

Senate Minutes – Associated Students of Colorado State University
September 27th 2017, Senate Chambers, Lory Student Center
Clerk: Eddie Kendall

/Start of Minutes/ 6:33 PM

Consent Agenda

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

Gallery Input

Chair Brown: Do we have any gallery input? Seeing none we will move into guest presentations.

Guest Presentation – ASCSU Contracts by President Silva

President Silva: The reason I wanted to present tonight is there is a section in the constitution. Can everyone hear me, I think I am too far away. There is a section in the constitution regarding keeping senate updated on contracts. We have the USA Today readership contract that was approved last spring and the other one is the RMSMC contract. These are both pretty standard but we are in a little bit of a different situation these year versus what we budgeted and what we are paying out. We didn't ask for a fee increase this year but we decided that this would come from the rollover instead. Michael and I met with them to discuss their coming needs for the year and the contract, a multiyear operating agreement that has been in effect for a few years now, negotiated under my predecessors. This one currently stipulates an increase and after consulting with our accountants we will have a large rollover. We will look at writing a supplemental funding bill to pull from the fund balance as most fee areas do. I would be happy to answer any questions you have now.

Chair Brown: Questions for the presenter?

Senator Henshaw: Can you go into more detail on the RMSMC budget and whether things were overlooked?

President Silva: It wasn't quite overlooked it's just that back in April this amount wasn't quite finalized. This amount covers inflation, rent costs and wage increases.

Senator Schmidt: The RMSMC is the Collegian?

President Silva: RMSMC is an independent organization including Collegian, CTV, 90.5 and other media.

Senator Schmidt: So, you have this contract in place, how long is this for at the current signing?

President Silva: It's an operating agreement that operates over multiple years and the funding portion is negotiated yearly.

Senator Schmidt: What would occur if we did not approve this contract?

President Silva: They would operate based on the operating agreement as it currently stands.

Adviser Mann: Can you talk about the timing for when this was negotiated as well as what was put in the agreement moving forward as it relates to next year.

President Silva: We presented our budget the week after the election but were unable to meet with RMSMC till a week or so after that. Something we put in the contract this year was meetings earlier so that we can in future years ensure that there is no drop such as information in orientation to candidates. As you said the timing was very hard this year so we needed to do our best estimate and didn't have the exact amount.

Associate Senator Siri: How big of a shortfall is this or how much are we pulling from BSOF.

President Silva: So, we are not pulling from BSOF we are pulling from the fund balance, \$32,500, which is part of the \$65,000 rollover.

Senator Williams: To my knowledge fund balances are only supposed to be pulled from in extreme emergencies. Also, is it sustainable to be pulling from this fund.

President Silva: So, there is two parts, 1 If it is sustainable and... So, over the summer Michael and I talked about what is sustainable. We looked at projecting for when things are short or way over and no, this isn't sustainable but that is why we put into the contract those earlier meetings so that this can be managed better. So, what was the second part?

Senator Williams: So is this an emergency situation.

President Silva: I think it is important that we uphold our word, but I am open to the idea of pulling it from other areas, the rollover currently sits in this account.

Senator Lindell: What justifies this increase?

President Silva: This accounts for state mandated minimum wage as well as increases in rental. We also are funding a pilot program in the fall for a creative adviser to produce better content in large quantities.

Officer Sullivan: So, you are proposing that we increase the funding by \$32,500?

President Silva: The idea is that we have that bill to reconcile the line item so it matches what the contract says versus what we estimated.

Officer Sullivan: So, what is the total cost?

President Silva: \$585,711 which is different than the \$618,000 that the contract accounts for.

Officer Sullivan: So, they are an independent organization?

President Silva: Correct.

Chair Brown: Any other questions, no then we will move into executive reports.

Reports

Chief of Staff Wise: I, director Royal and President Silva are finishing the interviews for the Deputy of environmental affairs and will announce that Friday.

Deputy Chief of Staff Lakey: If you are a junior or senior there are three \$1500 scholarships under the pacesetters tab on the website.

President Silva: I was contacted by faculty council, they are trying to fill several spots with graduates and undergraduates. These are very influential committees that student engagement is important on. If you are interested email me at ASCSU_President@Mail.Colostate.Edu. It is a great way to get a good perspective of how the university work and I will send a list out by email.

Director Syron: I am speaking to you as a college council president. I am doing an impeachment form here. I am recommending an impeachment of Nick Bodane for not contributing 3 hours a week, not attending enough weekly senate sessions and failing to attend the college council and internal committees and legislation for college councils. I have reached out to him by email and got no reply. I recommend the speaker impeach him or this body does. The council is ready to move on.

Chief Justice Anderson: Opinion 4703, clarification of the code of ethics, impeachment petition procedures. Josh Silva requested clarification on many of the governing documents including constitution 600. ASCSU Code of ethics do not need to be filed and acted on before impeachment is presented, however the court does agree that they should be filed and acted on before the Senate should begin impeachments second week. Secondly, acting upon in 601, describes whether or not the court describes to hear a complaint. Thirdly, the court believes the legislative and judicial branch goes through two separate process. Even after a complaint goes through the judicial the Senate may determine whether to move forward on their own even if an internal complaint has been filed and acted on. Finally, regarding duplicates in section 601 and 600 we refer to opinion 4702 which already has been rendered and sets precedent.

Chair Brown: Any committee reports?

Senator Martin: So, in external committee today we have elected our secretary and vice chair. Vice Chair Senator Nordstrom and Secretary Kattie Hagstrom.

Senator Lindell: We started our committee with a presentation on composting and hopefully we can put that into bill form. We also elected Senator Kingsley as our Vice Chair.

Senator Cheadle: We elected Senator Bunting as our Vice Chair and Senator Draper as our scribe as well as doing grammar edits.

Chair Brown: Any officer reports?

Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal: I encourage you all to come up to us and seek any help you need in bringing these ideas to fruition.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: If you need a placard come talk to me. In different business, I got all the legislation that the 46th Senate considered if you want to see all the legislation we considered come see me and I can get your paper copies before I ship them off to archives.

Chair Brown: I have two announcements, thank you for filling out the doodle poll, I will place paper assignments on the door tonight. If you haven't you must fill that now since you are missing that office hour. The other thing is regular training days with new members next Thursday.

Senator Nordstrom: I would like to clarify a couple things regarding the opinion piece in the collegian. I started this as a third party. I like Josh but could not stand by as unprofessional behavior occurred. The Senate is the students voice and approval and none was given. Harassment, yelling in the office and the

threat against firing was supposedly occurring in the office. It was brought to my attention that things acting on ethics violations should be run through the supreme court; my internal complaint was heard but an old document was found that changed hearing procedures and so they must be reheard. I resubmitted it but a University official stepped in and requested my evidence. With the evidence collected it is just a matter of time before consequences are enacted. Even with OEO it is important that we consider these violations even when they have been afraid and hurt. We owe it to the student body. We believe in process over politics, transparency to the student body and more than political games. I have my finalized, or third attempt at submitting this petition. My petition cites a previously acted upon ethics violation. (Request document for full verbatim text. Abstract of violations cited, section 302 of the ethics code; Article I Section D part 6 of the constitution; section 302 of the constitution; Article I Section D part 4; Article I Section D part 3 of the constitution; Article I Section C part 3 of the code of ethics; Article I Section D part 5 of the code of ethics. (Request petition

[Motion: To recess for 5 minutes to resolve technical issues, moved and passed by acclamation]

/Senate recesses/ 7:19 PM

/Senate reconvenes/ 7:24 PM

Presentation of the Golden Gavel Award

Chair Brown: Something that we were thinking about last semester that we are implementing now is the golden gavel award. These are given to people for overall being a leader and going above and beyond. We will be giving one out as leadership and also allowing you all to by popular vote, elect someone.

[Vote: To choose the golden gavel recipient, by secret ballot, Senator Nordstrom selected]

[Vote: To choose the second golden gavel recipient, appointed by Senate leadership, Senator Aubrey selected]

Chair Brown: We will now move into ratification and swearing in of new members.

Ratification of Director of Graphic Design

Deputy Chief of Staff Lakey: We will be presenting Jackson Aldern for the graphics design position, he has been doing awesome work this far and we are bringing him in now to get ratified by you. You can see his work as he did over the summer.

VP Wells: He has shown time and time again that he can put things together with great character while also keeping up his grades.

Director Aldern: A little about myself, I have been working graphic design for 5 years now. I previously worked in CoLab at the LSC for the past 3 starting my first day at CSU. I am really excited about the fact that this organization represents students and that really inspires my work.

Chair Brown: Q and A?

Senator Martin: I have heard about your great work so I wanted to ask, what are you bringing to this position?

Director Aldern: It really is about effective communication, not only is that done verbally but also visually which is the dominant form of marketing.

Officer Sullivan: Can you think of any reasons you couldn't finish the job completely?

Director Aldern: No.

Senator Bunting: What new ideas do you have?

Director Aldern: I am predominantly a painter and sculptor so that influences some of my work.

Senator Williams: Could you elaborate on your work with aggie orange?

Director Aldern: This is in reference to the aggie orange backing for the grill the buffs advertisement. While the branding standard usually dictates a green, the beautiful aggie orange speaks to the history of this university.

Chair Brown: Any other questions for the candidate? If not if you could please leave the room. Any discussion.

Senator Aubrey: We are well served to have such an amazing guy in our organization.

Senator Williams: Echo previous speaker.

Senator Bunting: I have seen his work and appreciate it.

Senator Lindell: Echo previous speaker and move the previous.

[Motion: To previous question on voting to approve, by acclimation in the affirmative]

[Vote: Director Aldern approved 30-0-1 by secret ballot]

Chair Brown: Please welcome your new Director of graphic design, if a member of the judicial branch could come down to swear in the candidate.

Chief Justice Anderson: (Delivers oath of office)

Bill and Resolution #4703

Chair Brown: Moving right along we will move into confidence business, with no new business we will move into old business.

[Motion: To vote on Bill and Resolution 4703 as a slate, by placards in the affirmative]

Chair Brown: If the parliamentarian could please pull up both pieces of legislation.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: (Reads headers for Bill and Resolution 4703)

Chair Brown: If the chair could please present on the changes made in committee.

Senator Cheadle: We just did a lot of grammatical changes.

[Motion: To accept committee changes, by friendly amendment, accepted]

Chair Brown: We will now move into 30 minutes of discussion and debate.

Senator Martin: We looked over this legislation and think that it would help us maintain transparency here in ASCSU so I will urge a yes vote, especially with everything going on.

Associate Senator Murray: What do you mean by sub-chair when you said you helped Chair Cheadle work on this?

Senator Martin: I substituted for Senator Cheadle's committee because he had a medical accident earlier.

Senator Aubrey: So, I think we as a body, must be responsible with the money that we are entrusted with. This will go a long way to those ends so I would strongly urge a yes vote.

Senator Bunting: I personally believe this bill will be a great opportunity for new senators to appreciate how much money we are in charge of. Use of the committee would facilitate this and so I support this.

Senator Lindell: Good stuff, move to previous.

[Motion: To previous question, by acclimation, passed]

[Vote: To approve Bill and Resolution 4703, by roll call, passed 21-0-0]

Chair Brown: We will now move into announcements.

Announcements

Senator Sullivan: Old Chicago tonight, these count as office hours!

Senator Bunting: I didn't know Old Chicago counts as office hours. Ram Rugby won their last game 47-5 total slaughter.

Associate Senator Murray: I have room in my car if anyone wants to go to old Chicago.

Senator Cheadle: There is a chipotle benefit for El Centro tonight. As a committee chair I wanted to remind everyone to come to the committees so we don't have to deal with these on the floor.

Senator Corliss: Tomorrow 4-8 PM sigma nu will receive half the profits to help one of their brothers battling leukemia, we will also have an event Saturday so if you want more information contact me.

Associate Senator Murray: The UCA theater program, three sisters are this Friday so you can get free tickets online.

Senator Rambo Cromer: The designer for the Starbucks green cup is coming to Fort Collins and Chai to understand will be this October!

Associate Senator McCrackin: Tomorrow 5-8 PM we will be doing environmental eats in Corbett.

Senator Fearn: Tomorrow 6-7 PM there will be a Buddhist monk to talk about spiritual teaching.

Senator Haneen: October 16th is day of giving so consider donating a meal swipe.

Chair Brown: Any birthdays today? Yay! (Senate sings happy birthday in horrible tone) Also it is flu season so please get your flu shots this season so that none of us get sick, it is worth it for 30 seconds of pain.

/Senate minute End/ 8:03 PM