**Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Fourth Senate**

**Twenty Second Session**

**March 11, 2015**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Gallery Input
5. Consent Agenda
	* 3.4.2015 Minutes
		1. Bondi: I move to approve the consent agenda.
			1. Vote:15.0.0
6. Guest Speakers
	* Legislative Update – Jake Christensen, Director of Governmental Affairs and Sarah Bruce, Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs
	* Bruce: This is our weekly legislative report. Bill #1527 is waiting a hearing. It is most likely getting killed. Senate bill #1515, ASD, survived the senate and is in the house committee. The campus sexual assault medical treatment bill is in committee. A new bill house #151215 grants in state tuition to dependents of military members. A lot of details will be added on. #1254 is confusing but the current law limits the amount of money appropriated to higher education and general fund is limited due to house bill #1319. This bill has passed the second reading with no amendments. Senate bill #11517 states that discrimination will not be tolerated in higher education funding. This bill made it through the senate and has been introduced to the house and has been assigned to a committee. The building on the basics task, how many of you read the things Fort Collins sends to you? Inside this is the details about this bill. The city of Fort Collins has 0.25 sales tax. It will be renewed coming up here. The aspect of this has been where this money will be allocated to. This is great for students and will improve pedestrian crosswalks. A vote for yes on this will approve all of the projects. Fun fact: in vail, it is unlawful to keep junk in close proximity to other people. My email is always open.
	* Sarah Williams and Ted Fetterling, RamRide:
	* Fetterling: I am here to absorb some knowledge and see how the pros do it.
	* Williams: These are our current statistics. They are going up. We don’t operate over spring break. When I was here two weeks ago, I saw some interest in our mobile app. I would love to hear feedback.
		1. Wells: Is the login information saved? I know it was supposed to be anonymous.
			1. Williams: We don’t have access to it.
		2. Jordan: You have for the android and apple store? Will you have it for a windows phone?
			1. Williams: I will let you know.
		3. Pasillas: Are you able to track how many people use the app vs calling in?
			1. Williams: We are able to, yes.
	* Williams: We are hoping to release it after spring break.
7. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
8. Executive Reports
	* Guinn: Allie is going to share some exciting news. We mentioned a while back about how we want to do a “My Voice” piece on Ram Web. We can collect student feedback all the time. It’ll give us more availability to reach students. The other thing is that whether or not you are on a campaign, do not wear campaign items in the office. There will be a lot of people looking for that in the office. Take a break over spring break. Take a couple days for yourself and enjoy your time.
	* Whitesell: We did our photo shoot for our anti stigma campaign. We plugged them into the posters and they are pending final approval right now. Look forward to that. March 30-May 1st is when that will be happening. We will be doing a promotion for a speaker from To Write Love on Her Arms and we will pass out information about mental health screening. The wristbands will say “End the Stigma”.
	* Wells: I have a signup sheet for the diversity day’s events. Wednesday is a mixer that evening. RSVP to the diversity email. During that day, we will have a plaza promotion focused around engaging students to tell us how they bring diversity to CSU and tell us their identities also sharing a fun fact about themselves that people wouldn’t expect from them. We want to bridge that gap to continue that message. Thursday is a fair, we need some members at the greeting table for when student orgs check in. Friday, we are having a scavenger hunt. It will explore cool locations to explore diversity.
	* Eret: I have been working on the new ASCSU website and its going live tomorrow. To host the senate agendas and bills, I am working on a second website called ASCSU records. Ascsu.colostate.edu
		1. Seel: Will the elections be on the new website?
			1. Eret: Yes.
9. Judicial Reports
10. Senator Reports
	* Seel: For those of you who are interested, IEC meets Thursday at 5:30 in this room. We would love to welcome you to come to that and engage in that conversation. The parking services committee was today. The difficulty students are having is they work directly with Amy Parsons. Faculty has a much louder voice than we do. I would love considering that they need to have their proposals in by April 1st so we can have ASCSU’s voice about parking that they can look over. We have a lot of changes coming and we occupy the largest amount of parking on campus. We are looking at a lot of what was a lot more solid in terms of idea planning has become up in the air. Especially the tier system. They aren’t sure. As well as they are trying to figure out how to best adjust to the severe parking loss. With the construction of the south lot, that will be about 900 spaces. After that, there will be an additional 350 and will roughly come out even. Next year we are looking at being down about 400 spaces. They are assuming that the chemistry building is supposed to start in September or October. It might be open for a few weeks. Something that was clarified today was that the south parking lot will provide shuttles to run along the stretch and will run in 15 minute intervals. That will be true commuter parking. It’s not parking and walking to the university anymore. We will have to make sure to plan accordingly to weather. Since we are already have difficulty with weather, there will be a lot of difficulty of not having a space on campus next year. Pay to Park is meant to be able to pay for the day but they might open to hourly. They mentioned it but the lot next to Hartshorn is being considered to being moved to pay to park. There are lots of ups and downs for that. For those who like to come back in the middle of the day, you might have more freedom. We need as a senate and student body to present a good student voice for them.
		1. Higgins: The south lot, what will that be?
			1. Seel: It will be a Z. If tier, C.
		2. Bondi: We had them come speak last semester. They asked us for input. It seemed that input fell on deaf ears. From my perspective, the student opinion hasn’t been heard at all. Do you think a resolution will actually get us heard? Or do you think we need a more aggressive approach?
			1. Seel: Having something concrete so they can listen will be helpful. There is somewhat of a bias against students. We have a lot more fractured set of ideas. I think that there are biases in favor of faculty council. They are taking into account the fervor against their ideas.
			2. Lee: The plan has been postponed so because of that, a resolution can provide those changes that we see is wrong and right with it. We are going to be submitting those changes. They have postponed the plan.
			3. King: On top of that, there will be a bombardment of student thought so there will be that general idea of here is our voice, please listen to us, and an overall resolution. It’ll be multiple documents.
		3. Silver: A couple other schools don’t allow parking for first year students? Can we ask them to do that?
			1. Seel: They have considered it. First, from an admissions side, they like having the ability to tell students they can bring their cars. Also, they have tried off campus storage but they found 40-60% occupancy and to be fair, look at what you’re asking, it’s not the best thing. That’s been one of the issues they have been facing. At the moment, that probably won’t happen.
		4. Block: You talked about the plan about losing spaces, we are going to hear about the plan to talk the week after spring break.
	* Seel: We did mention the idea that’s been floating around to how students can use alternative transportation that will be a significant debate for the senate. If you have any ideas, forward them to me. We want to make sure we have a lot of good ideas to give.
		1. Laffey: the faculty isn’t doing much either. The state classified and academic professional council are probably disarray of this as well.
		2. Hill: Was there any talk about night and weekend permits?
			1. Seel: That is up in the air. For the moment, its looking like it might be dropped for the next several years. Some of the state classified reps expressed interest in that. For the moment, it’s less prominent. They’re also looking at pushing off year round requirement for permits.
		3. King: Can we do a straw poll of who would like to be in that conversation?
		4. Seel: My email is pseel3@yahoo.com. Email me tonight if you’re interested in having this conversation.
	* Li Puma: Kelsey Bigham’s mother passed away, I have a card.
	* Sydoriak: I have been working on a conversation with regards to police conduct and the senate of public deliberation. The first forum we have will be later in April. We will have another in the fall more open to the public.
	* Laffey: Last week UFAB reviewed two projects. Flipped classroom project and the other was a business college. It’s building a grad school space. We have a HVAC request for the Shepherdson’s building.
11. Associate Senator Reports
12. Confidence Business
13. Committee Reports
	* Internal Affairs
		1. Seel: The only bill we had was the adjudicated elections. The prominent intention of the bill was whether or not the elections manger should be in executive or judicial branch. We will have to determine what the elections committee primary responsibility is for. Besides that, we made some changes so it should be in its final form.
	* External Affairs
		1. Hill: We had nothing. We meet Monday morning at 10am in the office. We have 4 senators that are voting. We might only have 3.
	* University Issues
		1. King: We met last Friday at noon. We endorsed the bill written by Duane Hansen regarding the stoles for veterans. I appreciate his hard work. We decided to hold all other bills in committee. We are meeting Friday at noon in the meeting room to discuss the housing efficiency bill.
14. Old Business
15. New Business
	* Bondi: I move to amend the agenda to add Resolution #4418.
		1. Bondi: after having talked to Sergeant at Arms Hansen about this, this needs to be dealt with now. Graduation is coming quickly. It’s about time for us to represent those who have represented us overseas.
		2. Sydoriak: I echo previous speaker’s statement. There is just a few mishaps that caused us to not have it on the agenda.
		3. Vote: 15.0.4
	* Resolution #4418: Considering Veteran Recognition at Graduation Commencement
		1. Bondi: I move to adopt resolution #4418
		2. Hansen: The purpose of this is not to say we want this. I want to make it loud and clear that ASCSU and students endorse this since our veterans have done so much. The bookstore came to our office and found a sample stole that signified someone as being a veteran. Not only do we want them to be announced, we want them to wear a stole that distinguishes them.
			1. Seel: Are you aware if you need to make a partnering with the armed forces?
				1. Hansen: It won’t have insignia, it’s a blue stole and has 50 stars and will have USA Veteran.
			2. Seel: will this stole be only for active veterans or what is the distingue?
				1. Hansen: They will have to be a written proved veteran. The logistics can be worked out. ALVS will have a list of certified veterans and that list will be sent to the bookstore. They will then hand out their stoles at no cost.
			3. Seel: What is the role of ROTC in this?
				1. Hansen: They already get a recognition because they have not served yet but they don’t classify as veterans.
			4. Silver: ASCSU student fees would not be paying for this?
				1. Hansen: It’ll be a partnership with ALVS and the bookstore.
			5. Hill: How about active duty members?
				1. Hansen: They can qualify.
			6. MacNeill: Do you know the estimated cost?
				1. Hansen: They haven’t given us numbers but it will be a one-time cost stored in bulk that we don’t do that every year.
			7. Gallery: Will this be optional?
				1. Hansen: Absolutely.
		3. Seel: The importance of this is looking at graduation as a time to celebrate and honor all the time we have spent getting our degree. The point of stoles is to show we did something else as well. A stole is the very least we can do. I full heartedly support this.
		4. Whitesell: I definitely support this. I got a little bit of a sense of mental health problems around that, and this would be a great way to recognize another component that they have gone through. I think this would speak to some of the things they have overcome. I urge a yes.
		5. Sydoriak: I agree with previous speakers’ sentiments. In regards to mental health, you have to give them a sense of purpose. This will allow them to feel that they can sit there more comfortably. I whole heartedly endorse this.
		6. Kuhlman: As another veteran, this means a lot to me since this is a leap of faith just to be here. At least 90% of veterans I know, we are also first generation.
		7. Li Puma: I send this to internal affairs.
	* Li Puma: I cannot formally make this motion but I encourage to bring up resolution #4419. We are looking towards how to fund Ramride for next year. This system wants to be renewed and we don’t want it to waiver or diminish. This is just giving support to SFRB.
	* Jordan: I move to bring to the floor resolution #4419.
		1. Jordan: I think Li Puma put it well.
		2. Vote: 13.0.6
	* Resolution #4419
		1. Seel: I motion to adopt resolution #4419.
		2. Li Puma: The whereas clause demonstrates the purpose and usage of Ramride. We want to make sure that this can remain in the oversight of students. This is a student resource that is run with a student fee that has been ASCSU. We had a great program and many things have come out of ASCSU and now we need to make sure they are institutionalized and will be placed in its own account only for the use of Ram Ride from the ASCSU account. How do you ensure it’s used for Ram Ride? SFRB. It’s administered by the OCL.
		3. Williams: I think I have been with ram ride for the past year and a half and even the changes in that time has been valuable to the program. Our efficiency has increased and we want to do what we can to provide the best service to students.
		4. Li Puma: The largest thing I want to point out, this is a resolution that supports the endeavor that SFRB looks at this as an option. This is what we are trying to do to make students aware of this. We want to come with the long bill and this not be a shock.
			1. Jordan: Can you speak to the student org grants that you see right now? Will those be reduced?
				1. Williams: We offer several opportunities to register orgs per campus. We will pay 10 dollars the first time they volunteer with us. We run two deals the 15 for 500 to give to student orgs on a Friday night and 1000 for 30 people on Saturdays. I don’t know if we have talked about your second question. It’s been really effective of what we are doing currently. We like to give back to student orgs on campus.
			2. Williams: We have taken steps to ensure fairness. We have a policy to sign a group contract within 5 days and we have a waitlist for the spots that are released if people are not coming in to sign their contract.
			3. Jordan: Can you reduce that fee and still fil everyone?
				1. Williams: I don’t know the answer of that off of the top of my head. When we have had paying just for members, it hasn’t filled up as quickly.
			4. Gallery: I see it as a domino effect, if you reduce the amount of other organization, people like money. 700 dollars is penny change for a big organization. Do you want to take the chance? People go to work for 1000 dollars to help other orgs, it’s not hurting anybody right now.
				1. Williams: I agree with that.
			5. Sydoriak: What happens if we don’t pass this?
				1. Li Puma: Nothing, you’ll just find it in the long bill. This dollar amount is going by the internal contract we already pay for. This is what it would be broken down as a student fee. SFRB will come to numbers similar.
				2. Sydoriak: What is the current discussion?

Li Puma: OCL has been prepped and was talked about in the fall and going through input and they want to hold debate off for the numbers. I can’t speak for the board.

* + - 1. Laffey: ASCSU is required to pay an additional 50,000 dollars. Will that additional money be a part of the fee increase?
				1. Williams: Yes.
		1. Bondi: Having been here for so long, I have watched the original ram ride and have been there through the entire conversation. I am jubilistic about the fact that we are freeing up the opportunity for ASCSU to give birth to new ideas. It will be a lot of money. It’ll give us more breathing room. I am grateful this is coming to senate prior to SFRB and this will give SFRB the opportunity to see students support this. I urge a yes vote.
		2. Laffey: I think it is appropriate we kick the kid out to the college. I question how much money we give them. I don’t see why the $50,000 should be included in the current fee structure.
		3. Williams: There is still some fee associated with the dispatch system that the initial cost is going towards with maintenance fees and there is still a significant amount of that is going to the dispatch system.
			1. Laffey: Why are we paying 50,000 dollars extra when those things were given to specific requests?
		4. Dugger: I send this to external affairs.
1. Announcements
	* Laffey: I would love some input on UFAB’s project. I will plan on giving a presentation to senate. I would like any feedback and comments and future ideas.
	* Whitesell: Be sure to take care of yourself over spring break, wear sunscreen, practice safe drinking habits,
	* Wells: I need my signup sheet back. On behalf of me and Sam, be nice to other people on vacation.
	* Bondi: To the gallery, you’ve seen what we do and what we talk about. We would love and value your input and your fellow students input. If you’d be interested in joining, come to talk to us and get into student government. Our meetings are typically this informative. Get out and vote as well.
	* Jordan: Don’t break the law over spring break.
	* Laffey: Have fun on spring break.
2. Roll Call
3. Adjournment