

Senate Minutes – Associated Students of Colorado State University  
October 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, Senate Chambers, Lory Student Center  
Clerk: Eddie Kendall

/Start of Minutes/ 6:30 PM

**Chair Brown:** This body will now come to order, if you could please stand for the pledge of allegiance, thank you. (Pledge of allegiance) Clerk if you could please administer the roll call (Clerk administers roll call) Is there any gallery input this evening? Yes?

Gallery Input

**Gallery Member Candelario:** May I approach the floor?

**Chair Brown:** Yes.

**Gallery Member Candelario:** We are looking for statements on the current impeachment proceedings seeing as there is some fear of retaliation we are willing to grant anonymity to any member who meets with us in person.

**Gallery Member Caro:** I am concerned about the possibility of intimidation and harassment in this space, regarding current happenings. Proponents of the impeachment are intimidating people into signing this. This body is a notorious waste of time and not serving students. Serve the students, don't play house of cards.

**Gallery Member Crank:** So last week I was trying to find parking and had a really hard time finding parking. Last Saturday my fraternity brothers tried to put up our tailgate and what should have been a 15 minute task took us hours because of CSU directed chaos. Yesterday I was in Clark and was concerned about the asbestos and building conditions but you all are too focused on "more important things". I am disgruntled that the student government is more focused on the impeachment that is stopping you from dealing with Clark, or parking or tailgating. I implore you to fix our school and get something done.

**Director Syron:** Just a higher note, I just want to thank CHIEF JUSTICE recently someone came forward about biking problems, thank you so much for focusing in on that problem.

**Chair Brown:** Any other gallery input, if none, reports.

Reports

**Chief of Staff Wise:** we are still hiring a director of health and that application has been extended to Friday at 5:00 PM.

**Vice-President Wells:** 3-6PM tomorrow we will be doing the second run of the health fair, it will be catered by Nick's Italian and there are a variety of really great services from smoothies to acupuncture.

**Senator Cheadle:** We looked at the constitution again this week and we hammered out a lot there is still a lot of work to do but for once we are almost done.

**Senator Martin:** So again, we had a good external affairs committee today and made an adjustment on the third to last thereby clause to insert references to identities.

**Senator Lindell:** We had a pretty short meeting and planned out a guest presentation to address composting. Senator Schmidt also brought an idea about feeding pigs with that compost.

**Senator Williams:** We actually have never met but tomorrow at 3:15 PM will be our first meeting in the Senate Chambers.

**Chair Brown:** Impeachment committee report?

**Chief Justice Anderson:** So, the impeachment committee has met and discussed what evidence is relevant to the impeachment petition. The committee is now moving into the next phase of this process. The respondent shall then have at least one week to review this evidence and provide additional evidence to the impeachment committee. This period may be extended by an additional week by two thirds vote of the impeachment committee. This evidence shall also be redacted in a manner consistent with the initial evidence and shall be submitted to the complainant in this form. So basically, we are just moving into people looking at evidence.

**Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal:** Really quick note, if you are missing senate let me know.

**Senator Sullivan:** We will be having Old Chicago tonight led by Jen Murray.

**Chair Brown:** Health fair again tomorrow 3-6 PM if you are interested in volunteering talk to our chief of staff. If you are new please provide your name and email to our Parliamentarian. Last thing, you are required to meet the dress code so please be aware of that. Also I was just given a reminder that we have polos in the buckets up front.

**Senator Mounts:** Hello everybody I am working on a fundraiser for an orphanage I worked with last spring. I will be pairing with a restaurant and will get you more info in the future.

**Associate Senator Okolo:** On November 7<sup>th</sup> Theta Chi is having a mental health stigma event so keep you calendars open so we can support and reduce stigma.

**Chair Brown:** Any other reports? Seeing none we will move into ratification and swearing in of new members. If the new members could please come to the front.

**Chief Justice Anderson:** (Delivers oath of office to members)

**Chair Brown:** We will now move into confidence business and begin with Bill 4708

Bill 4708

**Parliamentarian Vaishampayan:** (Reads header for Bill 4708)

**Chair Brown:** If the author could please present.

**Director Johnson:** I am here today with Ginny Sawyer from the City of Fort Collins. To clarify what this is about, let me discuss the occupancy ordinance or U+2. This pretty much states that single family and multifamily housing is restricted to three unrelated persons or one family and one unrelated person. Enforcement wise, and investigation occurs and if there is reasonable belief that the occupancy is being

violated the City can issue a citation that can total \$1,000/ person/day. This law was established in the 1960's to ensure health and safety of residents and to protect the character of good neighborhoods. Since its establishment there has been no enforcement however after a 2005 study the City began enforcing in full in 2009. To give you a visual of what it was like in 1960 when this was established, there has been a lot of growth. This slide (Reference presentation) Shows some data regarding increase in population and relation to vacancy rates in the City of Fort Collins. As you can see vacancy has dropped and a healthy market is around 5% vacancy. This slide showing population change from 145,000 to 170,000 people illustrates the explosive growth in population Fort Collins has undergone. The Study proposed here illustrates two questions, 1) does the ordinance support livability and 2) does the ordinance impact the affordability of housing. The scope, for cost saving purposes, is considering a geographic area between mountain and prospect. There was a previous study in 2005 that addressed some of the concepts in this study and this was followed up by a 2009 study to look at the effects of enforcement. There is a more recent study by the office of social sustainability and board of relators that wanted to provide a detailed assessment of housing affordability in general and wanted to understand the lack of rental inventory, perception and ended up noting that students are definitely feeling affordability issues more, the term they used was cost burning where most of the income received by a resident is used to cover housing. Looking at how fast the city is growing the study would look at its affects in the long term. Just like I said we want to see how this growth affects lower income residents of the City of Fort Collins including students. The Relator study also showed a surprising indication that as housing goes up, housing becomes more unaffordable and we begin to see a commuter population that cannot afford to live in the City of Fort Collins. While we can look at any funding amount my recommendation is \$10,000 which will provide the extra needed for the City to feel comfortable to fund this study. We have also been told that the University is interested in supporting us by potentially matching funds if the students contribute. It is ultimately your decision.

**[Motion:** Extend presentation by 5 minutes, acclamation, passed]

**Director Johnson:** My recommendation is that we should ask the University. I would also include provisions regarding that the students receive the information after this report is produced. I also would point your attention towards the fact that the City is working on the City Plan which would be a great forum to address any other questions we might have.

**Chair Brown:** Any questions for our presenter?

**Senator Henshaw:** What benefits will we get from this study? Seeing that the 2005 study resulted in a crackdown on students.

**Director Johnson:** The city is looking at how that affects affordability and with this information I hope the City will be more well informed on making policy decisions.

**Senator Vandenburg:** So if we wanted to fund this study can we start off answering a smaller amount then offering more if they actually fund it?

**Manager Sawyer:** Council is going to make budget decisions on this this year, as part of that they did ask us to go seek funders and CSU and ASCSU are obvious groups to go ask.

**Senator Vandenburg:** So it makes sense to fund it in full?

**Manager Sawyer:** Yes.

**Associate Senator Gluck:** Will there be a student centric part of the study.

**Director Johnson:** Looking at the scope area of the study it should include many students but is broadly focused on a community as a whole.

**Manager Sawyer:** If I look at the previous studies such as in '05 and '09 they certainly identify the percent of what they call "Violator Households" as students so there is some information about students out of that but we don't study them individually.

**Gallery Member:** So last year we also talked about a potential study and it fell through, so what is the difference between this study and the study proposed last year?

**Director Johnson:** The difference as far as I understand is the City approached us to be funding partners making it more likely to go through.

**Manager Sawyer:** Last year the scope was much higher over \$100,000 and there was some push back about not using partner funds. We are at about the 10 year mark and we know anecdotally that housing costs are going up, we want to transform that into analytic data so we can better define with much greater data the ability to look at potential changes.

**Senator Hart:** Are there real chances for any policy change?

**Manager Sawyer:** I don't know because there certainly is a lot of passion on all sides in this community on this but it is better with data than not.

**Associate Senator Pritchard:** If they find there is no change, what benefit does this really bring to the students? I know students feel very strongly about this so I think they would be upset if we spend the money and nothing comes out of this.

**Director Johnson:** Ultimately this is about data and defining some answers around that topic.

**Associate Senator Morton:** Are we putting students at risk by allowing this to go forward are we essentially outing students by allowing this to go forward?

**Manager Sawyer:** The answer is no, they do phone call surveys and identify violator households and come back and say out of this neighborhood this percent of houses are violators. It will be interesting to see any change to that proportion of community and students.

**[Motion:** To exhaust the speakers list, by placard, passed]

**Senator Sullivan:** SO how much of the funding has already been raised.

**Director Johnson:** It would be up to the City during their financial process.

**Manager Sawyer:** Our leadership is in interaction with the University leadership and was positive and there was an interaction with the Board of Relators but have yet to hear back.

**Gallery Member:** Was the original U+2 called three unrelated and was the three unrelated law instated in the 1960's to keep Hispanics out of fort Collins and only brought back to kick students out for a developer.

**Manager Sawyer:** All of that is new to me except the timeline, it was done more for parking from my understanding and when it came up again in the early 2000's it was really from neighborhoods with fears that they were losing long term neighbors in their neighborhoods. We want to create diverse neighborhoods but if you want to talk after I'd be happy to.

**Gallery Member:** Isn't it true that since funding for schools is taxed regardless on who is living in the house is unrelated?

**Manager Sawyer:** From my understanding the example we were giving is about the people count within the school and how that impacts the experience and how the district operates optimizing schools closing down schools with low student counts, though I do not want to speak for the district.

**Senator Schmidt:** Within the area of the survey, how many of these residences are in excess of 3 bedrooms.

**Manager Sawyer:** I do not have that data.

**Chair Brown:** Since this is a supplemental funding bill we would traditionally move into discussion and debate.

**Senator Williams:** Good evening senate even though this is a supplemental funding bill I would move that this be moved to budgetary affairs committee.

**[Motion:** To move the bill to budgetary affairs committee, by placard, passed]

**[Assignment:** To budgetary affairs committee]

Bill 4709

**Chair Brown:** We will now move into bill 4709 if the Parliamentarian could read the bill.

**Parliamentarian Vaishampayan:** (Reads header for bill 4709)

**Director Leonard:** This is another one of the great events that BSOF puts on every year this is the 24<sup>th</sup> year that its been happening from my understanding. The organization will be bringing in a variety of speakers over 3 days to speak on a variety of ecology topics with the theme, piecing together a fragmented world. The second day is a poster presentation and I think it is a really cool thing that was voted on by BSOF.

**[Motion:** 5 minute recess for computer, by placard, passed]

**Senator Wang:** How many people actually show up?

**Director Leonard:** They think they will have 350 CSU students and more from around the area.

**Senator Wang:** How do they make sure CSU students don't just think this is a FRCC event?

**Director Leonard:** They will be doing poster advertising and will concentrate that in areas associated with ecology.

**Senator Schmidt:** The list that you have up there, the BSOF amount is \$4,400 but you are asking for \$11,000?

**Director Leonard:** If you scroll through that document you can see the amounts requested that total to \$11,000.

**Senator Schmidt:** Are there co-funds?

**Director Leonard:** Yes you can see that in the budget sheet.

**Senator Schmidt:** You are asking us to provide the majority of the money.

**Director Leonard:** Yes that is what we normally do according to our funding rules.

**Chair Brown:** I want to reiterate that a lot of these questions have already been asked in BSOF. If it wasn't going to be successful and these basics already asked it wouldn't be before us anyhow so keep that in mind when you ask your questions.

**Senator Hart:** You mentioned that this is bigger than previous years, can you illustrate this?

**Director Leonard:** In past years they had less speakers.

**Senator Corliss:** How does this figure relate to previous years?

**Director Leonard:** I don't know what they did in the past just that they are doing more. I misspoke earlier they are expecting 500-600 students this year instead of the 300 from previous years.

**Associate Senator Murray:** Is there any reason we should be concerned about this?

**Director Leonard:** Our board felt positive about this but was a bit worried about one of the programs but after review the board and my adviser felt comfortable about that.

**Associate Senator Murray:** Thank you.

**[Motion:** To move into discussion and debate, by placard, passed]

**Chair Brown:** Thank you, we will move into discussion and debate.

**Senator Sullivan:** Having served on BSOF, BSOF looks at the application and having felt that their process is proper I feel comfortable with this and move the previous.

**[Motion:** To previous question, by placard, passed]

**[Vote:** To approve the Bill 4709, by roll call, passed 33-0-1]

**[Motion:** To recess for 5 minutes for technology, by consent, passed]

/Senate Recesses/ 7:46 PM

/Senate Reconvenes/ 7:50 PM

Resolution 4705

**Chair Brown:** We will now move into res 4705.

**Parliamentarian Vaishampayan:** (Reads header for Res 4705)

**Chair Brown:** Will the presenter come present.

**Senator Cheadle:** We had the broadband presentation last week if you remember that. As a nerd myself I found this to be a fantastic initiative and an incredible thing for our students and city to have.

**Chair Brown:** Questions?

**Senator Sullivan:** I want to clarify a few things, a resolution essentially says this is our stance on things, can you think of any downsides to this?

**Senator Cheadle:** I guess it depends if you like Comcast or not.

**Associate Senator Gluck:** My question was answered.

**Associate Senator Murray:** Why should we support this?

**Senator Cheadle:** The country of Latvia currently has faster internet connection than the United States. North Korea has faster internet connection than the United States. I absolutely loved the net neutrality of this service. When looking at things like google chrome, developers are making millions with the data derived from your use of these services, that's why you get ads for things you just looked at and services you used. Our worth in data on Facebook is \$12.

**Associate Senator Murray:** this is in regards to Comcast Xfinity correct? Are you aware about their terabyte cap?

**Senator Cheadle:** It is all about the cables and the amount of data that they can send, even if they provide that fast of service you wont get it through the infrastructure currently in the ground.

**Senator Lindell:** I was going to move discussion and debate but since we don't have that I was going to move to end questioning.

**[Motion:** To end question and answer, by placard, passed]

**[Assignment:** To University Issues committee]

#### Bill 4705

**Chair Brown:** We will now move into bill 4705 which was voted on last week and needs another vote as a constitutional amendment.

**Parliamentarian Vai:** (Reads header for Bill 4705)

**Chair Brown:** We will move into discussion and debate.

**Senator Quintana:** I believe we had an amendment to change Senator Nordstrom to just endorsed?

**Parliamentarian Vaishampayan:** Yeah we have that fixed.

**[Motion:** To previous question, by consent, passed]

**[Vote:** To pass Bill 4705, by roll call, 33-0-3 passed]

#### Resolution 4606

**Chair Brown:** We will now move into Resolution 4606, any changes made in committee?

**Senator Aubrey:** Alrighty, so we added to the third to last clause we added act of degradation of identities to make it clear in this clause with more specific and stronger language. We also decided to change the language that ASCSU will not block guest speakers from coming to campus.

**Chair Brown:** Do you accept these amendments?

**Senator Aubrey:** Yes.

**Associate Senator Murray:** Friendly amend to endorse?

**Pres, Silva:** Friendly amend to endorse?

**Senator Aubrey:** Accept both.

**Senator Lindell:** We had initial reservations but working on this felt comfortable I would move the previous.

**[Motion:** To previous, by placard, passed]

**[Vote:** To approve Resolution 4606, by roll call, 33-2-1 passed]

#### Announcements

**Associate Senator Murray:** I am running Old Chicago tonight and I will have room in my car if its needed. Also if we can stop jumping to previous question to have substantive discussion I would appreciate it.

**Senator Williams:** We have a professor, the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense next Wednesday from 4-6 here and I would recommend that all of you come if you can. On a more serious topic I was browsing the web and found an article about a llama lose in Fort Collins so be safe friends.

**Pres, Silva:** Second day of the ASCSU Health Fair with the Health Center is here tomorrow so please check it out or volunteer. Also Michael's bike is still missing so please let us know if you find a missing bike.

**Senator Lindell:** I think it is valuable getting the feedback earlier but I think it would make sense to address the notion they got wrong that we aren't getting work done. I have personally seen work on U+2 student safety, composting, volunteering and funding for awesome programs, college councils working on intl. charity and the 5 pieces of legislation tonight alone show that we are doing real work. While the impeachment procedure is heated it is about procedure and not a war of ideology. I look forward to proving that we are doing a great job.

**Parliamentarian Vaishampayan:** Echo that.

**Ass, Senator Sheriff:** To remind everyone, please make sure you self-care and we also have the health fair that I really encourage you all the check out since you are important and you matter. Remember Rams take care of rams.

**Parliamentarian Vaishampayan:** First of all, I would like to apologize for the computer which was possessed by a demonic source and opened over 40 tabs. ASCSU records is up to date as of yesterday and if you want to compare to last year's feel free to go on there and see what we are doing. Placards will be updated next week.

**Chair Brown:** That is at [ascsurecords.colostate.edu](http://ascsurecords.colostate.edu).

**Associate Senator Rambo Cromer:** Chai to understand is next Tuesday at 5PM in the APACC office and we will be having Carl in as a guest Speaker. Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> is Rice Bowl which is free for CSU students and if you want the registration link find me.

**Associate Senator Farronay:** El Centro's first news letter is out come check it out!

**Associate Senator Echohawk:** The drag show is this Sunday so please come show up and support if you have any questions I have fliers, this Sunday in the ballroom at 6PM.

**Senator Henshaw:** The admissions ambassador applications are online so consider that.

**Senator Aubrey:** Echo previous speaker about You at CSU which is a great resource, I also wanted to say that I am super excited right now and being able to see the work done in committee was super cool and I am really proud of all of you and the collaboration I see in the future.

**Senator Cheadle:** Halloween is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the protestant reformation. I also wanted to say we have 5 pieces of legislation and it is before 8:30 which is amazing!

**Senator Martin:** Thank you all for the work that you have been doing. As one of the oldest senators in the body we have had worse semesters but I am truly proud even with passion and ideas to see the work being done in this body regardless what others have said. Just by the fact I'm still here and wasn't even trying to be here, it is really good to see us step forward.

**Senator Nordstrom:** I have two more spots at the national federation of the blind state convention.

**Associate Senator Okolo:** November 7<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday, I don't know the time yet, but it is November 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a mental health event to reduce stigma and help people live their daily lives so please come educate yourself and spread that information.

**Senator Sullivan:** If you are new or old, or just want training, 12-5 PM tomorrow I will be in my office. Also see me if you need a committee.

**Senator Huber:** My favorite holiday is Halloween and I volunteer at the rocky mountain raptor program and we are having our open house Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM please stop by and support us and see what we do.

**Associate Senator Ash:** I am writing for the collegian now, and I know we will get past that. If you have newsworthy events come see me.

**Associate Senator Kramer:** Next Tuesday is the WCNR gear swap so feel free to come check that out.

**Associate Senator Murray:** The Halloween extravaganza in the organ hall is coming to campus and is free for students.

**Chief of Staff Wise:** I have 6 faculty council standing committees I need to fill open to Undergrads and Grad students if you are interested.

**Parliamentarian Vaishampayan:** After thanksgiving or winter break I will be submitting a general bylaws revision so if you have small changes come to me and let me know so I can look at revising the bylaws.

**Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal:** To echo previous speakers, us in leadership are very proud of you. While the comments before might be discouraging just let it fuel your fire. If you are going to be absent please let me know ahead of time! The CSU Hockey team has multiple games this weekend so please come and cheer us on!

**Chair Brown:** Next week is golden gavel awards so think about who you want to give this to. I also want to echo other speakers about how great the work you have been doing this year.

/End of Minutes/ 8:26 PM