**Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Sixth Senate**

**Fifteenth Session**

**November 30th, 2016**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Gallery Input
   * Court received a request for an opinion and will be working on this and will have the opinion to issue at senate next meeting.
   * I did veto the water bottle bill this week. I wanted to give my rationale behind this. I was under the impression that were not clearly identified. This is not the end of water bottle stations. $20,000 worth of these stations is something that I am not comfortable with. To address the immediate concern, I will be working with administration with administrations to co-fund this. I just don’t think that the current figure is a value I am comfortable with and is subjective. We need to diversify what we spend our money on. I hear the effort but let’s compromise on this.
   * Applications for the Presidents Leadership Program is open. The applications do not close until March but would suggest filling them out earlier than later. If you participate in the program for three years, you can get a minor in leadership. If you have any questions, please come talk to me afterwards.
   * My name is Clayton King and the President for UFAB. I brought some of the minutes from these meetings to give some context behind this discussion. This topic was legitimized and was considered for funding. It was just thought that the academic standpoint of this funding was a stretch for UFAB. At the end of the year in 2015, during the approval for the funding of the project, it was determined that it was not as high of a priority in comparison to classroom renovation.
5. Consent Agenda
   * Minutes 11/16/16 meeting
     1. Consent agenda approved
6. Guest Speakers
   * VP for Diversity Ontiveros
     1. I am here to chat about a new policy that we are considering. We first have to submit an impact statement and was submitted this past spring. The statement is called Inclusive Physical and Virtual Campus Policy. We have to meet with 25 groups and you are the third group we are meeting with. When we talk about diversity, our definition is very broad. The purpose of this policy is to address inclusion and to broaden our definition. This policy really focuses on culture, gender identity and expression, disabilities, social-economic status. This is to help address issues that are barriers on campus. As we renovate building, it is important that we take these issues into consideration. Some places of areas that we looked for where we could see exclusion are restrooms and accessibility for disable students in certain areas. Students that need assistive technology have seen issues of completing classwork and have found some help in this area. What we are wanting to do through this policy is to require people to take into consideration of these exclusions for projects. We need to go beyond ADA that make project more useable for students. We are recommending through the policy that we go beyond ADA standards that makes items and projects more useful for all students and guests. With the construction that is happening on this campus, it makes it very difficult for visually impaired people who go through the same route. This makes it very difficult with minor changes that may not seem significant to others. This policy includes the physical and visual areas on campus. When it comes to the gender neutral restrooms, a decision was made on the sign. It was determined to have signage of “All Gender Restrooms” and to have visual aid of a restroom. Impacts are already being implemented in some buildings on campus and will continue to expand. Other areas that we have been adding are reflection rooms and space as well as lactation rooms. Adhering to CSU design standards is something that we are expressing as well. Universal design is also very important and we are trying to express more and incorporate more through the bid process for renovation and building new buildings. We have also addressed the fact that break rooms with a refrigerator and microwave will be a necessity. We are seeing that we will need to address this issue will people bringing lunches and rules about office spaces. Showers for commuters will be something that we will address especially with the university promoting this type of transportation. In the virtual realm, a lot of it comes from the assistive technology department. Capturing video and audio elements and making sure that faculty knows how to use this is really important. Part of the policy is also promoting awareness of these resources.
     2. Questions
        1. Senator Hansen: What is the estimated cost and where is the funding coming from?
           1. We submitted some of these requests and facilities provided an estimate and received zero funding for it through the normal process. Some of it will be paid for by the occupants of the building and new buildings will have the items already built in.
        2. How is the ADA already prioritized in the facilities process?
           1. This committee will have to identify this in further conversations. It is hard to identify right now as many projects are very different and could be different.
        3. Is there an academic aspect where it could be brought forward to UFAB?
           1. These enhance the experience people have on campus. We have not addressed it from an academic standpoint. We have not done this as a moment. This is the purpose of these meetings and find areas where we can look further into.
7. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
   * Senators
     1. Hannah Wilson: Intra-University
   * Associate Senators
     1. Amelie Bever: Intra-University
8. Confidence Business
9. Reports on Amendments in Committee
10. Old Business
    * Bill #4605 (Vetoed) – Water Bottle Fill Stations
      1. Adopted for discussion
      2. Discussion
         1. Associated Senator Syron: We are close to losing our platinum sustainability rating and need to take every measure to improve our sustainability and keep this title of platinum rating. I have taken every friendly amendment for this bill.
         2. Senator Brown: I do have to express that my college does not have a current building to call home. We have created endless programs to help with this sustainability rating. I would have to urge a no vote until more research.
         3. Senator Parisi: I want to urge my support to this bill. Within 15 minutes, we had 150 signatures of students that were in favor of this.
         4. Senator Aubrey: I would like to echo previous speaker about how we spend our money.
         5. Senator Cheadle: I want to echo previous speaker that we will need this money.
         6. President Pineda Soraca: On the diversification I talked about earlier, I was on the idea of the different kinds of topics and the facets we can use. About compromise, my thoughts have changed over time and my job is to guide ASCSU. I was advised by the previous president to use money and put as much as I could to the executive so I would not have to come to you. This money that rolled over is a blessing and would be nice to give to the next administration as well. I urge you to leave the veto as is. It is just the beginning.
         7. Senator Auer: I would like to echo previous speakers about budgeting this.
         8. Senator Silva: Since UFAB did not fund this project and it lays on us to support this funding.
         9. Senator Murray: Due to the fact that it ended in a tie and was broke by the Parliamentarian. I urge to keep the veto.
         10. Associate Senator Dicharry: We are all representatives of students.
         11. Senator Ashe: A vast majority of students want these stations and we represent these students. ASCSU adding on to the amount stations already there is a good idea.
         12. Gallery: UFAB will ask for other funds to help match areas to help with the total amount. That is something ASCSU has the possibility of doing.
         13. Senator Aubrey: I did talk about this bill. I did not get as much of a positive response as others. Right now we should vote no.
         14. Senator Burns: Echo previous speaker that we are making changes for them.
         15. Senator Pyfrom: Over 150 signatures is great but we have a population of 32,000. I feel like we don’t have enough data to support this.
         16. Associate Senator Syron: I agree with previous speakers about there could be better things but think that we should do good now.
         17. Senator Stott: I think is an amazing opportunity to show students what we can do for them.
         18. Senator Parisi: I think that $20,000 of $180,000 is not a big number.
         19. Gallery: If you don’t want to spend the money give it back to the students.
         20. Gallery: There is nothing that states what the money can be spent on. That money was spent last year to go to executive. It typically is not used. In terms of bills that were passed has only been in the most recent years.
         21. President Pineda Soraca: We are a different group of administration and ASCSU. I think that we should think independently. When we talk about putting in these stations. If that money is left over, we can bring this business back up later on. There is no reason that we can’t do this later. I think that we should have more conversations about this. I don’t think that this is dead forever.
         22. Vice President Lensky: There is a difference between balancing the budget and others. President Sydoriak came forward that they under-budgeted due to them trying to be conservative and there was a presentation of where the money would be going.
         23. Senator Aubrey: If we are doing this to just say that we did this. Wouldn’t it be better to use this money in the absolute best interest? There are stations are on campus.
      3. Motion to overturn veto
         1. Vote
            1. 9-14-2
            2. Motion fails
    * Bill #4609 – Petition Amendment
      1. Bill #4609 was adopted for discussion
      2. Bill #4609 was read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
      3. Amendments
         1. We corrected some language in the document to update what was presented in senate.
         2. Accepted as friendly amendments
      4. Discussion
         1. Chairman Seel: The reason we are bringing this up is that it is tied to the bill that is coming up later on. This petition process has a legal liability in future time and would help to correct that. I think that for the benefit of the organization we should pass this and protect ourselves.
         2. Senator Brown: I am curious about people from last year think about removing this petition process.
      5. Vote
         1. 9-7-9
         2. Bill Fails
11. New Business
    * Bill #4611 – BSOF: Holocaust Awareness Week
      1. Bill #4611 was adopted for discussion
      2. Bill #4611 read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
      3. Presentation of Bill
         1. This is a bill because we passed it through BSOF. The whole week entitles multiple events. The funding will mainly be going to bringing a Holocaust survivor to speak during this event and expect 2000 people to attend.
      4. Questions
         1. Senator Brown: How does this cost compare to last year?
            1. It is on par with previous years.
         2. Senator Ashe: What is the money going to?
            1. Most of the money is going to the speaker and the care taker of helping her to get here since she is 94.
      5. Discussion
         1. Senator Pyfrom: BSOF approved this. I encourage a yes vote.
         2. Chairman Seel: Echo previous speaker.
         3. Senator Auer: Echo previous speaker
      6. Vote
         1. 25-0-0
         2. Bill Passes
    * Bill #4612 – BSOF: SCALA L.A. Days
      1. Bill #4612 adopted for discussion
      2. Bill #4612 read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
      3. Presentation of Bill
         1. One big difference is that their application was beyond amazing. They met with me beforehand of even applying. If anyone actually looked at the application, there is amazing detail. BSOF has funded this for numerous years. This will be our 24th year of LA Days. It will be in April. We invite 5 world renown landscape architectures and have confirmed four of the five speakers already.
      4. Questions
         1. Senator Ruiz: How long is the event?
            1. It is a week-long event with nightly lectures of over 200 people in attendance.
      5. Discussion
         1. Senator Pyfrom: I approve of this
      6. Vote
         1. 22-0-3
         2. Bill passes
    * Bill #4610 – Religious Representation
      1. Bill #4610 adopted for discussion
      2. Bill #4610 read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
      3. Presentation of Bill
         1. We are a new student organization on campus. The goal of the council is to give a voice to registered faith and belief groups on campus. We will represent students focused on faith, belief, and spirituality. As stated before, we are a new organization. We are growing rapidly and have been a part of several events already. We have also created a ramlink and Facebook page. The multi-faith group on campus is huge that incorporates 60 groups on campus. We want to bring a different view on campus and in student government. We would take great care in determining the person to fill this seat. They would fill out an application and would not fill it until we are 100 percent positive that they could fulfill these duties. When it came down to it, religious area is where the diversity bill lacked. We wanted to make a position that would cover all of these areas and would be able to stand. This would cover all protected classes in this body by the US Constitution.
      4. Questions
         1. Senator Stott: How do you plan on representing so many students with just one seat?
            1. This person would attend the council meetings where we are recruiting representatives from these organizations. There may be conflicts but is a practical solution and is a place for their voice to be reflected.
         2. Senator Ashe: Is this bill to solely to add the Multi-faith and not specific religions?
            1. We are trying to find a way to have similarity to the diversity bill. Religions come in a vast plethora and thought it was the best choice to have a seat to represent all of them and the council facilitate that discussion. This council is pulling in a wide range of groups from religion to beliefs as well.
         3. Senator Royer: How would the seat be address with so many students in this area?
            1. We wanted it to mirror with the SDPS offices. This could be up for amendments if people feel that way. It is about faith on campus.
         4. Associate Senator Dicharry: Is there a possibility to giving a seat to all voices on campus?
            1. If all denominations were given a seat, that would be adding over 50 seats to this body. It is really hard to decide how to group denominations together. The petition clause is still in effect and groups can still petition for a seat.
         5. Senator Griffith: Who is on the council?
            1. It will be a representative of organizations that want to be on the council.
      5. Sent to External Committee
    * Bill #4608 – Amendment to Number of Senators to Academic Colleges
      1. Bill #4608 adopted for discussion
      2. Bill #4608 read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
      3. Presentation of Bill
         1. The basic idea is to have payment for you all. I think that is a good means for congratulating you all and more responsibility. I think to ask for this that we need a more consistent number per academic colleges. I think that the associates can provide the representation part of this body. I think we need to keep this organization well organized and maintained.
      4. Questions
         1. Vice President Lensky: What happens if an organization petitions on?
            1. Currently it is for groups that have a seat.
         2. Senator Ashe: What is the purpose?
            1. It is to create a smaller group of accountable people to keep this organization organized.
         3. Senator Brown: Should be concerned about the same things happening in other universities? Are you concerned about Liberal Arts and other larger colleges?
            1. Some of that is based on the college councils and how this organization respond. I don’t think it is a bad thing and is where the associate senators come into play.
            2. That is the weakness of this bill. I have not been able to come up with another way to do the same function of this bill. This also puts associate senators in a role to fulfill a lot of duties.
         4. Senator Murray: Is a major portion of this bill to pay senators? How long have senators not been paid? Are senators not being accountable? Have you considered the negative aspects of this bill?
            1. Yes
            2. 46 years
            3. The requirements would help to mitigate this. The purpose of this organization is to represent the interest of these students. Students have similar interest but are very different.
         5. Senator Royer: Without getting a vote, wouldn’t the popular be an unfair representation?
            1. The way that this money is to compensate students for their work.
         6. Associate Senator Bever: How would you keep it equal and still not super competitive?
            1. I think that there still needs to be some competition for these seats.
      5. Sent to University Issues
12. General Reports
    * Chairman Horowitz: we met Tuesday and discussed the petition amendment bill. Number of Senators Bill will be in my committee next week. There are still external committee seats still open. Only 6 people are allowed to be absent for senate. We are only excusing six people and is on a first come first serve basis.
    * Senator Pyfrom: There are meetings still next week. Be accountable.
    * Senator Cheadle: External Affairs did not have anything.
13. Announcements
    * Senator Auer: I have a community service opportunity for a race this Sunday.
    * Senator Brown: If you aren’t doing anything on Friday, the Parade of Lights is going on in Denver. Tomorrow is World AIDS Day. There are some cool events going on in the LSC Ballroom.
    * Vice President Lensky: If you are graduating in December, come find me afterwards. We have open positions in the office of governmental affairs and elections manager. We have a sustainability forum next Tuesday and there should be an email coming. I will be approaching the body with a petition process and making it more effective. December 8th, Chipotle will be give out cake and raffles and will be helping an organization. We have one more senate session left this semester.
14. Yea Box
15. Roll Call
16. Birthdays
17. Fight Song
18. Adjournment