## **Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Fifth Senate** 

**Twentieth Session** 

February 17, 2016

# Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Gallery Input
  - The Collegian invites anyone who would like to talk to the reporters to use the email on the website.
- V. Consent Agenda
  - 2/10/2016 Minutes
    - i. Minutes were accepted
- VI. Guest Speakers
- VII. Executive Reports
  - Director Losolla: The Department of Outreach is doing an Outreach Day. April 15<sup>th</sup> we will be bringing in 120 5<sup>th</sup> graders to campus. We are offering university excused absences and are flexible with schedules. I am sending around a sign-up sheet. Lunch will be provided and if you have questions come talk to me.
  - Director George: The dinner series is happing. We have Blanche Hughes tomorrow with Mike Ellis and Coach Bobo coming up.
  - Director Jackson: Body Acceptance week is next week. I have a sheet for volunteers going around and will get a free T-shirt.
  - Director Roberts: I have a calendar of events on my door.
  - Director Kendall: Has anyone filled out the Me + 3 volunteer form? February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be starting signature collection.

• President Sydoriak: The kickoff announcement for this event will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. Since my announcement about the course survey, we are at a point with how the survey should look. It should be confidential and anonymous. It should not be a performance based for professors. If these are met, I will give some funding to this through a contract.

# VIII. Judicial Reports

### IX. Legislative Officer Reports

• Senator Lensky: Every event executive has been speaking about, all of those will count as office hours. If you do not have your posted office hours, there is chance for impeachment. I will be drafting a bill about these. If you have any questions, please come talk to me immediately.

# X. Senator Reports

• Senator Nolan: The Constitutional Task Force met and we have a bill now. You will be seeing that next week.

# XI. Associate Senator Reports

• Associate Senator McCarthy: This Saturday, there will be a forum for all Larimer County candidates.

# XII. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members

- Taylor Bryan (Associate Senator, Liberal Arts)
  - i. Ratified to office

### XIII. Confidence Business

### XIV. Committee Reports

- Internal Affairs We received the Diversity Bill. If you have any input on this bill and amendments please voice your opinion. This bill will be discussed tonight and then go back to committee. We made an amendment to the amount of seats and how they are approved.
- External Affairs We started to work on the In Memoriam and will have a date by next week. We would love your help in making this happen.
- University Issues It was a fairly short meeting. The Elections Manager came and talked about applying for the elections committee.

### XV. Old Business

- Bill #4514 The Diversity Bill
  - i. Bill #4514 was adopted for discussion
  - ii. Bill #4514 was read by Parliamentarian Miller
  - iii. Discussion/Debate on Amendments
    - 1. Senator Brancaccio: We expanded the senate seats
    - 2. Senator Harrison: I would like to endorse the bill
    - 3. Associate Senator McCarthy: Can we have the amendments be read.
      - a. Parliamentarian Miller read amendments that were made by the Internal Committee.
    - 4. Associate Senator Vaishampayan: The last amendment should be moved to a separate bill as it relates to the by-laws. I move to remove any amendment that relates to the by-laws.
      - a. Motion passed
    - Senator Hansen: I would like to add my name in the endorsement section.
    - 6. Senator Beck-Doss: I would like to add my name to be in the endorsement section.
    - 7. Amendments made by the Internal Committee passed with a vote 21:0:4
  - iv. Discussion/Debate on the Bill
    - 1. Senator Hansen: I think these amendments helped this bill and thank you to the committee
    - Associate Senator Bryan: Why is this being brought to the body?
       The senators that are elected and are not required to attend a college council.
      - a. This sends a message that it is a defining bill
      - b. They will be required to go to IEC
    - 3. Senator Rhine: Can someone elaborate on the number of senate spots?

- a. Three was chosen for the time being. This number can be changed over time.
- v. Bill was sent to external affairs

### XVI. New Business

- Bill #4515 Engineering Days Funding
  - i. Bill #4515 was adopted for discussion
  - ii. Bill #4515 was read by Parliamentarian Miller
  - iii. Presentation of Bill
    - 1. Unfortunately the student organization was unable to join me. There are a couple things with asterisks that have additional information to help clarify.

### iv. Questions

- 1. Senator Rhine: How many people attend?
  - a. It is a week event. The whole event is centered on the showcase which features senior projects. The barbeque event will be on the West Lawn. There should be 5000 students throughout the week.
- 2. Senator Hansen: This acts as a secondary career fair correct?
  - a. Yes. This event attracts companies to look at the projects.
- 3. Senator Tolan: Where is the showcase held?
  - a. It should be on the application but I cannot remember.
- 4. Senator Lensky: What is the biggest thing that will draw non-engineers to this event?
  - a. Probably the barbeque

## v. Discussion/Debate

- 1. Senator Williams: I think this is a good event and it has a barbeque
- 2. Bill put on expedited status
- 3. Senator Hansen: Every engineering student that I talked to, gave a very emphatic yes vote.

#### vi. Vote

- 1. Passes unanimously with a vote of 25:0:0
- Resolution #4515 Creation of an Executive Senator Position
  - i. Resolution #4515 was adopted for discussion
  - ii. Resolution #4515 was read by Parliamentarian Miller
  - iii. Presentation of Bill
    - 1. The key impact for why we are doing this is that we do not have a continuous flow of information with the college councils. This allows one person from each college to be a point person from each council. It will be a requirement for someone to fill this position by a senator or associate senator. The job description was attached to the email and will most likely go to committee.

### iv. Questions

- 1. Senator Rhine: A senator will fill this position correct?
  - a. Yes
- 2. Senator Lensky: Would this give them two titles?
  - a. Yes. There will be some exemptions and some amendments that might need to be made.
- 3. Gallery: What would you like to see from these senators in the councils?
  - a. That would be for consideration. I did include a clause to gather information if the councils are a closed councils.
- 4. Gallery: Aren't senators required to do this already?
  - a. I do understand your point. They have to attend the council and get their advice but does not include the information gathering portion.
- 5. Associate Senator Bryan: This position already exists in my council. Does it not exist everywhere?
  - a. No. It only exists in the Liberal Arts Council at the moment.

- 6. Senator Bruce: Will this cause less effort from other senators? What is the purpose of giving a senator a title that is higher than others?
  - a. It only adds a clause to make one senator to be in charge to bring that information back.
  - b. We can change the name of the title but gives more responsibility.
- 7. Associate Senator Dicharry: Could you elaborate on the benefits of this bill?
  - a. This really sends a message and makes it meaningful. For the executive members that do not have the relationships with the members of these councils will help in that aspects.
- 8. Gallery: Do you believe that create a new shiny title will make a change?
  - a. I believe it is a start
- 9. Senator Caro: Does this position work in Liberal Arts?
  - a. We educate the council on senate but would work in the reverse order for the College of Liberal Arts.
- 10. Associate Senator Bryan: How do you plan on enforcement?
  - a. A possibility could be adding a new section to the agenda where these positions could report. We could remove them by bill or ask to resign. This would provide accountability.
- 11. Chief Justice Dannemiller: I move to end question and answer and move into debate.
  - a. Motion passes

## v. Discussion/Debate

Chief Justice Dannemiller: I think there is no other organization
that has more titles and positions than ASCSU. Peers always ask
what ASCSU does and what it can do for them. I think we get
caught up in titles and rather than our true purpose. This could be
done by the senators already and would not require this bill. We

- do not do a good job of validating other organizations. Maybe we should work on legislative that effects the students rather than internal bills. That is just my frustration.
- 2. Senator Bryan: I think it works well in the Liberal Arts Council. I am not for sure if anybody gets anything out of my report from this position. It needs to be enforced and used properly.
- 3. Senator Williams: I would like to speak out in favor of this bill. This is a vocal point for our council to talk about ASCSU. If we make the communication between the two bodies would streamline the process so information is not lost. It puts responsibility on that person.
- 4. Gallery: I think that this bill is inappropriate
- 5. Associate Senator McCarthy: I would like to echo previous speaker that we should be more focused student based.
- 6. Senator Rodenbaugh: I think there is value in this bill. I think we could find a difference solution that would fulfill this issue.
- 7. Associate Senator Vaishampayan: I do support this bill. I think this is a good position without the title. This is an external bill as we are trying to get outside information. In my college council, we have someone report on ASCSU each meeting and would help to determine a person to be the spokesperson. We can get rid of the title if that is the problem.
- 8. Senator Hansen: I don't endorse this bill and that is an extra beuarcratic bill that we are supposed to be doing already. I don't see the need.
- 9. Senator Beck-Doss: I go to college council and they provide a time for me to talk about ASCSU. I have never been asked in the office about this information. I think more open communication is needed. How would the reports work?
  - a. There will be an information form that they would fill out. The structure would most likely be in the senator reports.
- 10. Associate Senator Durazo: I think there is a problem with enforcement. It has gotten to the point of an impeachment bill. I think titles are important and think that it could help. I like titles

- and would fulfill the duties of the titles. Maybe we could change the title.
- 11. Gallery: Being a senator, you are a part of ASCSU. This is already a high enough position and the senator reports is where you can talk about anything. I expect senators of my college to keeping that information with me if they can't make it. They should be doing the same here at ASCSU. I don't think this role is necessary. Having multiple senators would help cover all information.
- 12. Senator Lensky: All three branches bring questions to me about the college councils that are about information of the college councils. It would help to have a point person to forward these questions to. It would be easier to have the information for these people.

#### vi. Sent to internal committee

### XVII. Announcements

- Senator Williams: LADLC will be meeting tomorrow. It will be a long meeting.
- Senator Conley: I am working on a bill on diversity workshops and would like you input.
- Associate Senator McCarthy: The event I talked about this event will be in Loveland and will have 11 candidates.
- Associate Senator Worcester: Our college council met last week and allocated student fees to classrooms.
- Senator Bruce: I am speaking on behalf of Katt Crowdis for her philanthropy event of dodgeball. We are also starting an IM volleyball team.
- Senator Rhine: ULC has another meeting tomorrow night. We were not support of the reallocation of money to athletics.
- Senator Beck-Doss: We have Halocaust Awareness Week coming up starting Friday. We have a speaker coming on Wednesday. Spread the word.
- Senator Gregory: My team won an award for the most money raised. Connor is tied for the lead for most money raised.
- Senator Harrison: Graduate Student Council has an event on Friday at the Ramskeller. Please make more announcements to help with self-management.

- Senator Lensky: There is a mandatory meeting with senators and Speaker and myself. There is a sign-up sheet to schedule a time. We hope to finish these by Spring Break.
- Senator Caro: We have at least 10 Senate seats open and please help with filling these.
- Gallery: We are working on a project to do a water around the oval to help Flint, Michigan. Come talk to me about this event and making it happen.
- Speaker pro Tempore Seel: The Constitution Bill will be coming next week. Any Constitution amendments will need to be made before Spring Break due to elections and timing. Please keep in mind that we have to keep each other accountable. There was a raid on our candy supply.
- YAY BOX

XVIII. Roll Call

XIX. Adjournment