort Collins, Colorado State University and also ASCSU. If you have any questions or ideas, I would be more than happy to talk to you about them.

1. Senator Horowitz: How are the universities picked?

- a. This was more of a sign up event and all you had to do was sign up for the event.

VII. Executive Reports

- Director Truitt: We conduct a waste audit and the LSC will be doing two this year. This information would be useful in creating a new program to reduce waste. We are in need of volunteer. It may be dirty but there is so cool swag.
- Director Clayton: For UFAB, if you are looking to add associate positions you have to talk to Clayton on that.
- Deputy Director Siri – We are working on updating the test files that we have available. We are also working on the first year seminar and would like to talk to anyone about this. We are also working on making blue books free.

VIII. Judicial Reports

IX. Legislative Officer Reports

X. Senator Reports

- Senator Horowitz: The undeclared college would like to do a panel for different majors and colleges available. If you are interested, please come talk to me.
- Senator Vaishampayan: Our college council met and approved funding to buildings.
- Senator Sathe: Our college council is meeting this week.
- Senator Nolan: The Mental Health Syllabus is coming the week after Spring Break.
- Senator Corliss: We are working on forming an Ag Council again and would represent all the clubs in our college. If you have any suggestions, come talk to us.
- Senator Prochazka: Senator Williams and I have been working on an alternative and would like to have help with this.
- Senator Horowitz: I am working on a bill that will be to using extra meal swipes to donate food. Any questions or want to help, please come talk to me.

XI. Associate Senator Reports

- SFRB met on Monday and had presentations from UCA and passed ram events. Please find a representative to talk to us about these events coming up. ATFAB met yesterday and talked about possible initiatives coming up.

- Associate Senator Wright: I would like to commend everyone that came out tonight. Rams for Refugees will be meeting Monday in here. We will be talking about some events coming up.

XII. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members

- Senators: Zachary Vaishampayan (CMVS), Evaline
- Associate Senators: Erika Bentz (College of Agricultural Sciences)
 - i. Senators were ratified into office
- Election Committee Members
 - i. Flint Corliss and Tyler Siri
 1. These two members demonstrated qualities that I am looking for in this committee. Tyler will help getting younger students to vote.
 2. I am Tyler Siri and currently on RHA and have connections to help candidates and committee to connect with these students. I think that it will help to get these students involved.
 3. I am Flint Corliss. I think this will be a great opportunity to help learn the process and bring back to this organization in the future.
 - ii. Discussion/Debate
 - iii. Members were elected to the committee

XIII. Confidence Business

XIV. Committee Reports

- Internal Affairs – We met on Monday and decided to change the name of the Executive Senator and kept that bill in committee.
- External Affairs – We talked a lot about the diversity workshops bill and the on the roundtable from previous sessions.
- University Issues – We talked about the Constitution Bill and ran out of time so we kept it in committee?

XV. Old Business

- Bill #4514 - The Diversity Bill
 - i. Bill #4514 was adopted for discussion
 - ii. Bill #4514 was read by Parliamentarian Miller

iii. Discussion/Debate

1. Associate Senator Lensky: The job description of a Senator is to represent their constituents. We have people in the gallery that are students have come here with an issue. We don't always go and talk to these groups. They have an issue with representatives and want this. These students are coming to us saying they need seats. Regardless of anything, they are coming for help. I cannot vote no on this bill. This is a step on how to address this issue.
2. Senator Nolan: I received a call from an alumnus they were against this bill. I am in favor of this bill. There may be opposed but please vote yes.
3. Senator Hansen: What we are asking, there are students that identify with other groups besides their respected colleges. I fully endorse this bill.
4. Associate Senator Durazo: When we got in heated discussions, it was about improving the bill.
5. President Sydoriak: I want to speak to as a student. I am in my position not on merit but with work and luck. There are groups out there that are not in my position and have way more barriers. This is a way to pave the road for people. This is way bigger than all of here. It goes back several years and administrations in the past have worked on this issue. I would like to read an email that I received on this bill. This is a president from 2011 that saw the same challenges and we are still facing this issue. You have an opportunity to change history and ASCSU. Please vote yes not in a final discussion but a first big step.
6. Senator Vaishampayan: It is time for some math. There are students on this campus that are high in number that should receive a senator spot. This is a way of giving them a senator seat in representation and eliminates statistical uncertainty. Trust the math but math is lovely. I urge a yes vote.
7. Gallery: I just wanted to reiterate how much this bill means to me. It has been a part of my journey at CSU. I have learn so much and have grown as a person. I want to extend my experience to others across this campus. As an African American man, there is

something there everywhere I go. This bill has so many people looking at it and the vote. This could be the Senate that changed the rules and the culture here at CSU. When decisions are made, everyone was there for the discussion and change the way we look at things. We all can be a part of that. I am scared that the wrong vote will be made tonight and that we will go back to the drawing board.

8. Associate Senator Lensky: We had a couple senators come to our council and were in favor of the bill.
9. Senator Hansen: I would like to add a question. What is wrong with more student input to this body? How we bring people into this body should not be as important how many we bring to the body?
10. Senator Harrison: I would like to echo previous speakers. We did vote on this bill and was highly approved. I urge a yes vote and to set a precedent.
11. Gallery: Hopefully you listened to us and if you have any opposition to speak now so we can fix it and get a unanimous yes vote on this bill.
12. Elections Manager: I am going to encourage all of you to vote yes on this bill. I have seen it all kind of and you should consider this from the perspective of students in future years. It is easy to find reasons to vote no but think big picture. I think this is the right thing to do morally. Trust me on this one and vote yes.

iv. Vote

1. 17:10
2. Motion Fails
 - Resolution #4515 – Creation of an Executive Senator Position
 - i. Held in committee
 - Bill #4516 - The Constitution
 - i. Held in committee

XVI. New Business

- Resolution #4516 – Inclusive Practice Workshop

XVII. Announcements

- The diversity bill has a lot of heat to it. You all know what you voted. If you are getting heat, please see an administrative position so you are not hurt or harassed.
- Senator Sathé: I am going to the forum next week on Tuesday, if you have anything to talk to me about stuff, please talk to me. The LSC 386 there will be a Baliwood Dance session on Friday.
- Associate Senator Wright: I would encourage people to ask for associate reports.

XVIII. Roll Call

XIX. Adjournment