

Senate Minutes – Associated Students of Colorado State University
September 13th 2017, Senate Chambers, Lory Student Center
Clerk: Eddie Kendall

/Start of Minutes/ 6:33 PM

Consent Agenda

Chair Brown: We will now move into consent Agenda. Any dissent to approval of the consent agenda?

Motion: To approve by slate, the consent agenda. Moved by chair powers, passed by consent.

Gallery Input

Chair Brown: We will now move into gallery input.

Gallery Member: Most of you all don't know me (interrupted by Chair Brown)

Chair Brown: Come to floor to use microphone please.

Gallery Member: Ok, so like I was saying most of you probably don't know me I am the editor in chief of the Collegian I want to let you know if you have an executive session we will stay here. I want to give you the opportunity to not do that. This happened back in 2014 when you tried to impeach someone and asked us to leave, I have a legal opinion that says you must stay open as a body of the State.

Senator Cheadle: Point of information.

Gallery Member: Mike Hooker says you are not a state or local body, evidence suggest otherwise. The open meetings law enacted in 1972, any board commission or body constituted by a state agency or authority including a body of stat higher education. It covers any public or private body given governmental authority. According to policy 400, the board authorizes campus student government meets this qualification. ASCSU makes decisions about the SFRB that controls \$54 million and the governments rule in enacting student fees according to state law where collaboration is required such as approval of fees, as approved by student governments of each campus meets this definition. When asked for a more detailed explanation, Mike Hooker would say nothing more, only that ASCSU is not covered by sunshine laws. If that is not the case the impeachment such as in 2014 would not fall under rules for Executive session. Then the letter goes on to talk about boulder. So my point is there are conflicting opinions on this. I want to let you know we will stay here because out legal advice is to.

Chair Brown: You would need to motion to allow for discussion

Motion: To allow for speaking, moved and seconded, moved by accolade in the affirmative

Senator Bunting: So, my opinion is we should keep the press here based on the legal rights. I do ask they keep our names anonymous as this should be a closed session.

Chair Brown: For everyone's information this discussion and debate doesn't have to be on moving into executive session though we can do that at any time.

Senator Hart: Question for senator Cheadle, can you detail whether or not ASCSU is under sunshine laws? Can you elaborate who this is from?

Senator Cheadle: I just walked in and asked General Counsel.

Chair Brown: I have received the same information from advisors.

Senator Cheadle: Can I see that paper (Directed at Collegian EIC)

Senator Pritchard: I think it is important that the Collegian does not take anything out of context as I have seen this happen from them before. I don't believe it is fair for any senator to put themselves up for defamation.

Assn Senator Murray: I move to recess for 10 minutes.

Motion: To move into 10-minute recess, moved and seconded, tie broken by chair in the negative.

Assn Senator Murray: I move for a 5-minute recess.

Assn Senator Murray: I would like this recess to meet with advisers. For us all to also seek the proper information.

Motion: To move into 5-minute recess, moved and seconded, tie broken by chair in the affirmative.

/Senate recesses/ 9:49 PM

/Senate reconvenes/ 9:54 PM

Clerk Kendall: (Delivers Roll Call, quorum met)

Senator Huber: In response to some of the other senators, I think it is important we maintain a friendly and respectful relationship with the press, we should welcome them here.

Senator Nordstrom: The idea of going into executive session came from the contents of the petition Title 24 Article 6 Section b1 due to protections on HR information, I will only read the violations and not the reasons why for a petition.

Chair Brown: Any other gallery input? Seeing none, we will move into executive reports.

Executive Reports

Director Syron: As the director of student engagement I have been touring around student organizations to create a conversation between students and the student government. Tailgating and game day, there are no recycling bins around the stadium, there is parking confusion and tailgating seems to be a bit sporadic, the Band should also be closer to the beginning of the game. Also, the CSU band is hard to hear from the other side of the stadium. Greek life also wants their own space to tailgate. Thank you for your time.

Director Maxwell: Thank you to those who showed up to take headshots, I will have my camera for the next few weeks, so please set up a time to take those if you haven't already.

Chief of Staff Wise: Just so you know, we are hiring for a new Director of Environmental Affairs the applications are due tomorrow.

Chair Brown: We will now hear any judicial reports.

Judicial Reports

Chief Justice Anderson: We are working on evaluating applications for our new associate justice now and should have an update soon.

Chair Brown: We will now move into committee reports.

Committee Reports

Chair Martin: External Committee will be Wednesdays from 1-2 PM as senators you are required to go to these committees please attend one.

Senator Cheadle: I am the chair for Internal Committee, we will be at 11Am on Wednesdays.

Senator Lindell: University Issues committee will be at 12:30-1:30PM on Wednesdays.

Chair Brown: We will now move into legislative officer reports.

Legislative Officer Reports

Chair Brown: Please fill out the senate committee placement survey as soon as you can, some already have and will be assigned to committees based on which times work for you. If no times work please come talk to me. We will now move into legislative officer reports.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: If you don't have a placard please come see me so that I can get you one.

Chair Brown: There is a really cool opportunity for members of all branches who have served one year and will continue, this is the Meiser Scholarship which is \$1,500. Also, NDSU has invited us to the great plains leadership summit December 1st through the 3rd and we are accepting applications, due Monday the 18th and then Chief of Staff Wise and I will review those. We are starting to track attendance so if you can't attend email Speaker Pro Temp Rosenthal. In terms of the impeachment I have been asked to remind you that retaliation will not be tolerated and if this occurs notify our advisers as soon as possible. We will now move to Senator Reports.

Senator Nordstrom: I am retracting my petition from two weeks ago. It was brought to my attention that in the impeachment code that they must be acted upon in a week and since we missed last week I don't feel comfortable with that. In light of that I will be submitting a new petition and would like to move into executive session but since that doesn't seem likely I will read the petition omitting any reasons. (See petition for verbatim text) This is a petition for impeachment of Josh Silva, ASCSU President based on Section 801 which states funds may be transferred through departments only by ASCSU bill, a violation of section 302 which states, if a president moves money between accounts they must be through bill, Article I Section D Part 6 of the code of ethics also states officials shall make no binding commitments. Due to the Wall Street Journal deal which states that the expense shall be \$19,000 and the president's discretionary budget only has \$17,000, the extra money must be from other sources requiring a supplemental funding bill. When asked if President Silva would bring a bill, he said he would not bring such a bill. A violation of Section 302 which states the president shall act as the contract negotiator and shall update the Senate and present these negotiation to the Senate. Due to the lack of

information on this contract and how no information was presented he is in violation of this. Art I Section D part 4, no member shall be untruthful, due to giving false information to the Senate and false information claiming the contract was "ready to be enacted" and as cited in an August publication by ASCSU in the Collegian claiming that the contract was being enacted he is in violation. Art I Section 3 Part D, ASCSU officials shall not act in a manner to damage the presentation of ASCSU. By conveying false information to the press, students and administration this he has violated this. Art I Section 3 Part C, Officials shall not act in a manner that creates a sense of impropriety. President Silva in his apology recognizes that he did something wrong by not communicating thus creating the appearance that he has broken the constitution. In Art I Section D Part 5, President Silva claims to represent the entire opinion of the organization by his president proclamation. In Art I Section B Part 2, he has not fulfilled his job description. In Art I Section C Part 2 it states, officials shall adhere to laws that provide equal opportunity to all. He is in violation of Article I Section D Part 2, no official shall deny any member rights outlined in the bill of rights. He has violated this section about non-discrimination for reasons I will not mention here as well as for the following. A violation of Article I Section B part 5 which states that officials shall disclose fraud. A violation of the public trust over private gain. A violation of honest effort above duty. A violation of the bylaws and any laws passed by ASCSU and any supplemental documents, and his chronic statements about "not thinking about it" or any other lapses of the current regulations.

Chair Brown: Do you have the necessary signatures?

Senator Nordstrom: Yes.

Chair Brown: If you could please present this petition. (Senator Nordstrom presents petition to the Chair) This is a brand-new petition from square one and will follow the same process the last one would. This can be modified by taking off or adding names and violations. Any questions about procedures? Any other reports?

Senator Martin: I would like to personally invite all members of ASCSU to come to external committee I am working on legislation I think would be really impactful to campus and would be available to discuss more outside Senate.

Chair Brown: Seeing no reports we will now move into ratification and swearing in of new members. If all members to be sworn in could please come down to the front of the room.

Swearing in of New Members

Chief Justice Anderson: Delivers Oath of Office

Chair Brown: So, I am sure you saw in the email I sent out, we had a resignation of the recruitment and retention officer and we will certainly miss Colton. That being said we will be electing a new officer tonight. Basically, this person is responsible for retaining and recruiting new senators. In response to the lack of training so far, the new person will need to take up this slack. It is a paid position and I sent out the job description yesterday. We will do this by election as per usual with 10 minutes for presentation then questions and some time for discussion and debate.

Election of a Recruitment and Retention Officer

Senator Cheadle: I nominate Senator Aubrey, Accepted

Senator Mounts: I nominate Senator Sullivan Accepted

Senator Quintana: I nominate Assn Senator Jennifer Murray, Accepted

Chair Brown: We will begin our presentations with Senator Aubrey.

Senator Aubrey – Presentation

Senator Aubrey: As I am sure many of you know since I have been up 7 times this semester, I am Liam Aubrey a Senator here. I see this role as a great opportunity to bring in new senators. When you are new to Senate you are most enthusiastic. I want to make sure everyone has the resources they need to do their job well. I am currently quite involved in campus with FSL and Ram Handling and get to interact with a lot of students on campus. That opportunity has allowed me to create a network. Previously a lot of people get into ASCSU by personal relationships, I want to leverage this to bring people into ASCSU, by interacting and talking to them and showing them the great things that come when students work together, it is a truly awesome thing. Additionally, I want to reach out to different student orgs to get our name and involvement out there so the more people that know about us, the more people are likely to get involved. Beyond that, retention, I will work to ensure people are confident in their ability to do their job. In the past we didn't quite meet the mark on training and now I want to work to ensure they have those resources so they can speak up and share what they are doing and their goals. The main reason I want to do this is I love getting to spend time in the office talking to all of you. Every time I hear about new legislation or a goal, it inspires me and I enjoy being around people who are constantly working to help people and improve this University. The opportunity to serve all of you in making the University a better place makes me grateful for this opportunity.

Chair Brown: 10 minutes for Q and A

Senator Martin: So, I have a couple questions so, prepare yourself. Firstly, you said your very active, what does your time commitment look like?

Senator Aubrey: I have blocked out the proper amount of time for this. With Ram Handling and the Fraternity and having dedicated time to learning I think I can handle this. I do already spend a lot of time in the office I can purpose to this.

Senator Martin: As well as recruitment, what are your plans or ideas that could better enhance retention.

Senator Aubrey: First of all, I want to ensure people are confident in their abilities to do their job. When I came in my first time I was very intimidate with how everything works. If we can create that environment we can foster a sense of community. Every time I get to talk to everyone I find so many passions and goals. I think we can all learn to relate to that and use this to develop community.

Senator Martin: My third question, do you have any plans or ideas on those organizations you mentioned?

Senator Aubrey: I think there aren't a lot of organizations we shouldn't be getting involved with. I think many of the organizations could benefit from engagement here. If someone in this body knows someone in a student organization they are already involved in, I would love to use these connections.

Constantly having names from this, I would personally go to as many meeting with student organizations as I can and share information on how to get involved. Just constantly reaching out directly.

Senator Martin: Fourth question, you mentioned saying that you want to make ASCSU more comfortable, my question is, how are you going to be able to do that in a way different from other candidates?

Senator Aubrey: Obviously it is kind of a big goal and no easy task, but I find every time I am in the office and make an effort to talk to new people I get to find out so much about them and a piece of legislation they're interested in or something about them that helps me understand their unique role in this body. I want to use this to link people of similar passions. We probably do not realize how many people in this body share our same passions and would love to take the time to work through this and create a sense of community through working to common goals.

Senator Bunting: A lot of my questions were answered, so you talk about increasing student's confidence, how would you go about doing that?

Senator Aubrey: I think we would work to show students what to expect on their first session. I was so nervous then because I didn't know, and so whether you have been here 2 years or 2 days, I want to provide enough parli pro training so you know how to function. I would also work to ensure how we operate is clear.

Chair Brown: Any other questions, seeing none, Senator Aubrey if you could wait in the hall.

Senator Sullivan – Presentation

Senator Sullivan: Don't worry I am not going to bore you with a power point presentation. I want to thank you for your time, I know today is going to be a busy session, I will keep it brief. My name is Kevin Sullivan, I am a Senator for Intra-University. When it comes to recruitment we are doing well. Four candidates ran this past semester and more people voted in the last election than ever. Two Senates ago we had the diversity bill passed. Currently some of these seats are not being filled. We need to fill these to get a wide range of voices in the Senate. As you noticed we lose people. To stem this, we need more opportunities to socialize. Last week R and R office Stott invited me and I was a bit hesitant but I eventually got into it. I think it gives us an opportunity to get to know each other. With these events we can get to know each other, to know each other more than the title. With retention we need better training programs, when I first started I found it very daunting. I want to help other Senators who are starting out to feel comfortable. Another thing I want to do, is to give better opportunities for people to write legislation. How many of you have wanted to but haven't? If you have an idea now it can be daunting, committees are reviewing bills, but a lot of times Senators in chambers hear about bills for the first time in the session. I want to provide spaces for people to talk about these. Our parliamentarian is an expert and we should invite him. We should also collaborate with outside sources. Thank you very much for your time. My goals are to fill all seats, especially the SDPS office seats. I also want to continue tradition. Like the Old Chicago meet up and better training. Thank you very much my name is Kevin Sullivan.

Chair Brown: 10 minutes of Q and A

Senator Quintana: How are you going to get more people in seats?

Senator Sullivan: I've discovered there is some hesitance from new people to come into the office. I think we can show people by having them come in and watch, in fact three of them I have brought in are in the back tonight.

Senator Castaneda: What do you mean by diversity, what are your definitions? We have them all filled?

Senator Sullivan: I think multi-faith, WGAC, El Centro and OIP are not filled. As a straight white male, I don't think I can define that.

Senator Martin: What are your relationships to SDPS offices?

Senator Sullivan: I have no formal relationships as of now but have interest in getting to know them.

Senator Martin: Do you know anyone in those offices?

Senator Sullivan: I know you Senator Martin.

Senator Martin: Well, yes, BAACC. What about those offices that do not have representation? Do you know any of the staff or students in these offices your trying to fill?

Senator Sullivan: I do not know any currently but one of my best traits is being able to reach out to these people.

Senator Martin: What is your formative plan for interacting with these spaces. Especially with your identity how do you talk to them without imposing a white savior mentality?

Senator Sullivan: Can you clarify this?

Chair Brown: I will interject, we can't ask about certain identity traits during a hiring process.

Senator Martin: How will you reach out to these offices?

Senator Sullivan: I will talk to members in the Senate to get a foothold and then go to these offices and introduce myself and ask how I can help.

Senator Martin: Would you be available to come to the SDPS council, the IEC?

Senator Sullivan: I think it would be very important to my job.

Assn Senator Salcedo: While I respect your decision to speak on topics you're not qualified, unless this question makes you uncomfortable, I would like to hear your definition of diversity.

Senator Sullivan: I realize my first response was confusing. I think it is important to recognize we are not all the same and I think that is what diversity is.

Senator Bunting: My question comes down to looking at the different college, how would you fill the CNS seats?

Senator Sullivan: Many of my friends are in natural sciences, we can find kids who have an interest in ASCSU and get them involved.

Senator Bunting: Second question, how would you go about getting a diversity of opinions.

Senator Sullivan: There are many clubs on campus, I would reach out to Greeks who make up 11% of CSU. I would also do a lot of face to face after hearing people are interested.

Senator Quintana: So how comfortable do you feel teaching people about their role and legislation.

Senator Sullivan: I feel extremely comfortable. When I first started out I was lucky to have mentors, I would give the same advice.

Chair Brown: We have exhausted the 10 minutes

Motion: Extend time by 1 minute, passed by placard vote

Chair Brown: You may continue.

Senator Sullivan: I really think I'd be comfortable as an extrovert.

Senator Huber: Earlier you mentioned getting more students into the gallery, how would you go out and do that?

Senator Sullivan: The same way I recruit other people. Going out and telling them what we do and how we do it.

Chair Brown: That concludes our speaking time. Thank you, Senator Sullivan, if you can send in Assn. Senator Murray.

Assn Senator Murray – Presentation

Assn Senator Murray: Hi I am Jennifer Murray, most of you know me by this point. I have been a Senator since the 3rd Senate session of last year. The minute I walked into this organization I fell in love with it. I have gotten people to join before and I already have experience recruiting as VP of Co Lib Arts CC as you can see by our full seats. I want input from you, as part of the title it is important I know why you decided to join the Senate. With that I will move to questions.

Senator Schmidt: What are your training plans for new Senators.

Assn Senator Murray: I would sit them down and talk to them as well as letting them know they can ask questions. I would also leverage the green and gold book as a great resource and to show them how to seek resources for themselves.

Senator Quintana: I understand that in this position you have to go out and speak to people how comfortable are you with this?

Assn Senator Murray: While I stutter in large groups, small groups are where I thrive and I will use this to engage groups on campus. I will also use this as an opportunity to grow.

Senator Bunting: You talked about increasing membership in your college, how will you also increase it in CNS?

Assn Senator Murray: Going to your CC and also going to your events for the colleges.

Senator Lindell: What's your retention plan?

Assn. Senator Murray: I have noticed that is difficult in the Senate. Retention is really about keeping us happy. If you enjoy those you are around you will be more likely to stay. I know we aren't a team, but I think we should work on this such as going to old Chicago after senate.

Senator Lindell: How does this fit into your schedule?

Assn Senator Murray: I am actually taking the least amount of credits I have ever taken and have large blocks of time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Most of my activities outside senate are at night.

Senator Lindell: Do you know what seats are currently empty and what's your strategy to fill these seats?

Assn Senator Murray: I am not currently aware of which seats are empty but I think it is important to make it relevant to those senators to get them in this space.

Chair Brown: Any other questions? Seeing none, if you could please leave the hall. We will now have 10 minutes of discussion and debate.

[REDACTED] PERSONNEL DISCUSSION – Full Minutes Kept in Record

Chair Brown: We are out of time so we will move into a secret ballot. We have reached a decision.

Vote: Senator Sullivan elected Recruitment and Retention Officer.

Chief Justice: Delivers oath of office to Senator Sullivan.

Ratification of the Deputy Chief Justice

Chair Brown: If the Chief Justice could now present the Deputy Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Anderson: My nominee is Kat Crowdis, she has been an amazing asset to the court and everything she does is astounding.

Assn Justice Crowdis: Just a little about myself, I am a Senior biomedical science major. Originally, I was a Senator. My first goal in this role is to look at the AUHB process to reform how these groups are getting information. I would also want to present information on this to the Senate. Finally, I want to do outreach to see how we can improve how we do this by talking directly to these organizations.

Chair Brown: Any questions? Seeing none, if the candidate could please leave the room. We as the Senate get to approve appointments so this will be the same voting process as per the usual election. We will pass out ballots now.

Vote: Cat Crowdis approved as Deputy Chief Justice

Chief Justice Anderson: Delivers oath of office

Ratification of BSOF Members

Chair Brown: Our final agenda item in ratification is approval of the BSOF members. If Director Leonard could come down and present.

Director Leonard: We have 8 of the 10 members of the board for presentation tonight. We need one senator and an at-large member still. Anyway, this is the board I have thus far. If you have any questions

for the candidates, just know we don't have bylaws in place yet so they may not know that information. I have most of the appointees here tonight for your approval.

Chair Brown: If everyone could introduce themselves. We will then enter 10 minutes of questions.

Senator Henshaw: I would love to hear real-quickly what your goals are for this year.

Student Perletz: As a former member of ASCSU I think it would be great to serve to make the community closer.

Deputy Castaneda: I was on RHA Senate my freshman year on funding board and this reminded me of hearing these proposals and hearing events from that position.

Chief Justice Anderson: I work on a lot of boards getting face to face interaction with students but I think that compared to my usual circumstance this would bring a positive light to that.

Senator Mounts: It would be a great experience for us and the students to grow out involvement.

Senator Quintana: I think when Director Leonard presented at retreat I really took a keen interest, it is great to hear what people are doing.

Senator Sullivan: Sign me up, I want to be a part of bringing these great opportunities to students.

Chair Brown: Any other questions for the candidates? Seeing none, if you could all leave. For the information of the body we are going to vote on these all as a slate. Any discussion and debate?

Motion: To remove Deputy Castaneda from the slate.

[REDACTED] PERSONNEL DISCUSSION – Full Minutes Kept in Record

Motion: To previous question on removing Deputy Castaneda from slate, passed by placard.

Motion: To remove Deputy Castaneda from the BSOF slate, fails by placard vote

Motion: To remove Chief Justice Anderson from the slate, moved and seconded.

Motion: To previous question moved, called as out of order, rescinded by Assn Senator Murray, moves back into discussion on removing Chief Justice Anderson from Slate.

Motion: To previous question on voting to remove Chief Justice Anderson from the BSOF Slate, passed unanimously by placard vote.

Motion: To remove Chief Justice Anderson from the slate, passed unanimously by placard vote. Moves back into discussion on slate at large without Chief Justice Anderson.

Motion: To previous question, passed unanimously by placard vote. Moves into vote on slate.

Motion: To approve the slate without Chief Justice Anderson, passed by placard vote, members approved onto BSOF

Deputy Chief Justice Crowdis: Delivers oath of office

Chair Brown: Mr. Parliamentarian if you could start the confidence clock, we will now move into new business.

Bill #4502

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Proceeds to read verbatim Bill #4502

/Minutes paused for Clerk to present bill #4502/ 8:55PM

/Minutes resume/ 8:59 PM

Chair Brown: We will now move into announcement

General Announcements

Senator Murray: Old Chicago afterwards!

Senator Corliss: Ag day went great, thank you for everyone that attended. Also, the Diversity symposium is September 25th-27th and we will have some amazing speakers. They are going to talk about how to recruit in a way that reaches all facets of our community, I think as many of us that can attend should!

Director Maxwell: I will be doing headshots for 20 minutes after this.

Senator Castaneda: We now have our Eagle feather tutor.

Senator Vandburg: It is Senator Nordstrom's birthday!

Chair Brown: Come on down so we can sing to you all. New members a tradition of ASCSU is to sing this as horribly as possibly.

Senator Sullivan: I just wanted to say thanks to Senator Murray for bringing it up, we will be going to the Old Town old Chicago, meet up front for that.

Director Syron: I have also purchased a coffee maker which will provide coffee to all Senate members on Wednesdays.

Chair Brown: First, if you are new or you are returning, parliamentary procedure can be really overwhelming. I will be working closely with our R&R office to ensure people are able to brush up on this. Also, we do have the green and gold book for those who want it. If you have not received one of these please collect your free one after Senate.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: If you are new and need a placard come see me and I'll make sure you get one.

Chair Brown: apply for scholarship

/End of Minutes/ 9:08 PM