



Syron/Sullivan Administration 2018-2019

Week ending February 22, 2019

Executive Summary

A Message from the President

Last week was a little too much. I'm answering emails in the middle of night to keep up at that point. I've been saying for the past two weeks that ASCSU has a slow down during second semester. That hasn't been the case for me at all. I feel it around me occasionally, but it appears I'm always behind on something. Which makes me begin to realize that I need successful elections. I need to trust the next person. I frequently say that the number one problem facing this organization is a lack of consistency. If you don't like what ASCSU is saying- just wait a year, because they'll change topics yearly. I do want to start to address this problem on my way out. I'd like to find a way to make sure projects being worked on don't just stop. However, that could be the impossible task. We'll see

With that, last week was productive. First, at Senate it was time to call an issue that I've avoided all year- culture. I told the Senate that the Culture of ASCSU has long been a problem and that my administration cannot continue to avoid it. The first meeting of the council on culture, accountability and inclusion (name pending) is this Thursday. I have no agenda. I'm hoping that we get a good turn out and can just have a conversation. Hopefully we can establish a mission and objective.

I don't care if the next people want to focus on U+2 or not. I'm forcing them too. We hired a "strategist" that will help in message promotion, social media, etc. She'll be the advisor until September- thus forcing next year to continue my work. We'll have their strategic plan on Friday and go from there. It is almost March, time to turn up the heat. To Paraphrase James Mattis, "Nothing keep same up at night- I keep others up at night".

Will Is doing good work with RJ and noise tickets. I need to light a fire under him though. We need to get this wrapped up as soon as possible. This win before we leave office is essential.

Concert- I want a concert to end the year. We "found" some extra money. The issue seems to polarize the organization a little. However, most of it is gossip. I think that by next week as I get my ducks in a row we'll have everything in order. I will say that Mike Ellis has been a huge asset on this. The man doesn't know what impossible is, "some men see things as they are, others dream things that never were and say, "why not"". He's got that RFK mentality I like.

I this point- I could say more, but I won't. Have a great week

Go Rams,

ACTIONS ACCOMPLISHED

Summary of Actions	Who was involved in ASCSU?	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council on Culture and Accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCSU Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCSU has historically had problems with culture in the office, especially concerning inclusivity and marginalized identities. • To address these issues and hopefully work towards improvements in our office culture, we will be forming a council to discuss the problems in our organization. • The first meeting will be on Thursday at 6 PM.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U+2 Reform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of State and Local Policy • Department of Campus Engagement • Office of the President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working with the City of Fort Collins' occupancy Ordinance, known as "U+2", and trying to change it to better serve the interests of students • A survey was conducted in the fall concerning the sentiments of Fort Collins residents regarding housing affordability and neighborhood quality, which revealed that many misconceptions exist in the community • We have met with a PR consultant regarding a possible educational campaign about the ordinance and its impacts for Fort Collins residents • We have also been meeting with candidates for the City Council elections that will be occurring in April to discuss

		housing and student life in the city.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Preparation for Next Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Finance • Office of the President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are gathering materials for next year’s ASCSU administration to form their budget. • We will hopefully have a clean controller book and an accurate estimation of the rollover, two things that have historically been lacking for ASCSU. • While next year’s President will have their own choices to make about the budget, we will hopefully give them more than enough information to make informed decisions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Campus Engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been looking into different ways and events to increase ASCSU’s involvement with Community Service • We have been in contact with food banks, refugee assistance, and charities for children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pocket Pantry Revamp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have set up “Pocket Pantries” around the CSU Campus to serve as a source of food for those with food insecurity. • We have had shelving installed into the vestibule outside of our office to expand the amount of food we can provide to students • We have also begun talks with the LSC to have our food delivered through their regular vendors to stop us having to go shopping ourselves.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCSU Supreme Court • Office of the President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCSU’s General Election is barely a month away, starting

- Department of Marketing

March 25th and ending April 10th.

- Our Elections Manager has started working and will be recruiting people to serve as candidates and members of the Elections Committee
- We have already reserved the space in the Collegian and LSC boards and have marketing already circulating

CHALLENGES/SETBACKS/LESSONS LEARNED THIS WEEK

- Lesson: Things rarely succeed on the first attempt
- Challenge: We have to be careful on how we do certain things in order to not run afoul of various rules.
- Challenge: Being entirely student workers, it can be a bit of a problem when midterms all hit at once.

HOW THIS ADMINISTRATION WORKED TO PROMOTE THE CSU PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY?

- Inclusion: Trying to create community among our members and students
- Social Justice: Trying to address the problems in our own organization for marginalized groups
- Integrity: Ensuring that our elections are as fair and unbiased as possible

ACTION ITEMS AND GOALS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Hold first meeting for Council on Culture and Accountability
- Continue to work on multiple fronts on U+2 reform
- Gather materials for budget
- Organize more community service events
- Finalize deal with LSC regarding food pantry
- Prepare for the elections