**Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Sixth Senate**

**Tenth Session**

**October 19th, 2016**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Gallery Input
5. Consent Agenda
   * Minutes 10/12/16 meeting
   * Res #4607 – Congratulating the Collegian on 125-Years
   * Res #4608 – Congratulating the Presidential Ambassadors on 10-Years
     1. Consent Agenda approved
6. Guest Speakers
   * University President & System Chancellor Tony Frank
     1. One of the things that we are proudest of is the role that the student government plays at our university. Through this role, we put a lot of pressure on you to complete these tasks and take on the fee process. Each year, I have the opportunity to address the senate about the upcoming budget process. I will try to keep this a little more superficial than in past years as there are still a lot of variables that we do not know how they will interact based on state funding. I will walk through the budget and then will leave time for some questions. In times that the State does not put a sufficient amount of funding, we start to look to prioritizing. This puts a lot of pressure on us and everyone at the university. Everyone has different opinions and this is what makes it a difficult task. At the end of this process, we will send a balanced budget that will go for approval. The second thing that I hope you walk away with is that there is a balance between values that you will understand. Land grant universities are the way that we are able to educate the next generation. We were created when the only education options were private institutions and our mission was to educate the public. They intended to provide access to an acceptable higher education. All of the routes that led you here matter but you all came here based on the values of education and what you were willing to pay for that education. You can find people picking all parts of the spectrum and you all here have chosen Colorado State University. The budget systems will affect the students of the future. As we look at these budgets, my administration is looking for that balance of affordable, excellence, and an education access point. Going on from the intro, this slide is what we call an inflation budget. This looks at what we are currently doing and look at how inflation could affect the budget. We are looking at a $19 million budget looking at this inflation budget. The expenses on this slide can be seen on this slide. You will see at the bottom of all these budgets a deficit of over $400,000 but isn’t too concerning to me at this point. This is an easy number to balance where it is more difficult when that number is in the millions. We have a model on our website call a budget balancer where you can play will some of the monetary values that are able to change and you can go through a similar process that we do. From the feedback that we receive during our August meeting, we are expected to come back with some more assumptions to the October meeting that we just had to start modeling this budget. These assumptions can be seen in the next slide with different tuition rates and state funding rates. We are trying to pay a lot of attention to faculty and staff funding and pay. These are a series of budgets and can confidently say that none of these are the final budgets as we still need to mend and change these models still. We will use the budget that comes out from the State in November to drive what our budget will do. When we get to our February meeting, we will send out our budget that we think that will best fit the scenario at hand for one last round of review and changes that will then go into signing in June. The last page in your packet breaks down some dollar figures that I will not get into too much and you can review. At this point, it is fair to say that we are looking for inflationary increases and that there are not many major increases from the fee areas. We don’t play games around tuition and fees. During my term as President, we have not blocked or approved fee funding without support from ASCSU.
     2. Questions
        1. Senator Pyfrom: Are faculty compensation and financial aid related?
           1. Not directly and not always
        2. Gallery: The document he was talking about is called budgetor and is not up to date yet as we are working on updating the budget and should be up in the next week.
        3. Senator Ashe: Could you re-explain the reallocation? What are some ideas you have for this?
           1. It comes down to is there something that we could stop doing that would be better off spent somewhere else. There are a lot of what if questions to look at what the areas need. We would balance certain cuts to make the budgets balance out. The most we look at is around a one percent cut that usually comes from departments operating budgets to be allocated elsewhere. This number is not magic as this is a fluid number but is usually close to three million dollars.
           2. I think at this point it would be across the board. I look at the budget from last year to see what areas we can reduce and where we made cuts from previous years. What we do watch for is people playing games with the cuts. We take that matter very seriously.
7. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
   * Jack Burns – Senator for College of Engineering
     1. Sworn into office
8. Confidence Business
9. New Business
10. Reports on Amendments in Committee
    * University Chair Horowitz: We have been looking at the stadium parking resolution and is being kept in committee.
11. Old Business
    * Bill #4603
      1. Bill #4603 was adopted for discussion
      2. Bill #4603 was read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
      3. Discussion/Debate
         1. Senator Martin, Director Williams, Speaker pro Tempore Kendall, Vice President Lensky: We went through the bill. Last week discussion last week about variability within the bill. With this constitutional amendment, we do not want to move forward without support. Director Williams had some ideas to bring forward. In historic, there has been some dissent against this bill. There was a lot of concern about the executive branch exerting power and influence and did not want that to happen. This bill does three major things. It takes the Vice President into two positions with defined roles. This allows for more dedication to each of the roles in SFRB and Senate. The third part would that the speaker would be a public election ticket that is separate from the other tickets. This would give senate a chance to be comfortable in having a leader of this branch. That is a lot of information and would like to field some questions. The constitution does not specify compensation as it is very difficult to amend. I would like to talk about this issue in depth and about student fees. There is a cap of what you use to pay the employees but is up to the administration. The first amendment was made to section 206. The next amendment is little more complicated as it explains the succession of presidency. The next part we amended dealt with running on a ticket and voting. If this bill passes it would change the by-laws but would not go into effect until this next administration.
      4. Questions
         1. Senator Brown: This is an executive position? How would the ratification process?
            1. This would be the chief legislation officer and prevents executive trying to have influence over the senate.
            2. It would be similar to what we see during the long night we had last year with the first session.
         2. Senator Hansen: Why is it codified when we can do this already? What happens if the officers are not ratified for the second semester?
            1. A lot of people did not know that this was an option and this would have a list of succession.
         3. Senator Ashe: Why is this bill necessary?
            1. I think that the issue that is when something needs to be discussed or dealt with, I may not be able to focus in 100 % of the time with other obligations. This would allow for that dedication to be completely be there. I think that this gives senate a leader that they can look to. The last thing is that this role is very loaded with responsibilities. This would help expand these roles and make it easier on the students to fulfill these duties. There is a possibility to make these roles more efficient in the best way that I can describe it.
         4. Senator Horowitz: If you are in such support of this, why do you chair both Senate and SFRB?
            1. Because I was an elected leader. Speaker pro Tempore Kendall is doing a great job. I was elected by the people and this would do the same thing. This bill would make the speaker of the senate do the same thing by being elected by the student body.
         5. Senator Brown: Why create a new position? What other reasons would be for this position?
            1. The title of my position literally means that I am just temporary. It is a pretty good compromise between both sides. This was a concern for me at the beginning and saw the intent behind the bill and realized where this was going. It eases the time on the roles. There are a lot of hours spent in the office between these two offices. Single people are limited to what they can do.
         6. Senator Aubrey: What would you do about student awareness?
            1. It is legitimacy to the administration. The numbers are a lot bigger. The goal is to market this and is our job. We want to increase the awareness on campus about this organization and the positions. This will also allow more organization of who people need to talk to directly.
      5. Discussion/Debate on amendments
         1. Senator Martin: I approve these amendments.
         2. Senator Horowitz: I do think that these roles need to be split. I think that there should be more barriers to these roles. This could cause potential problems in the future without proper knowledge.
         3. Senator Martin: In the amendments, there is a ratification process each semester and after the initial vote to make sure that these candidates are the right fit and have a say in who is leading us.
         4. Senator Ashe: I think that this a good idea and will support it. Previous administration have supported this bill.
      6. Vote on amendments
         1. Amendments adopted with a vote of 22:0:0
      7. Discussion/Debate on bill
         1. Senator Brown: Based on the questions and answers, I believe that the time allocations for the positions but have a bad feeling about this bill. I think we can be successful in reallocating time to existing officers. I think that we could consider other options. Most of us are elected by the students and don’t need to create this position.
         2. Senator Cheadle: Regardless of the bill, I think the concept of splitting the Vice Presidency and spent a lot of time on this bill. There is a good structure and is a lot of concern in some areas. We need to try this option and will have to look at this after it is implemented and alter it from experiences.
         3. Senator Martin: The position is not to be a head person but is someone that can handle what the position entails. This is just a bill to make sure each office receives the due dedication.
         4. Senator Horowitz: The students would have the faith of voting in the senators and this position. The speaker does not have a voice as much as senators as they facilitate and chair these meetings. We already have a low turnout for elections. I like to echo previous speaker of how it makes sense to split this role but think that we could do it in a different way.
         5. Senator Aubrey: I echo previous speaker.
         6. Speaker pro Tempore Kendall: put forth some amendments and would like to hear them.
         7. Vice President Lensky: The Vice President may not be qualified. The SFRB is not a ratification vote for the Vice President. This bill gives the option gives senate a vote of ratification. There is accountability through this bill. This is why I am in favor of this bill and not exactly of what the situation was last year. There was a big cat and mouse game of who to talk to. This bill eliminates this cat and mouse game and makes it easier to find who you need to talk to.
         8. Senator Hansen: This is my fourth administration I have seen and worked under. I have seen both strong and weak leaders in this body. I have seen what it does to both SFRB and Senate. It can lead to strong problems. SFRB is one of the paramount groups that this body oversees. The President for this term there were a lot of concerns but have overcome that. The students get to determine the qualifications of these roles but have a compromise of where we get to ratify these roles. We don’t want to overburden these students with these roles. We are students first.
         9. Senator Cheadle: The fight was who has the accountability. I believe democracy is a good thing but these can turn to popularity contests and that could lead to potential problems. This is something that would be built into the Constitution and requires two ratifications. I think that this is a good balance between students and Senate.
         10. Senator Brown: I think this is a productive discussion, I think it would be a good idea to send it back to committee to refine it a little more.
         11. Speaker pro Tempore Kendall: I think that all input needs to be had. If you want to put forth that discussion, I think that this would be a great time to have that discussion. I would urge to talk about it now.
         12. Senator Ashe: Most of us agree that this is a good position to have for the sake of the Vice President but not a full understanding of the qualifications of the positions. Maybe we could go into more of that now.
         13. Senator Murray: We are worried about someone not knowing what this job entails. Would it be possible to put something that they have a history of being in senate?
         14. Speaker pro Tempore Kendall: I move for committee of the whole.
             1. Senator Horowitz: It is a good idea. I think this would be better in committee. Committee of the whole is very time consuming.
             2. Director Williams: Committees only have five or six that usually attend while we have everyone here. That is why I seconded this motion.
             3. Senator Ashe: I move postponed this item of bill until next week.

Senator Auer: We are having athletics and re-park on the agenda for next week.

Senator Brown: I think I just need to sit on it for a week. I have ideas and need time to think of how to express them.

Senator Martin: We have been hearing the people’s concerns but this has gone through two committees already and doesn’t make sense to send it back.

Senator Ruiz: I echo previous speaker. Let’s just hash it out tonight.

Senator Griffith: Not everyone has the bill as it sits right now. It is on the screen but they don’t have the time to really set in. It might be easier wait on a week to see it.

Vote

8:10:2

Motion Fails

* + - 1. Vote
         1. 11:2:6
         2. Motion Passes

Senate has moved into Committee of the Whole

Senate Came back to order

Committee Report

* The first change made was that we also change the election code. The second change was that job duties will be created for all officers.
* Amendments were adopted
* Vote on Bill
  + 17:2:0
  + First Vote has passed

1. General Reports
   * Judicial Opinion #4601
     1. See Judicial Opinion attachment
   * Senator Horowitz: Tabling is for a no specified time. Postponing can be done indefinitely or for a specific time. University Issues met and discussed the resolution we had and will be talking about it again. Parking committee has four open spots and we would like to see senators on this committee. Come find me if you have more questions. I also have other external committees available if you are interested.
   * Director Williams: The agreement with New Era is now expired. We registered over 2000 students to vote.
   * Chief Justice Stein: We should have a justice sitting on all committee meetings now. Talk to me if they are not. We started the all university hearing board with training. Fraternity and Sorority Joint Judicial Board has been combined.
   * Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: It took longer last week. The website will be up to date soon. ATFAB met yesterday and went over three proposals about the bike share system, covered bus stops on campus, and organizing ski trips so students wouldn’t feel pressured into bringing cars for that reason.
   * External Affairs: We talked about the tri exec bill amendments. We will be talking about more legislation in the near future.
   * Vice President Lensky: SFRB met on Monday and toured a couple fee areas.
2. Announcements
   * Senator Auer: This Saturday is the drag show and is at 7 with doors opening at 6. We are having trivia night on Tuesday and will be having a speaker next Thursday.
   * Director Williams: Voting is not beginning to start. Please vote. Get registered if you are not.
   * Senator Horowitz: Tennis has a three day invitational this weekend. Most of the time there is free food. Don’t hold me to that though. Soccer will be playing on Friday at 3pm. Alternative Spring Applications are out and are due Tuesday on the 25th.
   * Chief Justice Stein: I am working on my senior design project and are looking to redesign the meridian corridor. We are collecting feedback and ideas. If you have any ideas, please come talk to me soon.
3. Yea Box
4. Roll Call
5. Birthdays
6. Fight Song
7. Adjournment