**Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Sixth Senate**

**Sixteenth Session**

**December 7th, 2016**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Gallery Input
5. Consent Agenda
   * Minutes 11/30/16 meeting
   * Resolution #4611 – In Support of Online Syllabi
   * Resolution #4612 - In Support of the Proposed Course Evaluation

Consent agenda was approved

1. Guest Speakers
   * Mike Lensky – Diversity Bill Petition
     1. Last semester, the past senate passed a bill to give seats to SDPS offices and other groups on campus. The petition process has been a problem for us and that is what I am here to explain. The first question that we have to answer is what it means to be historically underrepresented. We have been working on the definition of this but nothing has really stuck yet. It is really hard to fight against claims that groups are not currently represented in the body. The petition process is one of the biggest process that we have been looking at. There are tons of questions here around when, how do we go about this, what does the process looks like. We aren’t looking for answers here tonight but will be needing some in the future. The next part is the Director of Diversity role. This role starts the process as they would receive the petition and the rules from this office. The Senate Outreach Officer would also contribute to this process by answering questions about Senate. After this process, there would need to be a 2/3 vote but this is not very clear as what body or anything like that. We will also have to take into consideration what appointments look like and how those senators will be introduced to the body. I do ask that if you have any thoughts about these processes, please email me so we can get to work on this.
     2. Questions
        1. Senator Hansen: Why was this information not presented earlier? Do you suppose it is safe to make assumptions about this body when it comes to liability?
           1. I should have but did not. I don’t have a really good answer for it. I did report on it though and the bill was created by the committee. We have been asking these questions all semester but never really brought these questions to the body.
           2. That is a tough question and think it depends. The first answer is no and the language of the bill makes it tough. The language of the bill makes it vague to make it encompassing.
        2. What type of legal issues are we facing?
           1. We are not facing any legal issues currently. It could come from historically underrepresented areas. It could come from allowing seats to one group but not others. The goal is to figure this out to limit liability but still bringing voices to this body. We need a bill to clarify this process and the bill that was passed last senate.
        3. Senator Martin: Is there a specific plan for us to meet?
           1. The goal is to gather information over break. After the break, we will come together at a time to fix these issues of clarity. Hopefully it will be in a forum style.
        4. Senator Hughes: Can we get ahold of the authors of the bill?
           1. We can do that. I reached out to former President Sydoriak but the message and answer was a little blurry.
2. Elections
   * External Committee Chair
     1. Nominations
        1. Senator Martin
     2. Questions
        1. Officer Williams: would you be willing to work with the executive branch?
           1. Yes
     3. Vote
        1. Candidate elected into office

Member sworn into office

* + Honorary Power Chair
    1. Nominations
       1. Tristan Syron
       2. Andy Auer
       3. Justin Pyfrom
       4. Tess Holohan
    2. Presentation
       1. I am honored to be nominated. Many of you voted against the water bottle bill. That is ok. I hope that you see the drive and passion that I have for his body.
       2. It is an honor to be recommended. There is not an unqualified candidate among us here.
       3. When I signed up for Senate, I thought it would be a good resume booster. Now I see that it is a lot more. Anyone is qualified for this position. We are here to represent the students and that is my number one priority. That is something we should get back to. We speak for everyone.
       4. I have thrown a lot of support behind my fellow senators. I have been through a lot including last year.
    3. Vote
       1. Senator Auer elected to position

1. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
   * Senators: Mahalia Henschel - ULC
   * Ambassadors of Health
     1. Questions
        1. Senator Hansen: What compels you to be ambassadors?
           1. I am passionate in these areas and want to help.
           2. We need to broaden the knowledge of resources available to students
        2. Senator Martin: What do you feel qualifies you for the position?
           1. I have taken a lot of classes in mental help and think that this helps qualifies me.
     2. Vote
        1. Candidates were ratified
   * Videographers
     1. Candidates
        1. Neall and Tanmay
     2. Questions
        1. Senator Ashe: What is your pull to connect students?
           1. Using different platforms and making sure that they feel like they are on campus when they are not.
        2. Associate Senator Syron: How do you plan on tracking the views?
           1. They are familiar with the analytics of the different platforms. This is where we can do that.
     3. Vote
        1. Candidates were ratified
   * Elections Manager
     1. Candidate
        1. Sam
     2. Questions
        1. Senator Hansen: Would you discuss the ideas you have?
           1. I think opening the doors and getting the voice out there earlier will help.
        2. Senator Horowitz: What kind of steps will you take to keep things kept confidential?
           1. I haven’t spent much time with ASCSU but want to make sure that there are no leaks and want to make sure that it is a well ran process.
     3. Vote
        1. Candidate ratified

All members were sworn in

1. Confidence Business
2. Reports on Amendments in Committee
   * Senator Horowitz: the only thing university issues changed was to remove the pay clause of this bill. If this bill passes, then it should have a separate bill for senator pay.
3. Old Business
   * Bill #4610 – Religious Representation
     1. Bill #4610 was adopted for discussion
     2. Bill #4610 was read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
     3. Discussion of Bill
        1. Chairman Seel: I would urge this a yes vote for this bill. I think religion needs a seat. I think this is the best think we can do for this position.
        2. Senator Aubrey: I would like to echo previous speaker
        3. Senator Horowitz: This is something that I fought for last year. Don’t let this go ignored. There are others speaking up for this.
        4. Senator Martin: Echo previous speakers
        5. Senator Holohan: in the university definition includes religion for diversity and think that this will align our body with this definition.
        6. Senator Hansen: My personal stance is in favor of this. However, we did circulate this and ALVS was in support of this. I urge you to vote yes.
        7. Senator Murray: According to the Diversity Bill, if they are already represented they cannot petition for another seat.
        8. Senator Cheadle: My college decided to keep separation and urge no vote.
        9. Senator Pyfrom: Religion is a protected class.
        10. Senator Aubrey: A lot of students were excited for this change. In representing the students, I support this bill.
        11. Chairman Seel: In the end, we are a student organization that adopts the mechanics and visuals of a government. We have never been legally defined as a governing body. We have a lot of power in this organization. All of the individuals involved in this decision are put effort into this. I think that this is the least that we can do.
        12. Senator Auer: I would like to echo previous speakers.
        13. Senator Horowitz: Other populations wanted to be represented. I fought hard for my culture last year and I think that this is a great alternative.
     4. Vote
        1. First vote passes
   * Bill #4608 – Amendment to Number of Senators to Academic Colleges
     1. Bill #4608 was adopted for discussion
     2. Bill #4608 was read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
     3. Discussion on Amendments
        1. Chairman Seel: I wanted to include financing, as it would put more responsibility on the senators. For the work that should be done, I think pay should compensate that work. I think that this would also help the transition to more responsibility.
        2. Senator Horowitz: There should be an “e” in the therefore clause.
        3. Senator Ruiz: When we are talking about limiting senators, we should not be voting on money as well. I think that we should vote on these issues separately.
        4. Senator Hansen: If we breakdown this costs, you receive a $1.38 an hour. I am ok with leaving this clause.
        5. Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: If we remove pay, we should remove therefore clauses for this reduction of pay. I move to strike these therefore clauses.
           1. Vote

Motion passes

* + - 1. Vote
         1. Amendments were adopted with a vote of 16:8:1
    1. Discussion of Bill
       1. Senator Hughes: I have concerns with two seats for each college.
       2. Chairman Seel: We are all here to benefit students. This bill makes us accountable equally to all students. We all come here to benefit students. It is about who is coming to this body. Being a part of this body is an experience. I think there should be a high standard to the people here.
       3. Senator Horowitz: A big con in my book is making it more competitive. This may or may not increase accountability. You may have a bunch of associate senators in this bill and may be hard to find these people as they will have a voice but not a vote. That may be a deterrent.
       4. Senator Hughes: echo previous speaker
       5. Senator Cheadle: Each college has a different population and have proportional representation based on that. This is for a purpose.
       6. Senator Martin: I echo previous speaker
       7. Senator Hansen: I was a senator that sponsored the bill for the discussion purposes. What if we raised the representation amount?
       8. Chairman Seel: When it comes to the voting members of the body, the more consistency will be better. This was designed to make the organization simpler. I am here to make a difference for the student body.
       9. Senator Horowitz: Right now, associates are not always in attendance. As it currently sits, this makes it difficult with quorum numbers. It depends on who makes attendance an accountability measure.
       10. Senator Hansen: As the senator for ALVS, I have a vote for 1500 students in this category. There is an imbalance when it comes to the weights of votes. The weight of votes creates a lot issues.
    2. Vote
       1. Bill Fails
  + Bill #4609
    1. First Vote
       1. 16:7:0 passes

1. New Business
   * Senator Durdic: I move to reconsider Bill #4609
     1. Senator Hansen: All we are trying to do is close the liability
     2. Vote
        1. Motion Passes
2. General Reports
3. Announcements
   * Graduation
   * Associate Senator Syron: I am the new chair for UFAB and Nick Bohn is the new vice chair. I am the new chair for Liberal Arts Council and Jenifer Murray as the vice chair. Zach Vaishampayan you are the best Parliamentarian we have ever had.
   * Chairman Seel: Thank you Senate for the thought that went into the discussion on my bills. I would ask that if you voted no, please bring an alternative.
   * Director Williams: Ohio State was subject to an attack that injured 11 people. We received a letter of thanks for the letter of thoughts that we sent to their student body.
   * Senator Horowitz: Thank you for those who have been attending committees. I will get back to you next semester with external committee availabilities. If you are not returning next semester, please let me know. College Council seats, we calculate those based on the records that we can get ahold of.
   * Senator Hansen: We had Senator Murray and Senator Cheadle’s resolution that we did endorse. I am graduating this semester and wanted to thank the people that I have worked with over the years. It has been a privilege and honor to be with you all.
   * Speaker pro Tempore Kendall: We will be doing reviews and feedback for leadership. Enjoy your breaks.
   * Senator Murray: CSU Figure Skating Club is having an event this Friday from 7:30-9:00.
   * Senator Horowitz: We are going bowling!!! We made the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. It will be televised.
   * Senator Pyfrom: Thank you all for a great semester and session. Be happy!!
   * Senator Griffith: Tomorrow we have a great tradition in my culture. I would like to end with a parable.
   * Senator Auer: Today was the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. There will be opportunities for internships and jobs for the 10k on Labor Day. The Fort Collins Running Club has a training program if interested.
4. Yea Box
5. Roll Call
6. Birthdays
7. Fight Song
8. Adjournment