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# Associated Students of Colorado State University Forty-Sixth Senate 17<sup>th</sup> Session January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

# Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Gallery Input
- V. Consent Agenda
  - Minutes 12/7/16 meeting

# Consent Agenda approved

- VI. Guest Presentation
  - Lawrence Horowitz, Senate Membership Officer
    - i. See attached presentation on 46th senate rules and regulation
- VII. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
  - Governmental Affairs
    - i. Gaurav Harshe Ambassador
    - ii. Cole Wise Director
      - 1. Presentation of Candidates
      - 2. Vote
        - a. 25-0-0
      - 3. Candidates approved
  - All members sworn into office
- VIII. Legislative Reports
- IX. Judicial Reports
- X. Executive Reports
  - President Pineda-Soraca Retreat is this Saturday. There is a time for feedback in the morning for certain areas. One of those areas is the Undie Run. Another topic is your ideas of expanding services by Transfort.
- XI. New Business
  - Bill #4612 Approval of ASCSU BSOF decision of the Dean' Student Leadership Council.
    - i. Bill #4612 adopted for discussion

- ii. Bill #4612 read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
- iii. Presentation of Bill #4612
  - 1. This has been a long running event and has been voted on unanimously in previous years. They have made some cuts in funding to make better decisions. This would be the 38th annual Business Days. This is produced by students and is a great event. We had 1500 to 2000 people come to the event and have several students come from different colleges. We have several big name and cool events coming to campus. We were able to get funding from other areas to help with this event. We are trying to do more green advertising this year.

#### iv. Questions

- 1. Associate Senator Syron: What is the percentages of college attendees?
  - a. 60% is College of Business, College of Agriculture was 15% and then was a lot less from there.

# v. Discussion/Debate

1. Senator Pyfrom: They met all of the requirements. I support this Bill.

#### vi. Vote

1. Bill passes with 25-0-0

#### XII. Old Business

- Bill #4610 Religious Representation
  - i. Bill #4610 adopted for discussion
  - ii. Bill #4610 read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
  - iii. Discussion/Debate
    - 1. Senator Martin: I would encourage a yes vote on this bill. This helps reach the diversity we started long ago.
    - 2. Associate Senator Jones: A lot of the SDPS office positions are like this and represent a large group. There are checks in place and they would be held to their job. This is a good bill.
    - Chairman Seel: I think this is something that we need to do.
      Bringing the voices together is why the council is there and
      ASCSU is where the voice is spoken from their group. I urge
      a yes vote.

- 4. Senator Brown: I echo previous speakers. I definitely respect the concerns of others but think that the checks we have would help eliminate some of those.
- 5. Associate Senator Syron: I believe faith and religion is a private thing.
- 6. Chairman Seel: We are here to represent the student voice.
- 7. Senator Cheadle: My only concern is the method in which the senate seat would be appointed. The representation of the council is not reassuring.
- 8. Senator Horowitz: You can't think of it as an entire group. It is more than just religion.

### iv. Vote

- 1. 18-4-4 Bill has passed second vote
- Bill #4609 Petition Amendment
  - i. Bill #4609 adopted for discussion
  - ii. Bill #4609 read by Parliamentarian Vaishampayan
  - iii. Discussion/Debate
    - Senator Horowitz: I move to add a sunset clause for the changes become void if no alternative is made. The petition process would then be back in place if no alternative is found.
      - a. Associate Senator Syron: An example of something that we are doing is similar to the Obamacare issue in the United States.
      - b. Associate Senator Jones: I don't see the point in this amendment.
      - c. Senator Brown: The bill in front of us now removes the petition process. If a group approaches us for representation and eliminates the need to go through a constitutional amendment just like we went through. This is a happy medium for where we are at now.
      - d. Senator Martin: I understand the need for having the sunset clause. It doesn't solve the problem. We need to figure out an alternative so it doesn't come back into our face.
      - e. Senator Murray: I don't see a need for a sunset clause.

- f. Chairman Seel: Alternative is a broad word. Something like a firm deadline might be beneficial.
- g. Senator Pyfrom: I want to echo previous speaker
- h. Senator Cheadle: Are we having déjà vu? This is just a repeat. I see no point for this amendment.
- i. Associate Senator Jones: The sunset clause is to get an actual solution by a certain time. It is a risky decision to make. I understand the need to continue the incentives for getting things done. What would happen if the sunset clause goes into effect and no changes are made after that?
- j. Senator Royer: I think that the wording needs to be changed seeing the questions already. Putting a timeline on it could potentially bring a sloppy bill forward.
- k. Senator Brown: I think we are getting caught up in the wording of it and are forgetting the big picture of the idea.
- Senator Martin: If we are serving our students, shouldn't we be giving them the best quality possible, I don't think this fulfills this.
- m. Vote
  - i. 5-19-2
  - ii. Amendment fails
- 2. Chairman Seel: If you wish to see the petition process again. We won't be able to use a lot of the stuff in this bill. I would urge a yes vote.
- 3. Senator Brown: I have a hard time wanting to pass it the way it stands. I have an issue with a perception of removing our tracks from including seats and other groups.
- 4. Senator Ashe: This petition process is vague. I think we should try clarifying the process. I urge a no vote.
- 5. Associate Senator Jones: This one part was not a good part of the bill. I fully believe that we can come to a decision of great process and fix a solution. I would vote yes and start drafting the legislation for an alternative.

- 6. Senator Griffith: What does it mean to be historically underrepresented? I think we should remove it and come back with something else.
- 7. Senator Horowitz: I agree with previous speakers about the context. It is a way in writing of supporting groups.
- 8. Senator Murray: I personally believe that if we want to bring the petition process back, we can do that. We need to get this process out.
- 9. Senator Martin: I want to echo previous speakers. I urge a yes vote on this bill. Right now, let's get rid of the problem at hand.
- 10. Senator Holohan: We need to be cautious of the image we are sending. We can't control the dialogue outside the chambers. I think we need to keep that in mind. I think it is easier to change the process rather than passing it and coming back later.
- 11. Senator Auer: I would like to echo previous speakers for a yes vote.

iv. Vote

- 1. 17-9-0
- 2. Bill Fails

#### XIII. Announcements

- Vice President Lensky: The retreat is this Saturday. Be at the building by 8 to leave for the retreat.
- XIV. Yea Box
- XV. Roll Call
- XVI. Birthdays
- XVII. Fight Song
- XVIII. Adjournment