

Senate Minutes – Associated Students of Colorado State University
September 20th 2017, Senate Chambers, Lory Student Center
Clerk: Eddie Kendall

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Consent Agenda

Chair Brown: (Moves to approve Consent Agenda, passed by consent)

Gallery Input

Chair Brown: Do we have any gallery Input? Seeing none we will move into executive reports.

Reports

Chair Brown: Are there any executive reports? Chief of staff, Wise.

Chief of Staff Wise: We have the Deputy of Environmental Affairs position open as well as Director of Academics application material is on-line and we would love to see applicants for those open positions.

Director Gertner: Homecoming applications for floats are online so please encourage people to sign up. Also, please send photos of what it means to be at CSU to me so I can put them on the float

Chair Brown: Any Judicial reports? Chief Justice Anderson.

Chief Justice Anderson: The court has an opinion to render. Clarification of section 601, who can submit ethics complaints. Connor Cheadle submitted this request for opinion due to contradictions in section 601. The court in section 601 A is null and void in our opinion. The court believes that this section gives too much power to the speaker of the Senate and does not provide enough due process. By a 4-0-0 vote this is voided. Section 601 B allows all individuals within ASCSU to submit a complaint to the supreme court and is to be used in the form rendered in this request for opinion. If any members have any questions I would be happy to explain to you.

Chair Brown: Thank you chief justice Anderson. Any committee reports for this evening?

Senator Martin: So, I got the opportunity to sub-internal committee and chair external committee and talk about the legislation coming to the floor this evening. External 1-2 Wednesdays, University 12:30-1:30 Mondays.

Chair Brown: Any legislative office reports?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Placards, if you need them come see me.

Recruitment and Retention Officer Sullivan: Tomorrow at 4PM I will be hosting a refresher upstairs to help educate people.

Chair Brown: Yes, for all new people or those looking for formal training, we are doing things a bit differently than last year as well as going through parli pro, so if you are brand new or confused we will be discussing that 4-5 PM tomorrow in the office conference room. I have a few announcements. With internal committees 14 people signed up for the doodle poll but as you know there are a lot more of you

so please sign up for that so we can get you your assignments. So, officer Sullivan already talked about training. My biggest announcement is about impeachment. It has been brought to our attention that due to allegations of violations regarding CSU policy, the Office of Equal Opportunity will be conducting their own investigation and because of this our impeachment procedure will be put on hold. Any questions can be referred to Bruce or Kim in the back. Any Senator reports?

Senator Martin: Currently I am working on a piece of legislation regarding racial incidents in response to what happened in Newsom three to four weeks ago. I am still in the research stage but I want to make sure this is on everyone's radar so keep your eyes open.

Senator Quintana: I am working on a BSOF bill to allow judicial to be a part of BSOF.

Chair Brown: Any other Senator reports? Seeing none we will move into ratification and swearing in of new members. We will be looking at Madelyn Royal for the Director of Environmental Affairs.

Ratification and Swearing In of New Members

Chief of Staff Wise: After conducting interviews all of last week, we had some great candidates but we decided to go with Madelyn Royal. We were really impressed with her involvement and are excited to have her on board.

Director Royal: My experience in the outdoors solidified my love for the outdoors and pushed me to pursue a degree in the protection of nature. For those who do not know me my name is Madelyn Royal and I am a Senior here at CSU. I have taken many actions here at CSU that have allowed me to become truly versed in the world of sustainability. Through my role in ASCSU I have developed the connections necessary to succeed within this role. I am part of the Game day zero waste team, CBAC and ATFAB. Now more than ever I think ASCSU needs to work hard to protect our environment and will serve as a passionate advocate here at CSU.

Chair Brown: Questions and answers?

Senator Bunting: Do you have any plans for the committee?

Director Royal: Yes, having worked with the department the whole semester I will be working on campus-wide composting and a large educational push. We think this will address a lot of issues we are currently facing and will be working with a variety of groups.

Senator Kingsley: You mentioned you were a warner student are you going to be working with the college council?

Director Royal: Yes, unfortunately the meetings conflict with Cabinet but I would love to work with them to get their input.

Chair Brown: Any more questions, seeing none if you could please wait in the hall, we will now enter into discussion and debate on the candidate.

Senator Kingsley: I was a bit concerned not seeing her at the college council but having addressed that I feel comfortable and look forward to her collaboration with the council. As far as her involvement, especially the zero-waste initiative, I am interested to see what happens.

Senator Huber: Echoing previous speaker, I like how she is involved with the department and with a variety of other environmental health roles and like that she has a vision and dream for this position.

Assn Senator Murray: Point of personal privilege if we could please avoid flash on the cameras.

Office Johnson: Having been the director last year I would endorse her for the position.

Chair Brown: Any other discussion, seeing none, we will now enter a secret ballot vote on the candidate if you could raise your hand if you are a voting member.

[Vote: 24-1-0 Madelyn Royal appointed to the position of Director of Environmental Affairs]

Chair Brown: If a representative of the Judicial Branch could administer the oath.

Chief Justice Anderson: (Delivers Oath of Office)

Chair Brown: One more round of applause please. At this time if you are a new Senator of Assn please come on down and make sure the Parliamentarian has your name and position. We will now move into confidence business, if the parliamentarian could please read the title of resolution 4702 BSOF bylaws.

Resolution 4702 – Board for Student Organization Funding Bylaws

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Reads headline of resolution and abstract for 4702.

Director Leonard: Hello, so we have new BSOF bylaws to be approved by you, none of the figures changed it was just reorganized to flow better and changed dates to go along with University dates.

Chair Brown: These were sent out with the report but if you have questions now would be the time.

Senator Nordstrom: I have a question about section 5 or 6, why does it get rid of the term supplemental funding bill and replace it with that long line? Ohh maybe I am looking at the wrong one. Yeah what am I looking at?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Are you looking at the bylaws for my committee?

Senator Nordstrom: Ohh yes.

Senator Hart: Does this have any mention of who can be on the committee?

Director Leonard: Yes, it should mirror our constitution.

Chair Brown: Any other questions? Seeing none I will send this to external affairs committee. We will go ahead and move right along to Bill 4704, if the Parliamentarian could read the bill.

[Legislative Assignment: Bill 4704 moved to External Affairs Committee]

Bill 4704 – India Student Association BSOF Funding Bill

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: (Reads headline and abstract for Bill 4704 India Student Assn)

Chair Brown: Alright Director Leonard, 10 minutes for presentation.

Director Leonard: This is one of the bigger events we do that has historic significance. It was approved for the full \$15,000 that we can give. Everything met the bylaws and our criteria so there should be no issues.

Chair Brown: 10 minutes of Q and A.

Senator Martin: So, I know we kinda looked at this. Has this event exceeded \$10,000 in the past?

Director Leonard: Yes, about the same cost as last year.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Yes, this is pretty typical from previous years.

Senator Henshaw: What was the attendance last year?

Director Leonard: Mr. Guarve in the gallery would be best to answer that.

Gallery Member: Hi I appreciate your question very much. As for CSU students who are our main population of interest, we put in adds in the collegian as well as fliers and posters all around campus as well as digital advertising in the Rec Center and LSC. We also put adds on KCSU and the Transfort bus as well as flash mobs in the plaza and downtown area. We also do residence hall table cards and outreach to RAs. Last year we had 1780 people last year which was capacity.

Assn Senator Murray: I had a question about co-sponsorship for this year?

Director Leonard: 30% over \$7500 which they have.

Chair Brown: Any other questions for our presenter? Since this is a supplemental funding bill we will only do one reading then immediately vote on this tonight so let's do discussion and debate.

Senator Aubrey: I think this is a unique and enriching opportunity and encourage a yes vote.

Senator Huber: This sounds like a great event and opportunity for all the students and would support this.

Senator Kingsley: I echo previous speakers on a yes vote for this. I also want to say how they reach out and the high attendance is amazing.

Senator Bunting: I have been to this event last year. It is an amazing event and I actually wish that they could have more people and would support this bill.

Senator Williams: Having been to the last 3 years I would encourage a yes vote.

Senator Farronay: Echo previous speaker

[Vote: 22-0-0 Bill passes]

Chair Brown: With that we will move into the next piece of legislation

Bill 4703 and Resolution 4703 – Senate Budgetary Committee

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: (Reads header and abstract Bill 4703) Hello, so this is a bit different. I am Zachary Vaishampayan the parliamentarian. This idea originally came up in the 44th Senate when I joined, I am trying to bring back a modified version of this. The original one was a weird hybrid of

internal committee, this one will be a full committee. The last one was a bit harsh on executive, this one is designed to be substantially easier on them, this one deals mostly with the spending. It will be run similar to any other committee with a Chair elected like any other committee and a vice-chair from Finance. They will review any financial documents that need to go to the Senate in a viewpoint neutral manner based on (1) do we actually have the money to do what needs to be done if passed, (2) would we be able to spend the money on a legal basis and (3) is the bill as written something we can hold out, will it be specific where the money is coming from. The chair and vice chair will also check in with Kim as well as the Finance department to ensure that those three criteria are met. If any bill doesn't meet these they will be held in committee until this can be reworked. So, will this slow things down? Hopefully not, as written if it has gone through this it would be expedited as all other supplemental funding bills already are. In other words, this committee is created so that we can do our homework and ensure no one gets into any legal liabilities for just doing their jobs. The bill creates the committee, the chair position, allocates the money for this position and approves the attached bylaws. The resolution changes the Senate bylaws to account for this new internal committee.

Chair Brown: 10 minutes of question and answer.

Senator Hart: Will this committee be responsible for process bills related to funding?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: This committee handles the funding bills themselves rather than the process which is more internal affairs, however that is chair discretion at the time it comes before the Senate.

Senator Henshaw: So, for the stipend for the position, where is this coming from?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: From the Senate General Discretionary.

Senator Mounds: Will this committee be useful?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: How often do we have financial proposals? Once a month or so. The more important part if they aren't doing that is they create reports. These will be compilations of reports from the Director of Finance as well as their own assessment. The main bulk of their time will be creating these reports summarizing what ASCSU is spending to a point the average student understands it. Not payroll stuff as that gets into some odd territory, but for instance how much is spent on grill the buffs with the idea that we aren't fishing for mistakes, just making it so students understanding what is happening with student budgets.

Senator Mounds: Does this fulfill internal committee requirements?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Yes. The chair will set the time likely some time on Thursday different than the other committees.

Gallery Member: I applaud you for your push for transparency.

Senator Henshaw: I want to add something to the second duty on transparency, would they also produce marketing materials to push that out?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: I don't think that they would really be doing the marketing of those materials really just putting that together. If they want to work on marketing that they can and that would be cool but not really the focus of the committee.

Chair Brown: I will move this bill to internal affairs committee. We will move into resolution 4703.

[Legislative Assignment: Bill 4703 sent to Internal Affairs Committee]

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: (Reads header and abstract of Resolution 4703)

Chair Brown: So, just for clarification for new people, this idea needs a bill and resolution because it changes budgets as well as bylaws which require different types of legislation.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: So, the twins we have here, there is nothing earth shattering in here but per our bylaws ensures that we know where things are going.

Chair Brown: Any questions?

Senator Schmidt: This may be chicken and the egg but can a resolution exist for a committee that doesn't exist?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: There is a clause to ensure that both have to pass for either of them to pass. I was going to put this forward as one question but our bylaws that don't quite allow this so this is why it looks like this.

Chair Brown: It might seem odd but because of nuance it does need to be put in as two legislation pieces. Seeing no questions, we will move this to internal affairs committee. If we could please pull up bill 4702.

[Legislative Assignment: Resolution 4703 sent to Internal Affairs Committee]

Bill 4702 – Funding for Gina McCarthy Speaking Event

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: (Reads abstract for bill 4702)

Chair Brown: 30 minutes of discussion and debate.

Assn Senator Murray: Are there any reasons that colleges are not listed by the names.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: This is the bill I received but we can friendly amend that.

Motion: To friendly amend the titles of colleges to senator titles, accepted by author.

[Vote: To approve Bill 4702 by roll call vote, moved by chair, passed 18-0-5]

Chair Brown: We will now move into announcements.

Announcements

Assn Senator Murray: Get your tickets from the UCA for the three-sisters show.

Senator Farronay: For El Centro, this month is National Latinx heritage month so there will be events all month.

Adviser Norris: Meiser scholarships were extended by a week and the application will be due this Friday by 12:00 PM. Several of you meet this requirement so please please please apply it is in celebration of Keith Meiser who worked with Student Affairs and especially ASCSU. We will have that sent out in an email.

Senator Bunting: this weekend CSU will be playing rugby so please support our team.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Please talk to me about getting your placards. Also, it will be flu season so please get your flu shots! It is 0.001% the cost of being hospitalized with the flu.

Resolution 4702 – BSOF Bylaws Revisited

Adviser Mann: The BSOF bylaws should have been heard tonight on expedited status, we should review this legislation tonight.

Chair Brown: To clarify, apparently the BSOF bylaws changed significantly since last year so we will do a vote on.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Since Director Leonard was already here we won't need the Author.

Chair Brown: So essentially one of you lovely people will need to motion to pull it from committee.

[**Motion:** Moved and seconded to move bill on BSOF bylaws out of committee, passed 25-1-1]

[**Note:** Resolution 4702 – BSOF Bylaws pulled from committee to Senate floor]

Chair Brown: we will now move into 30 minutes of discussion and debate on approving the BSOF bylaws.

Senator Castaneda: I never received an email on the resolution so I don't know what changed, I barely got the agenda two hours ago. I would like to put it back into committee so I can see what changed.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: If we do that we would also have to reconsider the ISA funding bill as well tonight. Basically, if we don't pass this we will need to reconsider this bill as well as the funding bill tonight just as procedure not to dissuade any action.

Chair Brown: If you would like the author to present we can yield back to Director Leonard.

Director Leonard: Hello, what was the question?

Chair Brown: What substantive changes occurred in the bylaws?

Director Leonard: I'm gonna yield to Pam.

Adviser Norris: Every summer the BSOF bylaws get reviewed by the Office of General Counsel to ensure that the way fees are distributed meet the law. In the review of the bylaws Josh Zugish made several recommendations for updates. I wouldn't say the changes aren't significant I would say that it really is a reorganization. If laid side by side you wouldn't see much difference. There are some practical changes around University guidelines like the number of days for contracts to be signed and for payment to go out. Student Organizations will have to come far sooner because of these practicalities but in terms of the viewpoint neutral criteria not much has changed. It used to be that you couldn't have a group come before you that was religious in nature or proselytizing and that has been dropped on legal precedence. The mission in the top paragraph is exactly the same. So that mission and purpose has remained intact and the same. I would be happy to answer any question people have in specific. These need to be passed tonight because that practicality in contracting as BSOF meets tomorrow and we need to start serving the student body through these funds.

Senator VanDenburgh: I think we should work to pass this soon.

Senator Schmidt: I think that the change about the position of allowing religious funding is materially significant. I think that we need to see all the difference laid out.

Senator Murray: Point of clarification, are we adding or taking away the capability of religious groups to come?

Chair Brown: Why don't we yield to Pam on this?

Adviser Norris: There used to be a provision in the bylaws that groups that were religious could not come before the group, I will note from the University perspective that they have always been able to come to SLiCE and open an account. They must prove there is education and culture in the program but the precedence has been set and won in the court of law on this one. For instance, a program teaching about Passover would be allowed. There have been questions in the past where groups felt after reading the bylaws that they would not have access to these funds.

Senator Schmidt: My concern is that you didn't think that was significant so what else in the bill may also be significant that has been changed.

Senator Nordstrom: Some bills have highlighting to show how things have changed, this bill does not so how can we make educated decisions on this.

Chair Brown: It came to my attention during announcements from advisers that this should be passed tonight but it is up to you. If we had an author here they would be the subject expert on this one.

Senator Lindell: So, I would like to make the comment that the majority of stuff changed is procedural and legal stuff that we can't change. It is our responsibility to the students we can get this passed and the money moving.

[Motion: Previous question moved and seconded on voting on the BSOF bylaws bill, 27-2-0 passed]

[Vote: 19-1-7 the BSOF bylaws pass]

Chair Brown: One last announcement, see the desk about any communication errors.

/End of Minutes/ 8:09 PM