CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Senator Olson: Would Sunday, October 14th around 6pm work for the next family dinner for everyone? Is there anyone who would like to host?

Senator Pitt: We can have it at my place.

Senator Olson: We will send out assignments in the next few weeks.

Sam Jackson: This is a resolution we are putting in for our first reading tomorrow. I would like to have any feedback you have.

[Reading of ECR 2019-02: Mental Health Syllabus Resources]

Sam: Does anybody have feedback?

Senator Wise: I know I spoke with you about this, one addition I would like to see made is a clause that explains the course material outlined in the syllabus and if there is anything that causes a physical or mental health crisis or from completing the coursework outlined, here is the withdrawal or incomplete policy. Even though the withdraw clause is explained in the syllabus, I think it is unclear and needs to be explained why you need to take a withdrawal. If someone is going through a mental health crisis and misses three weeks of school, the stress and pressure of failing classes could contribute to making the problem worse. I think if we clarify options that are available in the syllabus, it would help better advocate for our students.

Senator Olson: Have you spoken with anybody on Faculty Senate?

Sam: It is in the works. We put this together this week.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

VP Smith: Megan is out of the office this week but Sophie can cover for her. Max is out of the office and his committee will be filling in for his office hours. Tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday, Linda will be out
of the office. In EC, they reminded us to start using Box so the officers after you will have resources. Tomorrow is National Voter Registration from 9-3. Next week, October 1-5th, is Voter Registration Week and they will have the Expedition Questival on October 27th. Please pass that on to your councils, it will be great to have as many teams as we can. They are looking for DJ’s for the Spirit Dance during Homecoming week. Those DJ’s can potentially play for an hour at the Howl. The Bridging Banquet is on Thursday at 6pm and registration is open for all students. There is a service project on October 1 for Child Health Day. They will have different necklaces representing if you have been a patient at Primary Children’s Hospital, if you have been a patient there or if you are registered for the Dance Marathon. There will be a QPR training on Wednesday, September 26 from 4-5 in TSC 335. Let Sophie know by 10am how many people you are expecting to come to the training.

Senator Hall: If we were QPR trained last year, do we need to go again?

VP Smith: No. The last thing, every year they do a leadership flag football tournament with the Ambassadors, USUSA and A-Team. It will be on November 3rd from 1-4. Starting before 1 there will be a potluck. Last thing I have been working on is revamping the IDEA course survey. They will be initiating that next fall. The interface will be much more friendly. They will have an app with all the surveys will be in one spot and will be really user friendly.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Senator Hall: My director and I met with Taya from Business Services and with Linda and Tim today about getting more student fee information online. We met with CAPS last week about involvement in Mental Health week. We started to look into a keynote speaker for that week. I am interested in the gut brain connection and finding someone to talk about that during Mental Health Week.

Senator Lake: CAAS week was great! Thank you for being so willing to help and help promote it. We are going to start working on opportunities for students to meet Alumni. I am going to start researching legislation I want to write.

Senator Wise: We had the ribbon cutting ceremony for the sculpture by the library. Yes, you can go inside. This also means that the Year of the Arts is over. Artoberfest on October 4 on the QUAD. There will be booths with artists selling their work and there will be having food. I just got confirmation that the Cache Valley Witches will be there again if you want to see the witches come perform, it’s like a flashmob. There were further allegations of sexual assault within the piano program that went public this last week. We are continuing to have turnover in that department and continuing to have conversation with the Student Affairs Office to determine the best plan of action is. I met with the department head and we spoke about some changes within the Faculty Code of Conduct that will protect students more in the future. All the events that have taken place over the past year has been pretty traumatizing for the students in the program. If you happen to know people in the piano program, please be understanding and sensitive and let them know of services we have available. If you want to be part of passing legislation to prevent situations like this in the future, please let me know. I have been meeting with Sam about working on some of that. If you have students in your college who have concerns about Title 9, if you wouldn’t mind passing on that information to me, any information like that would be helpful. I am on the Scouting Committee for the new dean. I am excited to see how that process goes. We are having a town hall first to see what they want and have that information as we are screening for a candidate.

Senator Pitt: We had our Career Expo and we had 55 firms come and a lot of people from outside the Business School came as well. Today we had our kickoff for Business Week. We gave out 600 tacos on the QUAD. Coming up, we have a Student Empowerment Lunch in the courtyard area in the Business Building. This will give students the opportunity to voice concerns or suggestions they have. We invite everyone, even if they are not in our college. We have a service project on Wednesday putting together kits for children at the Family Place. you can help assemble kits or you can buy your own. Thursday, we are giving
out ice cream and promoting the Bridging Banquet and a few things going on at my college that night. We have the Huntsman Gala from 8-11pm on Friday. We have jazz music for the first half and a DJ for the last half. There will be lots of food and a soda bar and it is free for all students

Senator Lake: Are you aware that the publications say they are from 8am-11pm?

Senator Pitt: Yes we are aware.

Senator Allred: Last week was the Swenson House Groundbreaking. The next day, was State of the College, the Dean talked to all the faculty and staff about what is going on in the college. Something upcoming in 2022 is that we will be getting an English building, when that is finished they will be redoing Ray B West. They are trying to get funding on the state side for that. Clint, from my council and on GRC, offered for the GRC to lobby for more funding for that. Since we just got the Life Science Building, we may not be getting money for a few years. We had a meeting on Thursday about doing different events throughout the semester. One of the things we discussed was a CHaSS Charity Ball in the Art Museum in November. I have a couple committee members talking about doing a service project sometime this semester. We have talked about doing the Dance Marathon and a food drive in October. There is a series of Alumni lunches that will happen every week throughout October and November. Students can sign up for those to hear Alumni speak and network with them. The Homecoming Tailgate is on October 13th before the football game from 11-2. We will have sandwiches and Alumni to come mingle before the football game. I would like to research how much student representation is within CHaSS. I would like to get some ideas from you guys about how to research student representation within your college in faculty hires or changes within your colleges, things like that. One thing Grant said would be helpful is to be on the Dean’s Leadership Council. When I meet with Natalie, the Dean’s Assistant, in the coming week, that is something I would like to talk with her about.

Senator Kemp: We had our leadership retreat up in Bear Lake, it went really well. We got to hear from Fee Busby. He is retiring this year so it was great to hear from him. We planned out the whole year and all the clubs put their events on a master calendar. On Tuesday, we have our Hammock and Hang on the NR Patio. It is open to everyone to come eat snacks and just chill. I have a meeting with my dean and we will have more plans for my college week. My dean booked Charles Mann as our speaker for NR week.

Senator Thomas: Education week is completely solidified, except for one event. Marketing is undergo. I am doing better with delegating. We are having an opening social and we are picking a date for that tonight. I met with Allen Anderson because I wanted the food truck to. He said no, but they are building this ‘mobile kitchen thing’ that he would let us use on the QUAD for tacos. He is super willing to work with all of us and offered to pay for flyers and is giving us cookies. Use him.

Senator Service: I had a meeting with my Dean today and realized how much is going on within my college. She talked about all these new faculty were hired for Physics, Biology and Chemistry. Students will realize that now with their advisers and it will be easier to get appointments set up. Faculty hires was something that I didn’t realize was happening. I want to be more in the know with that. The Science Building will be finished by the end of November. Classes will start being held there in January. We are excited for that. For science week, we are solidifying details for our events We have the College of Science Convocation dinner on Thursday to honor those donors who have given money for scholarships. There will be a Science Unwrapped on Friday at 7. They will be bringing in a mathematician.

Senator Olson: Engineering Council is moving. We had our first meeting after retreat and we are now all trained. We are starting to see some of our goals brought to reality. Most recently, Senator Service and I at in for a redesign on Aggie Blvd. It was basically a focus group with a bunch of administrators. They were walking through how Aggie Blvd will look in the future and some of the changes for safety, efficiency, etc. The number I took from that is about 2 million dollars for the first phase. This includes physical changes like putting barriers by Military Science to prevent jaywalkers, getting rid of the crosswalk in front of the
HYPER and expanding the crosswalk by Distance Ed. It was interesting to be apart of. One question I have, we do a lot of work for their college but all out personal funding or compensation comes from USUSA, how many of you get funding from your college per scholarship or stipend?

Senator Pitt: My council receives compensation, I personally don’t.

Senator Olson: The College Ambassadors and College Council have been growing in the past few years. There has been overlap in some of the roles. We had a meeting with the heads of both organizations so we can separate our roles to better serve students. We have some upcoming meetings regarding student representation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spencer: Please use Box as an archive. Put everything you can possibly think of into Box, even notes or ideas of initiatives.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Zimmerman, Spencer Bitner, VP Allie Smith, Senator Kristin Hall, Senator Dexton Lake, Senator Sierra Wise, Senator Cameron Pitt, Senator McKenna Allred, Senator Mason Kemp, Senator Deidra Thomas, Senator Abigail Service, Senator Erik Olson, Assistant Brooke Jorgensen, VP Jackson, Rhett Ballantyne, President Jaren Hunsaker