**Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Fifth Senate**

**Thirteenth Session**

**November 18, 2015**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Gallery Input
5. Consent Agenda
   * 11/11/2015 Minutes
     1. Minutes approved
6. Guest Speakers
   * RHA
     1. We are a governing body of the residence hall consisting of 30 members along with councils that represent the different residences halls across campus. We put on large scale events that are beneficial to these residences. We also advocate student needs to administration via forums and panels. There are many opportunities for students to take advantage of in this organization. IACURH is a regional branch of the governing body. This November, CSU is hosting this conference.
     2. Questions
        1. Senator Bryan: How does RHA interacts with ASCSU? What can ASCSU help you with?
           1. We are growing our relationship between these organizations. Last week, a bill was brought to our organization about a bill that would be presented.
           2. The limits where our organizations can work together are boundless. We would love you guys to reach out to us if you have any interest about events or bills you have.
        2. Senator D: How many students attended the alternative Halloween and when is your next event?
           1. There was a 160 and the next event is the premiere of Mockingjay Part II.
7. Executive Reports
   * Director Truitt: Thank you for the support to BYOC and gave out about 1000 mugs.
   * Director King: There was student input about the smoking process on campus. If you have any questions or contacts to talk to Director Jackson.
8. Judicial Reports
9. Legislative Officer Reports
   * Senator Lensky: As break is approaching, I have been working on getting all Senators up to date with the next semester approaching quickly. If you need a refresher or information, please find PJ or myself. You can come back and put in your office hours after the week but I can see when you have filled those out. If you consistently are filling them out late, you will be emailed about this issue. If you are still having issues with the document, please email me and we will work on that issue.
10. Senator Reports
    * Senator Williams: We have talking about the feasibility of town halls. I have visited two college councils to gather data from these councils. If you want to talk to me after the meeting please find me regarding this issue.
    * Senator Nolan: The Constitutional Task Force met on Monday and the minutes will be going out soon. I delegated the parts of the constitution into the branches.
    * Senator Harrison: A call to awareness to informed action by ASCSU. I have noticed that two women has resigned and our President had to talk to us about behavior. We also need to understand what we are unaware of. I believe Senate and ASCSU could benefit from post-modern social theories. Dakota Truitt and her department brought in a good speaker about this subject and I think we could reach out to someone like this. This is a gendered organization as I have seen. I have a question I would like to express. If we have a gendered organization, does that involve double-representation? People seem to be more concerned about the emails and where they are going rather than the content of emails. I believe that there should be personal education and follow the path of higher education. I ask to move toward knowledge and awareness and the time to act is now. I do believe we are led by an experience leader and that they empathize with my concerns.
    * Senator Kealey: I know that certainly would have been to the standing with Mizzou event if I did not have a prior commitment. I am seeking justice and calling out injustices. Creating an inclusive campus is not about statistics and committees. It starts with an attitude towards this and starts with us. If you have any questions about our comments and goals, please talk to us.
    * Senator Williams: Tomorrow, at 5pm there will be a Presidential Primary Information Session will be held here in the Senate Chambers. Platforms and information about the candidates will be given at this time.
    * Senator Nolan: At 4pm tomorrow, there is a notice and respond training here in the LSC.
11. Associate Senator Reports
    * Associate Senator Wright: I would like to bring up the events construing the last few years in the world. I would like to bring attention to the awareness people can bring to these events. Awareness is a big part and is the first step. I encourage you to have supportive and beneficial conversation about these events and the refugee crisis. This is a touchy issue and affects people here at CSU.
    * Associate Senator Laffey: I am the chair of the Liberal Arts Technology Committee. The budget is looking good and are looking at a 5% increase cost and still have the lowest fee in the university. UFAB meet last week and will meet again this week and will vote on extending the money we have bookmarked for the Anatomy and Zoology building addition.
12. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
    * Motion to defer Parliamentarian elections until all individuals who expressed interest are present and once current business is through.
      1. Discussion
         1. Kwon Yearby: In my opinion, I think it would be beneficial to defer this election until all people interested are presented.
         2. Senator Bruce: I echo previous speaker
         3. Senator Bryan: I disagree with previous speaker. I think it is necessary to have this position filled.
         4. Senator Lensky: It is to my knowledge, last week the information was given and potential candidates to give reason for why not being here for the election.
      2. Vote: 7:14:1
         1. Motion fails
    * Parliamentarian Elections
      1. Removed from the agenda with a vote of 23:0:1
    * ASCSU Elections Manager Election
      1. Introduction
         1. We put applications through multiple areas. We selected Andrei Gurau as he was the manager last year and brings an outside
         2. I was a senator a few years ago. I was born and raised in Colorado. I consider myself an impartial person. I am interested in pursuing medical school and is a hobby to get involved.
      2. Questions
         1. Senator Kealey: What are you going to do to address the issues with media and the candidates?
            1. I worked with the Collegian closely last year and have that relationship still currently.
         2. Senator Bryan: What was the best lesson learned last year?
            1. To organized your work effectively and have learned from my mistakes.
         3. Senator D: What was one of the biggest obstacles last year and how would you overcome it?
            1. I was a hard science major and staying on top of my classes and still maintaining this role
      3. Vote 19:3:2
         1. Andrei is ratified and sworn into position
13. Confidence Business
14. Committee Reports
    * Senate Budgetary Committee – we discussed the role of the committee. Some of the topics were the vision and future of the committee and the committee itself. We discussed name changes and by-law changes. We do have a bill coming up about by-law changes. I am currently working on a new meeting time for the next semester.
    * Internal Affairs – We discussed our own by-laws and getting them on paper. We took updates about projects everyone is working on.
    * External Affairs – We received resolution #4506 and #4507 and endorsed both as a committee. We also made changes to Bill #4508. All of the changes we made were grammatical and endorsed the bill as a committee. We added a therefore statement about the first step and by-laws of the committee.
    * University Issues – We talked about the light audit in our committee. We also talked about a mandatory diversity class. We are going to be reaching out different departments and committees about this topic.
15. Old Business
    * Bill #4508 Creation of an Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board
      1. Bill #4508 adopted for discussion
      2. Bill read by Speaker Pro Tempore
      3. All changes to the bill were adopted
      4. Proposed amendment of striking out President of ASCSU to Deans of their respective colleges as well as adding business before days in the second therefor clause.
         1. Amendment passes unanimously
      5. Discussion/Debate
         1. Senator Williams: I think it is necessary in the long run but I cannot on good conscious vote for increasing student fees in the future.
         2. Director Truitt: The purpose of the bill is to create a board that might create a fee in the future. If we do not pass this, students would have to pay for cost associated with personal cars.
         3. Director Schafer: There is support outside of ASCSU of this bill. In the future there is a potential for a fee increase but we are a platinum university in regards of biking. This is a logical next step.
         4. Senator Rodenbaugh: This bill will not create a fee right away
         5. Senator Lensky: I am in support of this bill because it is good to have an advisory to deal with this issue.
         6. Senator Bryan: I offer my full support behind this bill. It is a lot easier to have more eyes looking over funding to catch loopholes.
         7. Senator D: I am in support of this legislation. It does not create a fee but only regulates it. Please do not repeat questions.
         8. Associate Senator Wright: I echo previous speakers
         9. Senator Harrison: I did sponsor this bill because I think it is necessary but I am not 100 percent in favor of this bill. The leadership of this bill that there is some bias in this group. I am in favor of the board but there is bias on the students affected.
         10. President Sydoriak: I understand the concerns of previous speakers. I think that these concerns could be address in the by-laws of the committee. I think that this committee could create or manage fee cost-effectiveness.
         11. Senator D: The presenter that came to us created some bias but alternative transportation will be looked at all forms. I would highly encourage that the board look to sources of other sources of funding. I highly advise the creation of this board.
         12. Gallery: I would be hesitant about this board. Not that I don’t agree but the fact that they are coming for us first for funding. I think that the goals of these boards are important. I think this board to create diversity of the voice that will be represented in alternative transportation decisions. Looking at diversity would be a large goal to these kinds of boards.
         13. Associate Senator Laffey: UTFAB and UFAB were created long ago. They were created for specific needs. Those fees serve definite needs of the student body. I am not sure that this board and bill has a specific need or purpose. There is a creep in power that happens in these boards. As you drift away from the creators of the board and the focus of the group fades. I am very much concern that if this board is created that we lose control of this board in the future. We are a land grant institution and should manage our costs.
      6. Vote
         1. 19:4:2
         2. Bill #4508 passes
    * Resolution #4504 Changes of By-Laws to Include iClicker Votes
      1. Resolution #4504 brought back to the floor with a vote of 22:0:3
      2. Resolution #4504 read by Speaker Pro Tempore
      3. Discussion/Debate
         1. Senator Nolan: Everything on this is fine and should remove Kelsey Bigham from this bill.
         2. Senator Prochazka: Do we have enough iClickers?
            1. Yes
         3. Senator Bryan: I think there are some security issues. How can we solve this? I still want to voice my concern about the security.
            1. I would imagine that gallery would have respect for this voting. We could cross-check clickers with the ones we have in the inventory.
         4. Senator D: I would like to point out that we are mandatory to vote just with iClickers. It is meant to be efficient. If there is a threat of this type of voting, we can go back to other methods of voting.
         5. Associate Senator Laffey: I am concerned about the security of this type of voting. What is the range of an iClicker? It could cause huge problems. I think there should be more thought.
            1. 200-300 feet is the range but would have to have the specific frequency.
         6. Senator Nolan: I move for previous question.
            1. Motion passes with a vote of 23:0:2
      4. Vote
         1. 15:4:6
         2. Motion passes
16. New Business
    * Bill #4509 Approval of ASCSU Board for Student Organization Funding decision of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
      1. Bill #4509 was adopted for discussion
      2. Bill was read by Speaker Pro Tempore
      3. Presentation of Bill
         1. This is a bill to bring Mellissa Harris-Perry to speak here at CSU. We are very excited to bring her to CSU. We have had male speakers come in the past years but decided to bring a female speaker this year. The $15,000 is the only requested amount brought to BSOF and the only amount that is to be paid for.
      4. Questions
         1. Senator Kealey: How is this going to be a non-partisan event?
            1. We are definitely staying clear of these topics. We are just trying to promote positivity and include a female prospective on issues.
         2. Senator Bryan: How is the total speaker fee? What other aspects of the program are there going to be?
            1. The speaker fee is $25,000. We are co-sponsoring with ram events. There will be a 40 speech and then a 20 minute meet and greet that will also have refreshment. There will also be another meet and greet with faculty and sororities at another time.
         3. Associate Senator Wright: What would she be controversial on?
            1. I wouldn’t say she is controversial but would bring topics that would get you to think about.
         4. Senator D: What is the overall theme that this person would bring to the table?
            1. She would bring issues that are occurring in the African-American Community and female concerns in this community.
         5. Associate Senator Laffey: How big is your organization? How do you see this speaker helping CSU and student take away from this speaker?
            1. We have 250,000 members worldwide. We have 3 members here.
            2. This is a very influential member on these subjects and could bring topics of diversity to this campus.
      5. Discussion
         1. Senator D: I am in favor of this bill.
         2. Senator Bruce: I fully support the Mellissa coming to speak here at CSU and would benefit students here.
         3. Senator Bryan: I understand the concerns about this speaker. It is very easy to dismiss topics as controversial and think it would be beneficial to have students challenged. I encourage a yes vote.
         4. Senator Harbert: I echo previous speaker
         5. Associate Senator Laffey: We only have 8 criteria that we can evaluate this. There is no criteria about how controversial the speaker is. This bill meets all 8 criteria.
         6. Gallery: You are voting on a vote of confidence that BSOF did their job during the presentation of this funding.
         7. Gallery: I am in favor of this event. I think the problem is that you do not have the funding and application in front of you and makes the decision more difficult.
         8. Director Schaffer: This is a vote of confidence to that ratification. I would trust that you got your ratification right.
    * Motion for a 5 minute recess
    * Moved to put bill on expedited status
      1. Motion passed with a unanimous vote
      2. Vote
         1. Motion passes 25:0:0
    * Resolution #4506 Support to Changing the Hospital Provider Fee to an Enterprise Fund
      1. Resolution #4506 adopted for discussion
      2. Resolution read by Speaker pro Tempore
      3. Presentation by author
         1. This is an effort across institutions within the state with similar documents. We have to approach this as advocates for students and higher education. It is not guaranteed that we will receive these funds but is an opportunity. It is a tax of hospitals on themselves to gather funding. Hospitals have to help fund people who cannot pay for treatment they cannot physically pay for. This is part of the Obamacare package. It allows this to be removed from the Tabor cap. The taxes that the hospital creates goes back to the hospital but is a mistake on the author of the initial bill and we can fix that. This would not increase taxes. We would keep the funds instead of spending money on small refunds.
      4. Questions:
         1. Senator D: When do you need this by?
            1. The general assembly starts on January 13th. It would be beneficial to have it before then. It would be nice to have it on expedited status.
         2. Senator Bryan: We would be less over the cap but still over the cap?
            1. We would actually put us under the Tabor cap.
         3. Senator Williams: Would this affect the enterprise fund?
            1. I have been told no or would overwrite it. It would create more funding for the system. You really have to vote on the here and now.
      5. Resolution has been sent to university issues
    * Resolution #4507 Mental Health Syllabus Addition
      1. Resolution #4507 adopted for discussion
      2. Resolution read by Speaker Pro Tempore
      3. Presentation by author
         1. This is something that needs to happen. That is not my wording about need help but from counseling services. People just don’t know that these services are available. People have told me that they did not know about any of these. Any teacher I have talked to have been in full support of this resolution. I think we should put this on expedited status.
      4. Questions:
         1. Associate Senator Laffey: Have you spoke with Stephanie Clemens about this?
            1. I have not but will talk with her.
      5. Discussion/Debate
         1. Associate Senator Laffey: Faculty Counsel has some say but having department chairs on board would have more push on getting done. Students need to know this.
         2. Senator Bryan: I really appreciate that this bill was brought to the floor. Any steps we can make is a step that we absolutely need to make. I am in full support.
         3. Associate Senator Wright: I am in full support of this resolution. I think this is a small step on paper but is big step for the school and the students.
         4. Senator Nolan: Counseling services is extremely helpful. Suicide is a big issue. There needs to be conversation about it and this is a step for a bigger conversation.
      6. I move to put this on expedited status
         1. Motion passes unanimously
      7. Vote:
         1. 24:0:1
         2. Resolution #4507 passes
    * Resolution #4508 Incentivizing Meeting Bookstore Due Dates
      1. Resolution #4508 adopted for discussion
      2. Resolution read by Speaker pro Tempore
      3. Presentation by author
         1. This resolution is an attempt to save students money through textbooks. This was one of the first and best option to save money for students. The bookstore currently puts out a due date and then faculty are to meet this deadline. However, there is no incentive for faculty to meet this deadline as there are no consequences and this costs students money.
      4. Questions:
         1. Senator D: My college council is in full support. Why not push back deadlines? What would the consequences be?
            1. These deadlines come from the wholesale sources of the books. This gives the bookstores and other options to find the cheapest options. If the deadline is pushed back, it creates less time for this.
            2. It would be up to the faculty council as they would know what would work best.
         2. Associate Senator Worcester: What are the incentives?
            1. That would be up to the faculty council as well as they would have better information. I would like to work with the faculty to find the best solution.
         3. Senator Harrison: Why does faculty have a hard time meeting this deadline?
            1. I think it is a combination of items. Whether it is a small slap on the wrist, not noticing the impacts, and no incentives. I want to make this aware to the faculty.
         4. Senator Bryan: President Frank said we a high adjunct professor, will it affect these as harshly?
            1. That is why I want to implement an incentive program instead of hurting someone’s career. It is an incentive not a fine.
         5. Senator Hilaire: Do you have an incentive program from the past that has failed?
            1. The bookstore tried to gift cards as well as information and conversations.
      5. Resolution sent to external committee
    * Resolution #4509 Approval of the Inclusive Excellence Committee Bylaws
      1. Resolution #4509 has been adopted for discussion
      2. Resolution #4509 read by Speaker pro Tempore
      3. Presentation by author
         1. The main parts this are the voting rights of this committee. It is a body that we created last year regarding issues of inclusion and diversity. These by-laws creates the voting decisions and other policies for this committees. Points three and four regards to membership and representation. For now, this is the solution we have available for people that want to attend senate but want to represent a certain group of people. All amendments to the by-laws have to be accepted by the senate.
      4. Questions
         1. Associate Senator Wright: Do you have to be approved by application to be on the committee? Do you think something like this would defer people from this committee? How can we not have this application but still have the same effect? Do you think the chair would be an effective chair?
            1. Yes
            2. My original preference would be open. However, if you have this process, people who want to be here and add to the conversation would help this.
            3. I would agree that the wording is not very including but provides a process
            4. The chair is here to provide leadership until it is filled by others and the by-laws are created
         2. Senator Kealey: I am bit confused. How do you see chair affecting this committee?
            1. Anyone can attend this committee but if you want to vote you have to fulfill this process. It is a process to understand people intentions.
         3. Senator Harrison: What credentials does the chair have for evaluating the applications?
            1. I cannot speak to her exact credentials but she does have experience.
         4. Senator Hilaire: Would you be opposed to reviewing this need?
            1. I suggest that we keep it. It is two questions gaging the interest of the person. I open to discussing this process.
         5. Associate Senator Laffey: Who has the ultimate authority of who is on the committee?
            1. The Director of Diversity
         6. Senator Bruce: How can you encourage us that the by-laws would fix the situation?
            1. This is a constitutional body and have to follow certain parameters. This is the best we can do at the current time. If these by-laws are passed, we can make amendments for changes that need to be made based on what works and what doesn’t work.
         7. Senator Kealey: Why can’t we discuss these in senate? Why is there such little representation?
            1. This is providing a place for discussion and facilitation that is different than in Senate. They can come to senate with beliefs shared by others to spark discussion here.
         8. Senator Prochazka: The Senate did have a say in the ratification of the chair?
            1. Yes
         9. Senator Harrison: If there is no expertise present, and I have expressed inclusive behavior. What does the by-laws say?
            1. It has been running unofficially without by-laws and these by-laws would create the means necessary to get representation for the committee.
      5. Sent to internal committee
    * Motion for 2 minute recess
    * Motion of No-Confidence due to expiration of confidence clock
      1. Motion passes
    * Resolution #4510 Amendment of the ASCSU Senate Bylaws
      1. Resolution read by Speaker pro Tempore
      2. Sent to university issues committee
    * Resolution #4511 Changes to the Bylaws of the Senate Budgetary Committee
      1. Resolution #4511 read by Speaker pro Tempore
      2. Sent to internal issues committee
17. Announcements
    * Senator Nolan: I will be bringing in a card for my cousin who is dealing with cancer. Keep that in mind and please pray.
    * Deputy Chief of Staff Higgins: There has been information about the tobacco policy and was sent to you around new. The policy will now be effective January 18th. If you have any questions, please talk to or email Director Jackson. If anyone is interested in a gift exchange, please sign up for that on my door. There will be a price limit.
    * Senator Williams: We were talking about refugees and terrorism earlier. We were thinking of having a moment of silence. Let us have a moment of silence for the victims that were affected by these acts. Before this meeting, we had a meeting about our mission statement. This meeting did not meet the mission that we have. From this meeting, I have lost a lot of hope of meeting our mission.
    * Senator Bryan: We are a representative legislature and emotional heated conversations are not acceptable. There was way too much emotion being thrown around in this meeting tonight.
    * Senator Kealey: If you think I was emotional tonight, please talk to me and get to know me. I do not think we were emotional.
    * Senator Hilaire: Thank you for the moment of silence.
    * Associate Senator Wright: I am proud to be a part of this senate body. Tonight was rough and think we should have more discussion in the senate body. I have an upmost respect for everyone in this room.
    * Senator Miller: Robust discussion is imperative to representative democracy. Heated discussion and arguments should happen. If we just wishy washy on documents, we might put harmful policies into place.
    * Senator Lensky: Please make sure you return your iClickers.
    * Senator Harbert: Could someone give me a ride home.
    * Speaker pro Tempore Seel: We have had a session unique for the semester. We do need to have a sense of time since we are students. When you are considering what we are doing, we do have many sessions to still to come.
    * YAY BOX
18. Roll Call
19. Adjournment