CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

Approval of minutes: Senator Lake: Moved / Senator Kemp: Second / Passed

PUBLIC FORUM

Brendon Brady - A Team

Brendon: We are hiring for the 2019 A-Team. We like to get a wide variety of majors and people. Applications are due October 22nd. Once they submit an application, they will be sent an email within a few days and will be prompted to submit a second part of an application. Hiring will be finished by the middle of November. Applications are posted on Aggie Sync. Please spread these to your councils. We are pushing for a lot of diversity this year and want mentors from all walks of life.

Dallin Perkes - Aggie Funded

Dallin: SAA and I want students to know about this Aggie Funded page. This is basically a GoFundMe page for USU clubs or organizations. Hockey used this to help fund their trip for nationals last year. We are hoping to get a couple projects started in the next couple of weeks. Usually this is only for clubs and organizations that are not USU funded. All the information is on this website. www.usu.edu/aggiefunded. If you have any information on clubs who want to use this resource, they can contact me through the Student Alumni Association. We have our meetings on Tuesday nights at 7.

Senator Kemp: My college has clubs specific to the college but are not affiliated with USUSA can they use this?

Dallin: Yes. If they are looking for additional funds for their club or to hold some sort of event, they can use this. How it works is we make sure their project is posted but they are responsible for the marketing. If you have a target goal, we can give shoutouts at events but other than that, you are responsible for marketing.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

VP Smith: In EC, we had a second reading on the Mental Health Resolution. There is an upcoming Regional Campus Resolution. The Student Advocate wants us to push the hashtag and continue working on getting people registered to vote. The Expedition Vote is coming up so if you want to register for that, you can. They have a GRC member attending City Council meetings. Diversity is working on the Hispanic Female
Leadership Campaign. They are going to highlight different girls from different Hispanic heritage. Josh is taking requests for Diversity Training dates if you want to get your councils trained. There is a symposium for networking and diversity coming up. It is a networking event focused on diversity. Everyone is invited to that. For events, Howl tickets are up and public tickets are $25. Homecoming is this week. For Programming Board, they are purchasing 6-7 really tall lights that will be used for night time events for more safety. Athletics wanted to thank everyone for their help with the 6K for 6 students. Taco Bell really liked it and want to try it again. For Homecoming, they are going to do a blue out and award $100 for 40 students and $500 for 5 students. Encourage students to stay the whole game. Service wanted to thank for help with registering for Aggiethon. We got first in our tier in the nation and got awarded money for that. I have been working on Fee Board. All but one student has accepted that position and tomorrow morning is Fee Board breakfast! It will be in the colony room at 7:30. It should only be 40-45 minutes. It will be business casual. If you could wear your polos with your name tag, that would be great.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IDEA Statement

VP Smith: I have been working on that statement of support and have been working on some loose ends. Kristin has been helping with that. Does everyone have access to that? It looks like no one has had a chance to revise that, we will follow up again next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanksgiving break schedule

VP Smith: No meetings the week of Thanksgiving.

Linda: In the past, we usually cancel AS and EC the week of Thanksgiving week due to the fact that if you don’t have Tuesday classes, you can leave early. We have to take this to a vote so that the public can know if we are canceling our meetings.

Senator Wise: Move to cancel AS on November 19th / Senator Olson: Second / Passed

Senator Kemp: Office hours and info booth?

Linda: No, they are canceled. When you report that next week, it will be for the week before the week of Thanksgiving break.

Spring 2019 Priority Registration

VP Smith: Priority Registration is coming up and is open November 7-10th. Be sure to meet with Advisor as soon as you can. Try and be ready by November 7 so that any problems can be resolved before it is closed. Once it is closed, there is nothing our office can do to get that registration back.

Senator Lake: Last time, you only needed to fill this paper out if you needed to?

Linda: Normally you do this online. This is just to have a copy to hand in if one of you had a problem, we have the information in the office to make those calls for you. This information is for the office.

Senator Kemp: I only need 6 credits for the next semester, how strict is the credit rule? I have heard they have made exceptions in the past.
Linda: We would have your Academic Advisor email me so we have it on record that is all you need. We will put that into the system. As you meet with them over your priority registration, have them send me that email.

Senator Olson - ASR 2019-02: USUSA Academic Senate Oversight Resolution

[Reading of ASR 2019-02]

Senator Olson: For an intro, last year the Equity Bill was discussed a lot. There were points in that bill that were supported by both bodies. The main point that started this conversation was charter amendments. Most people don’t know that AS charter amendments have to be approved by EC. We saw this a few weeks ago with Senator Lake. It is kind of an FYI to let AS know about charter changes but it is not required. VP Johnson and I talked about the Equity Bill and meaningful steps that could be taken. It started with charter amendments. The basis of that is really that if we were okay with authorizing charter amendments in AS, we are saying that we believe in the ability in AS to provide oversight for each other. We understand what it takes to be an Academic Senator that would not be reciprocated by EC. There are unique relationships that EC does not have. If we are okay with giving each other the oversight, we extended that oversight into other aspects that would also apply. Specifically, when there is a vacancy. When this happens, USUSA President nominates someone to fill that position and it requires that EC would approve that nomination. Using that same logic with charter amendments. If we are okay with approving charter amendments in AS, appointments are a big deal for the same reasons. We understand what it takes to be a good Senator. While EC can provide some of that oversight, there are specifics of that job EC may not understand on the same level. Going along with that, we understand what it takes to be a good Academic Senator. If we hear they are not doing a good job, we would need to levy charges of misconduct against them. Right now, EC is the only body with that power.

VP Smith: I know some things require a majority, others ⅔, others unanimous votes. How did you decide ⅔?

Senator Olson: All this is doing is changing which body the vote would happen in. This doesn’t change any of the vote ratios.

Senator Lake: Just so I am clear, I wouldn’t have had to go to EC to get my charter approved three weeks ago?

Senator Olson: No.

Senator Thomas: Is this effective immediately?

Senator Olson: No. AS can’t change the constitution. If we passed this first and second reading, this would go to EC where it would need a ⅔ vote to approve. After, it would go to a referendum to the student body to get approved. Everyone will get an email asking if they approve this change. Normally this takes place during elections. However, with the Regional Campus change, that will also have to go to referendum. Their plan is to have a referendum in November. I would want this question put on there with the vote for Regional Campus. I don’t know what the exact language they will use but essentially they would say something along with the lines of, “Do you approve the changes in ASR 2019-02?”

Senator Lake: If this passed, it would be a big step toward equity between AS and EC. Are you aware of other support from EC besides VP Johnson.

Senator Olson: Yeah, I have talked to VP Jackson, he is on board. Daria and I are having a
conversation about it tomorrow. President Hunsaker is on board. I have a meeting with Linda, Spencer and Dr. Morales and they have all expressed support for this as well. This is kind of a no brainer, especially with charters. I don’t know if this is a huge step toward equity but it would provide more oversight over our own bodies.

VP Smith: Will you clarify what you are proposing what we are doing when we are approving a vacancy?

Senator Olson: The Constitution lays out different rules for appointed and elected positions. The process is different but largely the same. This isn’t changing the process. The person two years ago in my position was removed from office. The President nominated the Council President to fill that position. They usually work together with the Dean and they choose someone. There is no formal input from the body as a whole. That person is put forward and EC approves that person. All this is doing is saying that decision would be approved by AS. This would have quirks with those who sit on both bodies. Both bodies would be able to levy charges of misconduct and the approval would have to be made by both bodies. Charter amendments could be made in either body.

VP Smith: Do you think that this could be two different pieces of legislation. In one you could clarify appointment processes and the other, charger changes? I want to hear the Senators’ opinions on how you would want your position filled if you were removed.

Senator Allred: Would it be possible that the Senator being removed could have a say in that nomination?

Senator Olson: This doesn’t change any of that. All this is doing is who is giving the final okay. That whole process is out of our hands. The answer is no they don’t have to consider your input but I don’t see a case that wouldn’t happen.

Senator Kemp: I do think that individual bodies should be the one to approve it.

Senator Allred: Would it be possible to change it so that we would be the ones appointing not the President? Is that possible?

Senator Olson: Theoretically, yes. That would be another Constitutional Amendment.

VP Smith: There could be a large variety of reasons they are being removed. It may not be voluntary and you are removing them for negative reasons. It could be anything and you may not want them to be appointing.

Senator Wise: I think this piece of legislation makes sense and I agree it should go through the body of who is leaving. I don’t think that anybody on USUSA could make that call on their own. I think we would have to have a different discussion on a different resolution. What makes sense to me is to have your council make a decision on a nomination. If we wanted to have that conversation later, we could.

Senator Hall: I agree with Senator Wise. This is good as one piece of legislation because it is not changing the process but it is just changing the body it goes to. If we were to change the process, that would be a different piece of legislation.

Senator Olson: This is the first reading. I caught a few grammar mistakes, were there other ones you caught?
Senator Olson: **Motion to pass ASR 2019-03 as a First Reading** / Senator Thomas: **Second / Passed**

Senator Wise - ASR 2019-03: Revisions to the Faculty Code

[Reading of ASR 2019-03]

Senator Hall: In the Faculty Senate meeting, some changes similar were talked about. Some brought up the wording, specifically ‘humiliation.’ They want to be specific in the words they use. Students could easily make a case with ‘humiliation,’ when there isn’t really any justification. A recent faculty member made a post talking down on a student or their work. Even though there was no confidential information in that post, if you were in that class or that student, you could tell who the professor was talking about. The student complained that it was public humiliation. The faculty argued that it interferes with legal matters of free speech. It is really important to pay attention to specific words we are using.

VP Olson: Legislation looks great, just be careful of what Senator Hall mentioned.

Senator Wise: I know I mentioned this, I intentionally left this open ended because we don’t have legislative power over Faculty Senate. By passing this, it is more asking them to move swiftly with these changes and showing student support.

Senator Lake: How much language changing are you going to make?

Senator Wise: Just the humiliation wording.

VP Smith: I would suggest that there are legal definitions of words like harassments online. You can look into.

Senator Olson: **Motion to pass ASR 2019-03 as a First Reading** / Senator Allred: **Second / Passed**

COUNCIL UPDATES

Senator Hall: Thank you for everyone who contacted me about graduate and undergraduate collaboration. Last week I went to the Library Advisory Committee. I was surprised to hear the Dean of the Library say that, according to their projections, in the next two-three years, they will be about half a million dollars in the hole. There was a lot of discussion about possibly dropping a lot of journal subscriptions, especially the bigger ones, which will anger faculty. There was also discussion about doing it in conjunction with our peer institutions. If there is just one university dropping a certain journal, it might not be a big deal to publishing companies. But if there are 10 universities dropping it, it may be a bigger hit and they may change the prices. They are also looking into more OER. If you want more information, come talk to me.

VP Smith: Did they say anything about a fee request?

Senator Hall: Nothing was discussed about student fees so I’m not sure.

Senator Lake: I wasn’t able to meet with my council this last week. We had a big discussion about differential tuition with my Dean and Ambassadors. We don’t feel the proposal is very clear. My dean hasn’t resolved some of the holes. There haven’t been many changes to activities, and updates with my council etc. We are trying to figure out if differential tuition is worth endorsing right now.

Senator Wise: Artoberfest went really well. We have our retreat this weekend. I am on the Deans Scouting Committee and had our first meeting last week, we met with the Faculty on what they would like to see in a Dean. I would like to have a conversation with the Provost on having this as a standard to always have a
student on the scouting committee.

Senator Allred: CHaSS Tailgate is Saturday from 11:30-2 and Pauni is catering. Alumni will be there and even if you are not a CHaSS student, please come. Cup of Joe with Joe is on November 7th from 10-12 in the Old Main Lobby by the vending machines. On November 30th is the CHaSS Charity Gala. We have it reserved in the TSC Lounges. I am working with Eric for QPR trainings. We have it for October 15th or the 25th. If your councils need training, you are welcome to join us. My Dean is talking with the Associate Dean about having my position on the Dean’s Leadership Council to be more of a representatives for students. A lot of the things we are doing for CHaSS week are planned for what we want to do.

Senator Kemp: Loggers Ball is mostly booked. We have contacted Aggie Radio to sponsor. QCNR Council is working on our October monthly social and work on pumpkins painting in our QCNR Atrium, feel free to stop by. I am meeting with my Dean’s Leadership on October 3rd. There is a lot of faculty that needs to be hired within various departments.

Senator Thomas: Last week I met with the Associate Dean. We handed out apples as a council as a happy Wednesday thing. Education week is basically ready to go. There are a bunch of programs being rearranged within my college.

Senator Service: We are finalizing details for Science Week. We are meeting with Dining Services Wednesday. Marketing is all set to go.

Senator Olson: Nothing significant.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spencer: It’s homecoming week. I may not be accessible Wednesday, but I will let you know.

ADJOURNMENT: Senator Thomas: Moved / Senator Hall: Second / Adjourned

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Zimmerman, Spencer Bitner, VP Allie Smith, Senator Kristin Hall, Senator Dexton Lake, Senator Sierra Wise, Senator McKenna Allred, Senator Mason Kemp, Senator Deidra Thomas, Senator Abigail Service, Senator Erik Olson, Assistant Brooke Jorgensen, Brendon Brady, Dallin Perkes, President Hunsaker