CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Brianna Malcolm - Student Sustainability Grant Program: This Grant opportunity is for students across campus. We have a committee made up of 8 students, Program Coordinator, Student Sustainability Council Chair, 3 office interns and 2 faculty members, that meets to vote on those Grants. This committee is made up of a representative from each of the college and I am looking to see if there is anyone from your councils or a student from your college who would like to be part of this Grant Committee. In 2011, a group of students voted to pass a fee that goes into the sustainability pool that funds these Grants. Any student can apply for these grants. What the committee member would do, is meet once a year and go over every large applicant that comes in and we make sure money gets spent correctly. In the Mini Grant Committee, they go over rolling grants. It is online and don’t require meeting in person. If you know any students who would like to be apart of this, please let me know in the next two weeks because Grants open October 1st.

Senator Lake: Are you looking for specifically undergrads?

Brianna: Graduate Students can be on there as well. Actually, NR already had someone apply.

Senator Hall: Are you looking for a separate Grad school rep?

Brianna: I don’t believe we have had one in the past, just the 8 colleges.

Sam Jackson: Campus Cup Presentation: Campus Cup is a competition between major universities in Utah to encourage students to vote. It began last Tuesday and ends on November 6th. Voter Registration accounts for 40% of our points, Social media accounts for 35% of points and an Expedition Vote accounts for 25%. The Expedition Vote points come from a Questival type activity. I will need your help registering teams. Total points will be tallied and it will be averaged with our total campus. If anybody needs to register to vote, please send them to me so we can get credit by getting people registered to vote. This will be our third time winning this competition. We will have physical forms in the next week and I will be sending a link for our University to register voters. We have a unique url through USU for registration. They can submit a ballot to me or through that link. September 25th is National Voter Registration day. Points double for people registering to vote. We will be putting together a big event on the TSC patio that...
day to register people to vote with music and food. That same week, starting on Tuesday, we are going to
have voter registration booths in the individual colleges so we can reach different demographics on
campus. If you could help me organize one hour that week for your college, that would be great.

Senator Olson: Do you know specific days you will be in each college?

VP Jackson: I want that to be up to you guys.

VP Haas: Suggestion, it is pretty complicated to get people registered to vote. I would suggest
having an infographic for in state and out of state for what to do.

VP Jackson: We are going to have a training with USU housing and we will use that same
training for my council and whoever is willing to help out will receive that training as
well. There are specific things people need to know. I’m hoping to have a few GRC
members at your colleges for those days as well.

Senator Allred: Can we put the link on social media? And do you need a laptop for each of these
booths?

VP Jackson: We are putting graphics together for social media but the big thing will be
the #usuvotes. My council will make sure you have all the things you need for those
booths. For the next two months, we are hoping to have a table somewhere on campus
where they can vote. We will have a schedule of this on our website.

Senator Pitt: On Voter Registration day we are having an event during business week, we would
love to have you guys as part of that event.

Senator Olson: There are a lot of proposition and questions that will be on the ballot. It would be
cool to have those questions on the infographic so students know what they will be voting for.

VP Jackson: That is what we did two years ago. We will try to put something like that
 together. We also want to put events together to go over those as well.

Senator Olson: One of my roles as Pro Temp is parliamentarian. One of the things we struggle with is with
Points of Procedure. When you are making a point of clarification or point of information, you don’t need
to wait until the speakers list is exhausted, if it is applicable to the topic, you an interject and ask your
question. A point of information is when you have information pertinent to the debate. Point of
clarification is asking a question. Point of personal privilege is to go to the bathroom or make a call. With
point of parliamentary procedure, if someone is out of turn, like if there is a motion on the table and we
skip it and need to go back, you can say, ‘point of parliamentary procedure, there is a motion on the
table.’ And we can go back and visit it.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

VP Haas: On Aug 28, we talked about Week of Welcome dates and other dates that have come and gone.
Bannon talked about HURD Premium, if any students have questions, have them come talk to him. If
people criticize them for wanting to get more money. Please make sure people know that is not the case,
it is an opportunity for students. Last week, we talked about sustainability the USU Sustainability Program
talked to us and have a goal of being carbon neutral by 2050 and talked about students interests as far as
sustainability goes. The biggest conclusion was to cut the Zimride program and look into expanding Aggie
Blue Bikes. They were trying to feel out if we could pursue getting a bike share program on campus again.
Homecoming parade is coming up, hopefully you have been able to talk to Sophie about getting floats for
that.
Senator Kemp: I know you talked about having motorized vehicles, was there any talk about getting that policy updated?

VP Haas: With the Spin pilot program, they didn’t end up investing in that because they didn’t have the money. They looked into similar businesses that would bring in scooters but they were either expensive but the more affordable ones would bring electric scooters or bikes, which is not allowed because of USU Policy. They said the policy was pretty dated. They seemed like they weren’t interested in updated because many administration had some negative run ins with those. It didn’t seem like they were wanting to appeal that. Going on, Braxton hired new employees so you can get graphics ready for your College weeks so you can meet with someone one on one. Daria is planning the Bridging Banquet that will have 400 spots for students to pair Alum with a student to build relationships. It seems like they have a big event and their Golf Tournament is today. Other President Reports, there were questions about Apple Watches and House Rules. For the purpose of House Rules, you can use your phone as it relates to the meeting. For example, if you have a question for your Council President or need to refer to a bill. I would ask that you do not use your Apple Watch because it can be more distracting than using your phone. I am getting ready for Fee Board, we will have an October 9th breakfast to go over Policies on that. Applications will be going out tomorrow. We need 7 students at large, all of you will sit on this. Part of this Fee Board process is that you will meet with your respective fee. You will have 2-3 students that will go through this fee with you. There just needs to be more students than Administrators. Meeting with you there will be at least two Administrators, it would be great if you had yourself there and 1, preferably 2 students there for you. We want as many applications as we can to get a great voice from the students. I am looking for students with a nontraditional background for the most diverse representation. I am concerned about students being comfortable with speaking up. If you know people on your counsels or in your classes who are comfortable with numbers and speaking up, that would be awesome. I will get application links out to you tomorrow.

Senator Hall: Do you have the number of meetings?

VP Haas: I believe there are 5, one is going to be used as needed. They are about 3 hours each and I think Wednesdays at 5 but won’t be until next semester. They would need to be available for those and for the breakfast in a few weeks.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Senator Hall: President Cockett is looking to reorganize the Graduate School to put us under the Provost office. We are looking on changing our socials from the Country Club with food and small games. Engagement has plummeted with that. We have been working on how to improve advertising and changing the location and the activity. We sent out a survey over the summer, we had incentives for filling this out and we had almost 700 responses. I wanted to give you a heads up that we want to work on Fee Transparency. We want to work on some legislation so that groups can’t come to Fee Board asking for an increase without showing us how they have spent student fees in the past. We want to add dental and eye insurance for Grad Students Insurance.

Senator Lake: My week is next week. We secured the helicopter. It will land Monday, our kick off will be at 11 and we will be handing out cookies and have some games. It will land between 11:15 and 11:25 so people can see that during the class transition. A few private donors helped with that so we did that without using student fees. Myself, my Dean and President Cockett will be riding in that. This is in recognition of an Aviation Professor who passed away in April. I will suggest that this is a one time event to commemorate them. We have our mechanical bull that is available, please encourage your colleges to come be apart of that. 10% of that profit will go towards Mental Health on campus. That will be next Wednesday 11-2. It is $3 for one ride and $6 for three. We will also have our tractor parade. I will be sending the next days events on Slack, please share those on social media. My week is planned and I am
happy with that.

Senator Wise: On September 13th, I am speaking at a College wide meeting with my Dean and President Cockett regarding changes in Title 9 and talking about the importance of equity within the College changing the culture we have. We want to open up the channel to help students know what services are available to them. We want to adjust the climate to be safe. I met with James Morales to get a counselor specific to the Arts College. They have found that students in the Arts College use CAPS more frequently than other groups of students in the University. We want to pilot having a part time Counselor for our College. Because we lost a council member over the summer to suicide, Dr. Olsen agreed to do a private QPR training for my Council. The Willows sticking out of the ground by the library is the final event to the Year of the Arts produced by a world renowned Artist named Patrick Dougherty. That will be finished in the next two weeks and it will be interactive. Every willow sculpture he does is different and he builds them specific to the area. He will be speaking at the Dean’s Ceremony on September 18th and that is open to the public. They have different musical performances and you get to hear him speak. My council is awesome and we are focused on Artoberfest in the first part of October. We already have more people signed up than last year. My Dean talked about bringing in a Diversity speaker because Arts is overrepresented by white males. We didn’t feel like it has been a good representation of what our College is made of. We have a dream of having Carol Walker come and speak with us. She is a woman of color Artist who works on the East Coast and creates silhouette interactive art pieces that represent her history correlates that to social issues that are going on today. Saying we want her is like saying we want Justin Bieber for End of Year Bash. We have a connection and this is looking like it may be possible. This will need a lot of publicity and support. If you know of people who would like to help fund that, let me know.

Senator Pitt: I have a meeting with my council and clubs specific to my College and we had a breakfast/calendaring activity. We had an event with Gail Miller from Larry H. Miller group and it was very successful. This Friday, we have Charles Denson, the former President of Nike, who will be coming to speak with us. We want to invite all students to a career expo on the 21st and there will be over 55 firms from all over the country that are looking for not just business students but any students interested. It will be from 10:30-1 and there will be booths set up throughout the Business building. I met with the Dean and we talked about setting up times for the Town Hall as well as setting up the Differential Tuition Board. Business week starts on the 24th. Cafe Sabor said they will be willing to cater almost all of our activities.

Senator Allred: We had our first meeting Thursday and talked about doing a service project this semester and also having a speaker come and having a social type event. We have a firm base of ideas and I wanted to get with Daria about Alumni and Alumni house house things. We are doing Homecoming street painting. We ordered jackets but would like t-shirts as well. I put out a survey the second week of school but feedback was consistent that students wanted more job fairs, networking opportunities and Alumni connections. I want to do more events to cater to those needs. Our Student to Student Scholarship, we did a Light on the Hill and it was very successful. We did a Student to Student Scholarship there and got about $70 so we will continue that through the year.

Senator Kemp: We had our first meeting and we agreed to do the street painting for Homecoming. We set a date for Loggers Ball and we are reserving the Country Club on November 17th. We want to do monthly events and our first event will be a Hammock and Hang event on September 25th. I have my first meeting with the Dean’s Council to figure out my budget. This month, we have our officer retreat at the Bear Lake Training Center on September 21st.

Senator Thomas: We are meeting with my Council tonight. We have our opening social outside the Education and HYPER building in a couple weeks. My Council President is really excited and I am excited to get things going with her. I am trying to be better at delegating things to her.

Senator Longaker: My first council meeting went well! I am excited to start working with them. We are starting to plan Science week this week. We are signed up for street painting. One of the biggest projects
we want to do this year is a podcast. The college of Science and the Dean are excited for that and have already talked to faculty members about coming and being on that. My one hang up is getting in contact with Aggie Radio and if anyone has any ideas for how to best contact them, that would be helpful.

Senator Olson: Retreat went really well. We have a clear picture of where we want to go as a council. I had my first meeting with my Dean. There has been a lot of transition within the leadership in my College. They are finally settling all that. Opening Social is on Thursday from 4:30-7 on the Engineering Patio area. We are trying to boost our social media following. We are having a give away if people follow or tag our social media. At Day on the Quad, we had a game and we had a lot of people interested in that. We started monthly games last year and I think we will continue that this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ASR 2019-01: Facilities Enhancement Fund

Senator Olson: Motion to waive Second Reading and move to a vote / Senator Thomas Second / Passed

Senator Lake: Motion to pass ASR 2019-01 as a Second Reading / Senator Lake Second / Passed

ECR 2019-01: Tier Two Ad Hoc

VP Haas: Thank you to everyone who applied. We are going to go with Senator Thomas. In this position, she is representing AS as a whole and our interests. This will be represented by myself, Senator Olson as well as Senator Hall in addition to the Grad School. I want to clarify that there is language that this third appointed Senator is on this committee to represent AS as a whole, not their respective college. It was proposed to add Organizations and Diversity VP position. There would be Exec VP, Student Advocate, Diversity VP, Graduate Senator, Senate Pro Tempore, an appointed college and a representative of AS as a whole. I wanted to turn over time to VP Johnson for why he proposed his position sit on this. We will go over this in EC and I want to make sure I have your thoughts on this.

VP Johnson: I have put together a diagram that are based off the proposed Tier II Tuition Committee as it stands with the addition of Organizations and Diversity VP. After taking the time to talk to EC, Senator Olson and VP Smith, they expressed that AS had concerns that there would be an imbalance of representation with adding my position and you would feel inclined to add another AS Senator. With the first diagram, there are two individuals representatives of AS, Senator Thomas and Senator Olson. There are two that sit on both, Exec VP and Grad Senator. From EC there would be three, myself, Student Advocate and President. Officer Representation, as it stands, the President is outside because they are not allowed to vote unless to be a tie breaker to leave his position without a role to fill. This would leave three representatives from AS, Appointed Senator, Exec VP and Senate Pro Tempore. There will be one representative that sits on both, the Grad Senator. Representing EC would be Student Advocate VP and Organizations and Diversity VP. Facilities Committee vs Tier II, if you felt by adding me you would still want to add another Senator, one individual would be taken from the Facilities Committee and moved to Tier II. This leads to a different imbalance of representation. I had the opportunity to speak, in passing, with President Cockett and asked her position on adding me to the committee and she felt it would be in line with her goals and objectives as President of the University in addressing sexual assault on campus, raising mental health awareness and increasing and sustaining diversity. She didn’t give her a definitive yes or no, but that was her response. Student Advocate represents the student body and their interests as a whole, I want my position on this committee to represent the minority. The minority often gets left out. That is why I want my position on this going forward to represent those students.

VP Haas: Are there any thoughts about this?

Senator Olson: Thank you Josh. You talk about representing specific students. The argument you
hear a lot with AS is that EC is voted on by all students therefore all students interests are represented on EC. Same is true for you, all the students that voted for you also voted for Sam, Allie and Jaren. I support you being on here, in reality Diverse Students may not be represented without you on this committee.

VP Johnson: I don’t know the needs of your individual colleges, however Diverse students extend throughout all of your Colleges. Their individuality and reality as a minority extends beyond the classroom and is an everyday part of their existence as a student in USU. I would represent and protect them by placing this position on this committee.

Senator Wise: To advocate for Josh here, as we have done research within my college, minorities are more affected by these issues that Tier II falls under. Often minorities can be first generation college students and changes in tuition may affect them more than the general demographic if USU. I would be in favor of these changes to be in sure that changes to Tier II properly advocates to those students.

[Second Reading of ECR 2019-01: Tier Two Ad Hoc]

VP Haas: We added a line that includes that representatives will give reports to all USUSA officers.

Senator Lake: I don’t think Universities on line 2 needs to be capitalized.

Senator Kemp: Point of clarification, is legislature on line 1 always capitalized?

Senator Lake: Motion to make grammatical changes / Senator Olson Second / Passed

Senator Hall: On 15, it says this committee will give regular updates. Will members of that committee come to AS and present changes or will you or me or one of the Senators bring back those changes?

VP Haas: The intention is that those who sit on this from AS will come back with an update.

Senator Hall: Can we change the language to “Tier II Committee members who sit on Academic Senate and Executive Council are responsible to relay committee updates to their respective bodies.”

Senator Hall: Motion to revise line 15 / Senator Lake Second / Passed

Senator Lake: I am conflicted about Organization’s and Diversity VP being added because President Cockett wanted this committee to be small. I do feel that VP Johnson’s role can we accomplished by Student Advocate VP. I do understand there are diversities and minorities throughout the University. I feel that if I am going to trust Senator Thomas to represent my college as part of AS as a whole, we can expect VP Jackson to represent minority and diversity and keep it the same size as it is. I feel that if we aren’t going to add more Senators, I don’t believe VP Johnson needs to be on this. You can use that same argument about Athletics, we would expect those students be represented by the Student Advocate VP.

Senator Allred: Do you not agree with his the diagram about officer representation?

Senator Lake: I don’t. In reality, the Exec VP sits on both bodies and while she does represent AS, she has to keep in mind her position on EC as she sits on this committee.

Senator Kemp: When he brought up the point about voting and how the President would be a tie breaker. Is it not a tie right now with the president?
VP Haas: I don’t believe the President votes.

Senator Kemp: Without the President, it would be a tie. In that case, it it ended up in a tie, wouldn’t the President break the tie? In that case, the President does sit on EC and it would be an imbalance of representation.

VP Haas: If there are even members and the chair is a nonvoting member, when there is a vote, they always cast their vote but it is not counted unless there is a tie. In the instance of a committee of 3 with the 4th as a chair. The chair would always vote but their vote would not count unless there is a tie. In that case, the President’s vote would be looked at as a tiebreaker.

Senator Hall: In this case, with Organizations and Diversity on this body, there is an even number and the President’s vote would be counted in the case of a tie.

Senator Lake: Motion to remove Organization and Diversity / Senator Thomas Second / Failed

Senator Olson: I am really mixed with this. I believe that this graphic is a misnomer of how authority is represented. In reality, I think the Exec VP works closely with the President and has those interests in mind while also being over the AS, the relationship is different. I agree that if you have an even number of people on a body that would guarantee the President be a tie breaker. This is an issue I care about a lot and something I worked a lot on last year and I think that having the Organization’s VP on this body and his argument why strengthens our argument of having another member of AS on this committee. He represents a specific group of people that are also represented by other people on EC. All diverse students vote on all of EC members. Same case is for AS, though all Engineering students are represented by everyone on EC, I don’t think anyone on EC knows what the needs of Engineering students are. I’m still working on an opinion.

Senator Lake: It goes along with having Senator Thomas represent all of AS, we have two different groups of students in Agg and in Education. I would trust Senator Thomas to represent the students of any college in this group. We have to put the trust in who is already on there to represent the students as a whole.

Senator Wise: I felt in favor based on minority representation. Interesting arguments have been brought up and I believe tuition is an academic issue we should take into account. I personally would like to read some charters for the Student Advocate and the Organizations and Diversity VP. I would suggest we take a week to go over those charters and research those. EC has already tabled this for a week, personally I would suggest that we.

VP Haas: EC has already tabled this so we can discuss it. I don’t know if we can table for another week.

Senator Wise: Can we table for 24 hours? I feel split down the middle and want to make the most educated decision.

Linda: As long as decisions are made before September 18th. Would you consider changing the number from 1 to 2 AS representatives?

Senator Lake: I wouldn’t want to overload one senator by having them sit on both committees. I felt we wouldn’t want to reduce the other resolution to 5 senators rather than 6.

Senator Kemp: If we do have another senator on the committee, would it take away from the other committee?
Senator Hall: In EC, VP Johnson said that if that would be what we propose adding another Senator, that he would remove his name to keep it a smaller committee.

Senator Wise: I understand they want this to be a small committee, I don’t understand the difference two students would be. I understand two people is two more people, but at the same time I understand that having more representation wouldn’t be a bad thing.

VP Haas: Small is relative.

Senator Kemp: How many Senators are on the Facility Enhancement Fund?

Senator Olson: We just passed that motion as a second reading. There are already 6 on Facility Enhancement. We would have to go back and amend that as a new piece of resolution. We are dealing with 6 on Facility Enhancement, we either put another Senator on this and have someone do double duty or we could write resolution to amend what we just passed.

Senator Hall: You said having a Senator doing double duty, but doesn’t the Facility Enhancement specifically say that the Senators on that body will not sit on Tier II.

Senator Olson: We would have to amend that either way.

Senator Lake: **Motion to remove Organization’s and Diversity VP** / Senator Thomas Second / Failed

Senator Kemp: This could create a flip flopping situation where VP Johnson said he would drop his motion to have his position added.

Senator Hall: I think if he were to do that, it would at least be putting the ball back in his court

Senator Olson: This vote is to inform our opinion on what is happening and this will be represented in VP Haas and President Hunsaker’s votes. I am in favor of this current change because it will be informing those who are voting in our behalf and also to put the ball back in VP Johnsons court.

Senator Wise: **Motion to add Second Appointed Senator on this Committee** / Senator Olson Second / Passed

Senator Olson: **Motion to approve Second Reading of ECR 2019-01** / Senator Lake Second / Passed

**ECB 2019-01: USUSA Advisor or Staff Hiring Committee**

VP Haas: There were two grammatical revisions.

**Motion to pass ECB 2019-01 as a Second Reading** / Senator Olson Second / Passed

**NEW BUSINESS**

VP Haas: I would love to do a water bottle pledge on campus, I think it would be fairly easy to get grant money for this but I would also use my budget if necessary. I would like to have a table where people can pledge to not use plastic water bottles anymore and give them a USU reusable water bottle and I think it would be really effective. Budgeting would be the main concern but I am going to look more into that.
ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda: QPR training dates, please relay dates that would work through Brooke. Tell her a couple days of the week that would work. Please take pictures of your college weeks and put them in your Box folder for the end of year video.

Senator Kemp: What is the procedure of having the PR and Marketing come take pictures of our events?

Spencer: You can do it upon request.

ADJOURNMENT: Senator Kemp: Moved / Senator Lake: Second / Adjourned

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Zimmerman, Spencer Bitner, VP Allie Haas, Senator Kristin Hall, Senator Dexton Lake, Senator Sierra Wise, Senator Cameron Pitt, Senator McKenna Allred, Senator Mason Kemp, Senator Deidra Thomas, Senator Abigail Longaker, Senator Erik Olson, Assistant Brooke Jorgensen, VP Jackson, VP Johnson, Brhianna Malcolm, President Hunsaker