

Senate Minutes – Associated Students of Colorado State University
October 4th 2017, Senate Chambers, Lory Student Center
Clerk: Eddie Kendall

/Start of Minutes/ 6:30 PM

Consent Agenda

Chair Brown: Motion to approve the consent agenda?

[Vote: To approve the consent agenda, by unanimous consent, passed unanimously]

Gallery Input

Chair Brown: Any gallery input? Seeing none, we will move into reports.

Reports

[Motion: For a 20 minute recess, by placard vote, fails]

Senator Martin: To take care of some things for Senate officers.

Director Rhine: Permission to approach the floor?

Chair Brown: Granted.

Director Gertner: As many of you know homecoming week is next week. On Wednesday there will be a timeline of the different stadiums in history. Thursday 10AM-2PM there will be a photo booth. Saturday will be a tailgate and we will also have a float.

Vice-President Wells: My bike has been stolen, please, please black diablo, 18-speed with a bent tire, probably going slow, can you please steal this back for me. There is no bike lock because I trust in society even though it has failed me twice now, third time is the charm.

Chair Brown: Committee reports?

Senator Martin: We went over Bill and Resolution 4704. It is well put together with very few mistakes.

Senator Lindell: Had another guest presentation which I think will be the norm going forward.

Senator Cheadle: We had a good time discussing some ideas and today's legislation.

Chair Brown: Legislative officer reports?

Chair Brown: Internal committees, if you are new you might be confused. We used to send out a doodle poll but it seems to be working incorrectly so if you need a committee see the SPT up here. We have the University Issues committee, Internal and External committees. If none of those times work, until we hear from the president about the bill we passed last week, just hold tight for now we will have you just do extra office hours.

Officer Sullivan: Welcome new senators I am in the office 12-5PM Tuesday and Thursday so feel free to come and find me to get training. Beyond that, old Chicago tonight. If any of you are interested in my position I am also looking for a shadow.

Chair Brown: Next week is homecoming, we have an ASCSU Alumni Reunion next Friday and you are all invited to go, free food and cash bar along with a great opportunity to meet former members of ASCSU. Vice-President Wells and President Silva along with me will be giving a state of the Union. Finally, Deputy Director Paricio needs some volunteers to help run the swipe out hunger program, if you work with her that can be office hours. Alright we will now move to Senator reports.

Senator Nordstrom: Okay this is the last time I will talk for a while, I have the finalized impeachment petition for Josh Silva which I will read now. (Request for full verbatim of petition) (Senator Nordstrom continues to read the finalized impeachment petition).

Chair Brown: How many signatures do you have on the petition?

Senator Nordstrom: I have 19 (Reads names)

Chair Brown: I will ask one question to the chief justice first. I understand that there are many ethics violations in the document, do these align with the complaints given to the court?

Chief Justice Anderson: Yes.

Chair Brown: I will accept the petition. Keep in mind a member of the gallery wishes to speak.

President Silva: I am in full agreement with two of Sen Nordstrom's Statement, one is transparency, and two the right of students to know what is going on. Out of respect for the process I can no longer sit back. After watching multiple attempts, all the while having few opportunities to defend myself, I will go back to my point I respect the process, which is why it pains me to see the things going on in this body and how documents have been manipulated and the stories of different individuals that have approached me. The University and Court are looking into this, so I urge you as this goes forward to hold yourselves accountable and likewise respect this process.

Chair Brown: Any other reports? None, guest speakers? None, we will move into ratifications, if Mr. Schubert could please come down.

Ratifications – Director of Academics

Deputy Chief of Staff Lakey: Hi all, two weeks in a row, hi my name is Deputy Chief of Staff Lakey, I am here to talk about Director Schubert our hire for Director of Academics. He was originally in the Department of Traditions and Programs and has been doing some hard work there. We did multiple interviews but came down to Director Schubert. He is clearly passionate about this school and what we are trying to do here.

Vice-President Wells: Director Schubert has done a fantastic job in his past role and maintains a presence in the office. As well Director Schubert has been interested in this position for a while now, he clearly has the passion for this and would fill this position well.

Director Schubert: A lot of you know me from last year, my run for Speaker and my current position. I really think that there are a lot of issues to address this year in higher education. I want to bring these

diverse experiences to CSU. I want to use my time here in my final year to really help leave this place better. Because of my employment in ASCSU previously I am ready to transition smoothly into this role and am incredibly excited for the opportunity to serve you all.

Chair Brown: Questions?

Senator Sullivan: Director Schubert, so I see you in the office most days, is there any reason you don't think you could complete the job fully. I am working on decreasing my time in other areas to prepare for this role.

Senator Williams: Could you specify your vision for the role?

Director Schubert: I want to reconnect with the faculty around campus, with the large amount of transitions it can be hard to maintain those so I want to reach out to establish those. I also want to put forward surveys so that we can garner student feedback.

Senator Mounts: Will you be missed in your former department and will you be able to do as well?

Director Schubert: Because of the goal orientated role of my last position and the fact that I can still help them on the side I think that I will be able to do both successfully.

Senator Hart: How many applicants did you have for this position?

Vice-President Wells: five.

Associate Senator Cedillo: What specifically is your vision?

Director Schubert: Working with college councils and using my contact sheet I will reach out to those groups to provide a more complete vision for the campus. I want to create a college council newsletter and improve the ASCSU test bank as well as the general Academics job description.

Chair Brown: Any other questions? Seeing none if you could wait in the hall. Discussion and debate.

[REDACTED] Personnel Discussion – Full minutes kept in records available upon request

[**Motion:** To previous question, by placard, passed, moves into secret ballot to approve]

[**Vote:** To approve Director Schubert, by secret ballot, 29-0-0, passed]

Chief Justice: (Delivers oath to Director Schubert) Congratulations.

Ratification – Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs

Chair Brown: Alright, if Deputy Director Dallas could please come back to the floor.

Deputy Chief of Staff Lakey: You thought you could get rid of me! Deputy Director Dallas applied for the Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs and has a very impressive background academically and within environmentalism. When it comes to approaching game day she has been very involved in providing feedback on that process.

Vice-President Wells: Cole Wise interviewed Deputy Director Dallas but was sick tonight so he sent me some words on that. Deputy Director Dallas is highly qualified for this position and understands what it entails to be in this position. I personally can speak to that as well.

Deputy Director Dallas: I am thrilled to be able to work with you for the rest of this year. My goals are to assist Director Royal with the initiatives that she is already working on since she is working so hard on installing composting in the LSC, zero waste game days, and a zero-waste symposium. I have already been working on the zero-waste campaign and should be able to move into this easily. Secondly, I am looking to establish a sustainability fund for students to propose ideas and receive funding. I want to assist the society for ecological funding in planting fruit trees around bike trails and to work with other campus partners. Essentially, I have my work cut out for me but I look forward to working with ASCSU and the rest of the University community.

Chair Brown: Any questions?

Senator Sullivan: Any reasons you couldn't finish this position?

Deputy Director Dallas: Barring illness or death, no.

Senator Williams: Do you see any challenges trying to implement your programs?

Deputy Director Dallas: A lot of this is collaborative based so we will need to have concise communication when working with these powerful groups, especially as a representative of ASCSU. They don't always know what our protocols are like or how much free time students actually have so communicating the student position to the community and ASCSU position to the orgs will be critical.

Chair Brown: Any other questions? Seeing none if you could please leave the room. Discussion and Debate?

[REDACTED] Personnel Discussion – Full minutes kept in records

[Motion: To previous question on approval of candidate, by placard, passed]

[Vote: To approve Deputy Director Dallas as Deputy of Environmental Affairs, by secret ballot, 28-0-1]

Chief Justice: (Delivers oath of office to Deputy Director Dallas) Congratulations.

Ratifications – SFRB Members

Chair Brown: We will now hear the SFRB members.

Vice-President Wells: So, this is a little over half of the board some members could not make it. These proposed members are here because they have showed interest in being part of the board. This is kind the final stand for how fees are spent. They take tours of the fee areas and take student feedback then in the spring vote on the fee allocation. In the couple meetings already, they have shown that they are very curious in how things are happening and what fee areas do for students. Speaking broadly for all the members here, they all showed interest and really care about their areas. They each have a clear fit to their fee areas and will provide a voice for the students and fee areas.

Chair Brown: If you could go down the line.

Santistevan: I am a political science and economic major so this matches my career aspirations.

Senator Hart: I am a current senator, economics and political science double major. A lot of my previous experience has tangential similarities to this work and what we do.

Senator Nordstrom: I am a political science major with a minor in sociology. I don't have experience with budgets previously but am extremely interested in how fees are distributed and giving a diverse voice to this board.

Sampson: I am a second-year ecosystem science and sustainability major. I am fascinated in how student fees are distributed and want to help out with that.

Товарищ Lensky: As the Chair Brown of the board last year and having served three years I feel that I am qualified to help students understand the fee process and how that is distributed.

Director Gertner: I am extremely fascinated in how student fees are distributed.

Associate Senator Okolo: Having met the people that work at the medical center, I got really invested in them and want to give people the reassurance that that resource is here for them so serving as their rep will be a pleasure.

Senator Williams: Thank you for coming before us, what made you reach out to Michael to do this or vice versa and why did you say yes?

Associate Senator Okolo: I wanted to get more involved and as a vocal person I wanted to understand how I could make impact and be a platform for them so that people can know how to get the resources they need.

Director Gertner: Being on the board, being able to see how fees are distributed is an honor and I want to share this knowledge with those coming to CSU.

Товарищ Lensky: There is a lot of historical knowledge to be passed down and having my previous experience, I have always been fascinated with student fees and how we reach the balance between benefits and financial burden for our students.

Sampson: Serving last year was really interesting and being able to continue receiving that perspective is fascinating.

Senator Nordstrom: I am here mostly for graduate students. They are very underrepresented on this board and don't get to ask the questions they need to about their student fees and have few options to participate. I want to be able to take this information back to them and allow their participation.

Senator Hart: Last year when we looked over the long bill, I had a lot of questions and wanted to learn more. I think it is really important that we have a skeptical eye about how we distribute money. It gives a lot of benefit to students but balancing the fiscal implications is really important.

Santistevan: Allowing people to feel like they are getting their money's worth and getting benefit from student fees is really important to me.

Chair Brown: Any other questions? If not if you all could wait in the hall. We will now move into discussion and debate.

[REDACTED] Personnel Discussion – Full minutes kept in records

[Motion: To previous question on approval of the candidates, by placard, passed]

[Vote: To approve the candidate slate, by placard, 27-0-1, passed]

Chief Justice Anderson: (Delivers oath of office) Congratulations.

Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal: We will now move into ratification of BSOF candidates.

Ratification – BSOF Candidates

Director Leonard: This is Garret the newest addition to BOSF. He is an eco-leader and freshman this year that has demonstrated some interest. He is a friend of my sister who is on the board and I know that he is really interested in serving ASCSU.

Candidate Garrett: I am a double major in business and international students with a minor in French. I work passionately with the zero-waste team and am looking at ways to become part of ASCSU and express and interest in helping with this effort.

Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal: We will now move to Q and A.

Senator Sullivan: I am going to grill you harder as a BSOF member, any reason you can't make the meeting?

Candidate Garrett: I will be late to every meeting because of classes but that should be it.

Senator Quintana: What is viewpoint neutral to you?

Candidate Garrett: This to me is evaluating decisions without prior bias or knowledge and would be about evaluating the use of money according to the standards set forth by BSOF.

Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal: If the candidates could please leave the room. 10 minutes of discussion and debate.

[REDACTED] Personnel Discussion – Full minutes kept in records

[Motion: To previous question, by placard, passed 25-0-0]

Chair Brown: Thank you to our Speaker Pro Tempore for Chairing while I made a restroom run, if the Chief Justice could please come down.

Chief Justice: (Delivers oath) Congratulations.

Ratification – Impeachment Committee

Chair Brown: At this time, I will ask the Parliamentarian to pull up a copy of the impeachment procedures.

Senator Ash: I move to make this an internal complaint.

[Motion: To change the impeachment to an internal complain, by placard, failed]

Chair Brown: These are the procedures we will be operating under, passed by an administration a few senates ago. We will be forming an impeachment committee now consisting of 5 ASCSU officials including one member from each branch in addition to at least 2 members of the branch where the accused resides. The committee will be Chair Brownd by a judicial representative and all communication shall be managed by them. No more than two justices may serve on the committee. No

initiator, signatory or accused member may be eligible as well as the Speaker of the Senate. I believe that is all the regulations we need to go over.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Basically, we are putting together a slate for these five positions. We will be treating this as filling the blanks according to Roberts rules of order. We will be opening to nominations, after which we will move to select members from that list to fill slots for the committee et cetra et cetra. Because we have very specific rules of who can be in what spot we will be doing this a bit differently than usual. After all that we take a slate vote to approve it as a whole.

Director Schubert: When do people decline?

Chair Brown: An individual gets nominated at which point they are able to verbally accept or decline the nomination.

Associate Senator Ash: Can you nominate two people at a time?

Chair Brown: You can nominate as many at a time as you want. We will open nominations.

Senator Ash: Sullivan and Rosenthal, both accept.

Associate Senator McCrackin: Tubbs, Dallas, Anderson, Quintana, Aubrey, all accept.

Senator Bunting: Hubert, accept.

Senator Hubert: Bunting, accept.

Senator Hart: Henshaw, decline.

Senator Ray: Syron, decline.

Director Rhine: If executive members are not nominated what happens?

Chair Brown: According to the bylaws, they must select people by the next week for ratification. Any other nominations? Seeing none we will put together your options here.

[Motion: To discussion and debate on Senator Aubrey as Senate representative, by placard, passed]

Senator Williams: I want Senator Aubrey because of his impartiality in this matter and has maintained his neutrality even when people tried to influence him to this point.

[Motion: To previous question on approving Senator Aubrey as Senate representative, by placard, passed]

[Vote: To approve Senator Aubrey as Senate Representative, by secret ballot, 29-0-0]

[Motion: To place Yuval as undeclared representative, by placard, passed]

Senator Henshaw: What is your time commitment?

Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal: My time commitments are quite large but I do certainly think I can approach this in an impartial way.

Senator Hart: Speak to the necessity of impartiality in this matter. Especially with all the lights shining on senate recently, we are walking on egg shells, in the sense that every biased decision will be highlighted.

When we are talking about the livelihood of a person and the integrity of ASCSU and us as an individual we need to leave our biases on the side and represent students. I urge anyone on the committee to look at this with the best intentions for the students.

Chair Brown: Discussion and debate?

[REDACTED] Personnel Discussion – Full minutes kept in records

[Motion: To previous question, by placard, passed]

[Vote: To approve Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal as At-large representative, by secret ballot, 29-2-0, passed]

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: We have the second executive slot, we can vote to override this to turn it into an "other" spot if anyone would like to consider this. Without that, our executive spots are now filled if everyone on the slate can now leave.

[Motion: To have Q and A with executive representatives, by placard, fails]

Chair Brown: We will now move into discussion and debate about the slate for the impeachment committee.

Senator Williams: I have full confidence in the ability of all members of the slate to look at the facts and come to a conclusion free from passion that we need.

Senator Vandenburgh: I think it is great that we have two members of the executive committee which I found very impressive. Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal's speech was also quite impressive.

[Motion: To previous question on voting on slate, by placard, passed]

[Vote: To approve impeachment committee slate, by placard, 25-0-2]

Chair Brown: If the parliamentarian could please welcome them back into the room. Chief Justice, Senator Aubrey, Director Tubbs, Deputy Director Dallas, Speaker Pro Tempore Rosenthal, have been selected to form the impeachment committee. We will now move into confidence business. We will now move into Bill 4705.

New Business – Bill 4705

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: (Reads header for Bill 4705)

Senator Quintana: So, this is basically to add judicial to BSOF so that they can serve. You should love your judicial to be part of BSOF because that is just fair. Additionally, they already look at things in an analytic neutral light.

Chair Brown: Q and A?

Associate Senator Ash: Do you know why they were excluded originally?

Senator Quintana: There are only a few instances in which they consider a case arising from BSOF in which they'd accuse themselves but otherwise, no.

Associate Senator Vandenburgh: Is there any other branch there is a problem? No.

Senator Schmidt: My concern is that they are usually insulated outside of this process since they need to have that impartiality to respond to any instance arising?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: BSOF is technically a separate organization under the ASCSU umbrella which is outside the Senate so that doesn't arise as an issue.

Senator Henshaw: If an internal complain occurs what would happen?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: They would recuse themselves.

Associate Senator Murray: Have you thought of adding a clause for that recusal process?

Senator Quintana: No, it's not in that bill.

Senator Huber: Going off previous speakers and how adding a judicial member, how do you think the judicial member would interact given their two jobs.

Senator Quintana: The judicial members already approach things with a viewpoint neutral manner which would help them in keeping that separate.

Chair Brown: I will send this to internal affairs committee. Are there any announcements?

Announcements

Senator Williams: Tue at 7:30 PM in the Health Center Conference Rm. 3013, student multi faith and belief council will be meeting if anyone wants to come.

Associate Senator Murray: 2PM Sunday, tomorrow, Thursday and Friday the UCA will be showing their program three sisters.

Associate Senator Cromer: On October 29th we will be having a program through APACC.

Senator Cheadle: Those of you that know me know that I am a civil war reenactor, so if anyone wants to be a reenactor we are looking for new recruits.

Associate Senator Badri: BAACC Office on Sunday the 8th in LSC will be having their annual homecoming celebration at 5:30 PM.

Senator Haggstrom: Tomorrow we will be having a GSC fundraiser at Scrumpy's.

Senator Sullivan: Old Chicago's tonight!

Senator Rathburn: Just wanted to say I'm the only CHHS Senator so if anyone wants to tell their friends to join please send them my way so we can get that filled.

Associate Senator Jatakia: I am aware of the Old Chicago tradition but in case you want to there is a fundraiser at chipotle for the wrestling team.

Senator Sullivan: Let's do that instead!

Associate Senator Sharif: The air is a bit thick right now so I wanted people to remember to self-care and as a new member of the Senate I want to extend myself as a support who cares about you.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Placards. Secondly the period of evidence gathering, any member of ASCSU may submit evidence which is confidential unless you ask that not to be.

Chair Brown: Evidence can look like a lot of things, emails, texts, etc. Moving on from this point, any individual who initiated or signed the complaint must only communicate with the Chair Brown. Also, get your flu shots!

Senator Rathburn: What's the cost of the flu shot?

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: \$25 unless your insurance covers it.

Associate Senator Badri: October is LGBTQ history month, so please check for events if you are interested. Going off Associate Senator Sharif's point, Ram takes care of Rams, El Centro is getting its last donations for relief tomorrow if you are interested. Rams Against Hunger is also accepting meal swipes, so once again give back!

Chair Brown: Thank you all again for your professionalism these past weeks, any birthdays?

(Senate sings happy birthday in horrible fashion to Edgar Cedillo)

(Senate sings fight song)

/End of minutes/ 8:35 PM