**Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Fifth Senate**

**Second Session**

**September 2, 2015**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Gallery Input
	* Those who don’t me I have been associated with ASCSU for ten years. The authority is unbounded and it is your duty to represent the students as humanly possible. It requires passing bills, and ratifying. On the other side, the primary purpose is to work with the executive branch. Those don’t know passed a bill for budget in how executinve branch opporates. Checks and banch to executive branch. Don’t beat yourself down if you are not doing that. Do this and have wonderful senate.
5. Consent Agenda
	* 5/6/2015 Minutes
6. Guest Speakers
* Jeni Arndt—Representative for House District 53
	+ Bio
* Question-Senator Bryan: I worked with Representative this summer and didn’t see much go through public health. What Legislation did you propose?
	+ Answer: I had 8 bills, 5 were passed. The ones that passed had a republican sponsor and the three that didn’t had democratic sponsor. I did a lot of legwork for those bills. You didn’t see my work because I did in health as it is hard to see with it is so big. One bill was about tail water left in the ditch and saving water in for agricultural use. The water is under owner’s rights and it conserved water. I also ran a title insurance bill. It is not based on home value but is a flat fee. I also had a sunset provision which needs active revision. I received the cosmetology sunset bill. It passed in senate by talking to professionals to get more information.
* Question: Jason: There are rumors going around about perfect storm with Tabor and higher education funding. What are some troubles and details?
	+ Answer: We have a balanced budget and that is a good thing. It takes away legislative power to raise taxes to public. It could be good or bad. Tax proposals have always failed to this. We are expecting a refund of 4.50 to every dollar. We have to find other ways to get give refund to make it cheaper for the state and conserve money. Next is $600 and then way up. K-12 is protected in this. Higher education is not protected and is the big concern. 60 percent was the state budget and now it is down to 4 percent. I have to give a hand to CSU as they handle this restriction while living out land grant standards.
* Question: Balster: Reframing Sexual Assault Campaign. Can you talk about what the rest of the states are doing?
	+ Answer: I am a mother of 3, legislator, and survivor. I met with director of SAVA about a rape kit on Campus and there wasn’t. There is a large population in small area. We expected good intentions but need medical center on campus to make easier. Just asked that question and help put pressure on state funding. It is a violent crime and help with health care on this subject.
* Education Piece: Don’t know difference between statutory initiative and amendment initiative here it is. Amendment initiative amends the constitution and is never seen to undone. Amendment in state constitution for civil unions was the best we could do until federal ruling. Statutory initiative can be changed by legislation. Make sure and cautious when it comes to initiatives. Propositions is what these go by in elections for statutory initiatives.
* Question: Senator Bryan: How to get ahold of general assembly representatives?
	+ Go to website to get information and contact them. Lots of them put cell phone number down on the website. It is simple as that. They love hearing from you. I just met with a guy with coffee who concerned about DUI and following him. I asked him if he wanted to work for me to get your foot in the door.
* Question: Sogge: Housing and U+2. Addressing that and housing.
	+ City ordinance and meeting was last night. State level wouldn’t take that initiative. Jerry Horak is the person to talk to.
* Thanks for having me with you tonight
1. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
* Vice President: Phoenix Dugger
	+ Jason: How is it going senate? The Vice President I ran with resigned due to family matters. I had to appoint interim vice president over the summer. That was Phoenix. I was impressed with especially in interviews. I was focused on SFRB and he could handle that Responsibility. That is who I went with.
	+ Question: Balster: Phoenix, it sounds like role of vice president is a little bit different. What do you see as your role in senate sessions?
		- I am still the person in charge of senate. With that hierarchy of PJ as direct supervision. PJ and Karley will have meetings with me. I will be chairing senate session until I see fit and PJ gets comfortable. Three prong approach with PJ chairing and my supervision.
	+ Quesiton: In terms of changing from finance to Vice President. How do you approach the leadership change?
		- I have always had the same style of leadership. Transparent. I live in the office and always able to be talked to. Even in finance, you have a lot of difficult conversations and that has helped me handle these conversations and get points across. Be effective and that goes for all positions.
	+ Question: Laffey: As role in Vice President, please give us an example of a most difficult political situation.
		- Don’t give really involved in politics. Registered republican. See both sides. I was not elected so I did not have to deal with politics. Serve Jason and Taylor’s vision. Politics go, it is not my role. Jason: Phoenix is modest. Position is deep in politics. As director of finance, he was conservative about funds over the summer. He was making sure he was efficient and effective with fees. He looked at politics that way.
	+ Vote:16:6:1 Ratification Passed
	+ Phoenix Dugger sworn in as Vice President
* Chief of Staff: Brandon Majmudar
	+ Jason: This is Brandon and Director of University of Affairs. The previous Chief-of-Staff resigned due to his plate being too full. I was handling business that filled my plate that I shouldn’t need to handle. Brandon as well as Ashley have been doing a great job as handling this business. Brandon: Jason said it all. It is a big opportunity and retreat helped me out.
	+ Question: Senator: What are types of professional experience you have had?
		- I am the Vice president of my fraternity and overseeing 8 chairmen. I have to also manage them which is great experience for this experience.
	+ Higgins: How do you see your role and transition going smoothly?
		- One of the ways, I had the mindset of doing all the pieces. With the advisors, I handed our rules and expectation about process and communication. It is easier to communicate with others in the office and senate knowing effective communication types with every person.
	+ Laffey: Give an example with most difficult experience.
		- I faced the situation of a person breaking the law and remove them from the situation. I had to talk to them as a peer and let them know of the situation.
		- Vote: 24:0:0 Ratification Passed
		- Brandon Majmudar sworn in as Chief-of-Staff
* Director of Finance: Katrina Roberts
	+ Phoenix: I was director of finance, Katrina was impressive in the interview. A lot of her previous experiences is serving in BSOF. This experience will help with serving in this role.
	+ Question: King: What is your major?
		- Accounting and Finance dual major
	+ Laffey: If you worked with someone who took all the credit for your hard work, how would you handle that?
		- As long as the work gets done, I am alright with that. Conflict is something that gets heated and would like to take that conversation to a private setting to resolve situation.
	+ Senator Long: What is your experience?
		- I hold a chair positon in my sorority. I dealt with finance as well as communication and working in unison.
	+ Senator: Main responsibility is promote finance. How are you going to help promote finance while mitigating department?
		- Passion. I need to get in contact with people to help. That is all I can do for now. Letting people know about ASCSU and what we do. I am a perfectionist at heart. That is why I belong to finance
	+ Director Balster: BSOF as well as lots of groups have met with Vice President Dugger. Do you know the situations and what is going on and jumping into situation?
		- Since this just began, I have had a brief introduction. Communication is key and discussing with Phoenix what has been discussed and to move on with the events.
	+ Director Balster: Communication with the budget and process. What do you see that looking like?
		- The way I see it, being meticulous with the funds and letting directors know where they stand.
	+ Senator Caro: What is an unpopular stand you have taken before as an example.
		- I was helping put on a mother’s day event. I had to be front with people given limitations to events. The event took more than what we had and had to tell the group we couldn’t afford that event. However, I found other funds to make event possible.
	+ Laffey: Example of most difficult situation in my job
		- Haven’t had a situation to be difficult. Every job has its challenges but not a difficult situation.
		- King moves for previous question.
			* Vote: 22:0:0 Passes unanimously
	+ Vote 15:8:1 Ratification Passed
	+ Katrina Roberts sworn in as Director of Finance
* Director of University Affairs: Andy Schafer
	+ Brandon: He is up for director of university affairs. Worked all summer without pay. He Worked on committees, getting your voice up and running. That is why we are putting him up for this role. I think he would be the best fit for the position. Andy: I was with him a lot over the summer. I have been able to slide into this position. It is a little different as the only person in the department. Jason: out of all the deputies, Andy has work the most out of all of them over the summer. This wasn’t to stay in the loop but to make change here on campus. Andy is a great choice for Director of University Affairs.
	+ Senator Bryan: What is one thing you would like to do?
		- You may have heard of “your voice,” I would really like to capitalize on that. I will be meeting with administration, so we can properly divvy those out to the appropriate departments.
	+ Laffey: What are you doing to earn high praise from President?
		- Over the summer I worked with Brandon compiling committees. Sat in on some meetings. Jason: I created a task force to be ratified by senate. Andy was the one to be appointed to be chair. He had the passion for this and wanted the challenge of this task.
	+ Vote: 24:0:0 Ratification Passed
	+ Andy Schafer sworn in as Director of University Affairs
* Madison Tolan sworn in as Associate Senator

Opened Election Senate Budgetary Committee Chair by Williams

 Seconded

* Vote 20:0:1 Motion Passes
* Nominees: Senator Yeager, Senator Bryan
	+ Yeager: I am currently accounting and finance major. I have looked at budgets for years. I would love to chair this committee. I think this position is a lot of administration.
		- King: What have you done on SBC?
	+ Yeager: I have not done anything. The chair did not organize us to accomplish anything.
	+ Bryan: I am interested in this position to continue leadership experience and help with the finances in ASCSU. Some experience was working as a CEO as a company through a simulated program.
		- King: Have you gone through and look SBC bylaws?
	+ I was hoping to look through those meetings over the summer but did not as those meetings didn’t occur. That would be the first thing I would do.
	+ Vote 18 Yeager

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* + - Sworn in Yeager elected Senate Budgetary Committee Chair
1. Executive Reports
	* Jackson: Director of health. I tend to be long winded. I am chair of mental health committee. Please let me know if you are interested as we meet in Kistler Room at 4pm Monday
	* King: Director of Governmental Affairs. Roundtable this morning and Arndt tonight. September Voter Registration. We have a competition with CU again and we will win
	* Ozekin: Next Tuesday is involvement fair. Looking for volunteers. Spetember 8th
	* Truit: I have volunteer sign-up sheet. Have 2 polls to please text in answers about new max bus on Elizabeth street
	* Schafer: Required to sit on a number of committees. Don’t join canvas page. By this time next week, send me an email with top 5 committees. There is going to be some confusion as committees might not be meeting in the next weeks. If on a committee send which on and all relevant information. Email from PJ regarding committee information. You need access to access google doc and with grant access to that tomorrow morning.
	* George: Grill the Buff is September 17th. 11:40 to 2 on Southerland Gardens. We will need lots of volunteers to sign up for 1 hour shifts. Sign up sheet going around next week
	* Booth: Excellence meeting 6:30 in Kistler Room. Need to fill out application for this meeting. Any questions to email me
	* Balster: Director of marketing. You are more than welcome to come in and talk to us in the office. I am sorta overseeing the website and has a lot of information. It just needs some digging. All of upcoming events and applications are in one place on a tab on the side. There are a lot of other things we do that would like senate participation in. As far as college councils go, you represent a college council. We have a newsletter every month to spread information about ASCSU and what we are doing to those councils.
	* Kendall: Community Affairs. Concerns about U+2. We have some things in the works.
	* Sydoriak: Thank all new senators for being with us as well as continuing senators. We have director’s reports going out every week. This is to fulfill the constitutional requirement. If you are interest in an issue. Go through the director’s report or through meeting with them to understand where they are coming from. I have a new bill that will be introduced.
2. Judicial Reports
	* Nick: Process in hiring an Associate Justice. Application close on Friday. We are having our first court meeting tomorrow. Hopefully be better organized. Received an internal complaint and working through that process.
3. Senator Reports
	* Sogge and PJ: Just as an FYI, we changed the legislation template. PJ and I are going to go over the new template. When we are talking about sponsor, you want it to be debated and do not necessarily want to support. To endorse a bill means that you want the bill to pass. Collaborated with section is new and to include unbiased members that helped bring information. The abstract gives a nice summary to the bill being presented. It helps bring the idea of the bill to the other senators. Wheras and therefore clauses have stayed the same. Please do not play with the microphones. Only use them when you need to and will be able to record senate session and use recording through the microphones. We have three openins on SBC and used as a trial for senate to look over the budget. I urge that you consider this committee. There are a lot of committees to choose from but pick ones you will be interested in and ask questions about them. You are not only engaging with students but also faculty. If you want a plaque, talk to Te’Jay or Kelsey. If you need a nametag talk to the front desk. Those of you are new Senators meet with Sogge.
4. Associate Senator Reports
5. Confidence Business
6. Committee Reports
	* Internal Affairs
		1. Nolan: Doodle poll for the times you can meet. Be prepared as we are tackling the constitution.
	* External Affairs
		1. I have been talking to affairs to be proactive in addressing issues in our community and local level
	* University Issues
		1. I will be working with university affairs and mental health. If you are interested in those come talk to me about it.
7. Old Business
8. New Business
* Resolution #4501 In Support of CSU Football Program
* Schafer to move #4502 ASCSU Deputy Director of Graduate Affairs on floor
	+ Sydoriak: Graduate Students would like direct representation in senate.
	+ Senator D: having read the bill already that it is short and brief to do one ready today.
	+ Senator Nolan: I have read it already but don’t want to start bad habit of reading bills that were not in on time.
	+ Sogge: echo previous speaker. I is important to be held accountable
	+ A. Senator Rickets: The bill itself is a good idea, I believe that bills need to be submitted on time.
	+ Senator Williams: Echoing Senator D, I think it is a bill that we should bring tonight and start filling the role.
	+ Jason: Not to justification, a large demographic will not be represented for a week or two if it is not being read.
	+ Kendall: Echo previous speaker
	+ Senator D: This is a short bill and is going against the previous precedent. I would like the rules that are being broken to be pointed out. I vote that we pull it to the floor.
	+ Sogge: When errors are made to point them out. Still stand by what I said.
	+ Senator Prochaska: We are a representative body and by not bringing it to the board we are not doing that.
	+ Senator Yeager: It is a short bill and we can knock it out.
	+ Vote 14:5:1 Motion Passes
* Sogge: I move to adopt Bill #4502 and seconded
	+ Motion Passes
* Read bill
* Jason (author of bill): This is a job description and position of university affairs. I think it is crucial that we have someone affect it. New job descriptions need to be read and passed by senate. It will be sent out via email. Next time senate rolls around and will be discussed.
* Job Description read
	+ Senator Yeager: Does it worry you that they have not filled any students in senate.
		- Jason: Does not worry me for a few reasons
			* There are some systemic issues. They have a lot of representation. They don’t have a lot of time and opportunity costs are high.
	+ Senator Lensky: Are you looking specifically for graduate students in this position?
		- Jason: Specific to graduate students
* Sent to university issues
1. Announcements
	* Dugger: SFRB still looking for applications. Was filed as 4 pm meeting on application but is 5pm. The deadline is September 16th.
	* PJ: Committee of Excellence reiteration and contact Megan. Minimum of 2 senators that need to be there. Goal is to bring legislation here that may not be heard from senators.
2. Roll Call
3. Adjournment
	* Adjourned at 9:53