CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

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

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

VP Smith: In our last EC, Linda talked about the notebooks in her office about the Fee Board information. It is ready to be put online. Mountain West won against Nevada. The fire extinguisher thing, they didn’t blame USU at all. One of the Nevada players punched a fire extinguisher and they were blaming USU but have since taken it back. There were no lawsuits. Service has Special Olympics swim practice every Saturday morning at 10 and are always looking for volunteers in the HPER. Service Director Applications are due on the 25th. There is a Young Alumni event tomorrow for those with a business background. It will be either Lizzie Allen or Sawyer Hemsley. On March 21st, a former NFL player will come and they want to target that towards SAAC to get them thinking about an athletic career after college. March 20th is True Aggie Night. I am sitting on the course fee approval committee and we look at each course fee. They just got their internal audit. Their debate is whether we can use course fees to pay for TA’s or not. It explicitly says that course fees can’t pay for instructors, it must come from tuition. They have made TA’s the exception, especially in PE where they use a ton of TA’s for labs. A lot of our peer institution say that TA’s can’t be paid by course fees. Our audit says it is an area of concern but it is not horrible but we should know that we are the only institution doing this. We are getting ready for our external audit. They want more student voice on if we think that is okay or not. The Agg school within aviation does this, PE and public speaking does this. Talk to your councils.

Senator Hall: Do you know why other university has chosen not to do this?

VP Smith: It is more of a transparency thing. If we say no, they will make tuition more or it will come from differential tuition. It is more of an allocation thing.

Senator Allred: If we say no, will CHaSS get differential tuition?

VP Smith: The college will be in charge of budgeting it through tuition. It will either raise tuition or they will reallocate money but it will not be allowed to come through course fees. They don’t want to change it but they want to do what the students want. I’m not sure what the outcome will be. They have asked me to change my charter regarding this committee. They want a delegate on that committee to help me. They review all the fees and split it into two groups.
Because I am the only student in there, I have to be in both groups. They want a student appointed there to split the work for my position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Wise - ASR 2019-08: Classroom Safety Procedure Change

Senator Lake: This is the second reading of what Sierra presented the other day. There were some changes we had discussed.

[Reading of ASR 2019-08]

Senator Lake: There are some grammatical changes that need to be changed.

Senator Hall: Wasn’t she wanting to include something about faculty being trained on the syllabus?

VP Smith: I thought it was that each classroom had to have a safety procedure that would be reviewed during syllabus week.

Senator Lake: The reason that wasn’t included was because I brought up that I was working with USU Police Officers on mandatory trainings. In the event that it were to pass, if there wasn’t a current protocol in place, that it would be redundant if we were already doing mandatory training. She wanted to put that idea on hold if we were going to go forward with that mandatory training.

VP Smith: My same concern stands that I don’t feel that the integrity of this legislation is there because we can’t command faculty to do something. If it were revised to say, “be it therefore enacted that a proposal be sent to Faculty Senate...” or something.

Senator Olson: I agree with that. State something like, “The Academic Senate requests...”

Senator Lake: Motion to table ASR 2019-08 / Senator Kemp: Second / Passed

Senator Wise - ASR 2019-09: Charter Changes for Academic Senators

Senator Olson: Motion to table ASR 2019-09 / Senator Hall: Second / Passed

Senator Olson - ASR 2019-10: Hearing Board Membership Clarification Resolution

Senator Olson: Mine hasn’t changed much. I added a, ‘whereas,’ on line 25. I added something about the President being the only member that can appoint members. Everything else is the exact same. The biggest difference with this is that the Regional Campus bill is developing a policy. This isn’t developing a process for that. The Regional Campus bill has a lot more detail. It could be adapted but it would be a lot to adapt within this legislation. They have changes that are specific to their body as a whole. I am open to suggestions.

Senator Lake: Comparing what RC has done and what you have done, it’s great that they want to adopt a policy, but I also saw issues with double jeopardy within theirs and the recusal being able
to contribute to the debate. That isn’t helping any situation. All you aren’t doing is voting. This is a more simplified way to say the President won’t be there. The last few years, there have been officers that have chaired the elections committee. There is nothing that says they can’t sit on the grievance board. That is fine because they are willing to sit on the elections committee. This is better to single out the President because it does present a bigger conflict of interest.

Senator Olson: I agree. Spencer and I have talked about having a separate policy for the Hearing Board. That is a conversation we need to have adapted to our campus and procedures eventually. I don’t think this legislation is the place for that. It is doing what we need to do and is minimal.

Senator Hall: I disagree a little bit. If there is a USU policy and Regional Campus is going to adopt that, I think it is a little weird that we wouldn’t try to adopt that as well.

Senator Olson: I agree we should have something like that in our constitution. To do that in this legislation would be a lot and something we haven’t discussed until 10 minutes ago. That is why my hesitation is to not do it in this legislation but I agree that we should have something like that in the future going forward.

Senator Hall: I feel that if we were to do that, I feel like it would be better to do it more in long term and do it right. Not saying that this isn’t right, but rather than just pass this and go right back to it and make other bigger changes.

Senator Lake: I get that and agree with you. There are changes I would want to make to the RC Bill. I would want to change that if we were to take it as a template. That is a conversation I would want to have with incoming officers, both Logan Main and RC officers. I think it will take consideration as time goes on that hopefully won’t carry into next elections. I think this is a necessary band aid to a bigger problem that needs to continually be addressed. I think this is the most crucial part of what we are doing right now.

Senator Olson: I was thinking about including a charge to create a committee to look at a similar policy to what the Regional Campus proposed.

Senator Kemp: The main debate for this is to have the changes ready to adopt for elections next year. If we were going to adapt the RC Bill, it would take longer to implement.

VP Smith: With the RC bill, I wonder what the process would be. I want to say it will go to Jaren’s desk. If you have concerns, you could voice those to him about the RC one. I see both your sides. The one thing I like about RC is that there is a procedure about what to do when you get to that point. I think that is helpful. Yours is straight to the point to edit the constitution. I guess they have different purposes.

Senator Olson: Is RC not editing the constitution?

VP Smith: It is but I think it is a little more specific of what they want people to do with that information. The other thing I like is that they have the USU policy definition of conflict of interest. Is this going to EC after this is passed here? Both would have to be voted through a constitutional amendment.

Senator Hall: I would be comfortable passing this if you including something to call upon next year’s officers to look into this.
[Revision of ASR 2019-10 to include charge for next year’s officers]

Senator Kemp: Their resolution oversees those smaller boards, such as hearing board?

VP Smith: Hearing board oversees all of USU, including Regional Campus. If Price campus had a conflict, they would go to USU Main Hearing Board. I think their bill has to go to Jaren because he oversees all of them.

Senator Kemp: If we do the same thing for Main and RC, does that mean you won’t have to include individual committees on their procedures?

VP Smith: Yeah, then it wouldn’t be specific for Logan EC or AS.

Senator Kemp: I was wondering if you would have to do something like this anyway to clarify what to do.

VP Smith: That is something we always try to do. When we create legislation within EC or AS, we have to address how it will influence RC. It is either something we discuss with Kevin or we have to put it in writing.

Senator Kemp: If we pass this legislation and go forward and if we adopt our own version of the RC bill. Would this bill not matter anymore?

VP Smith: This bill changes to the constitution and would go before a student vote and that section of it will be fulfilled. It is kind of like a call to action and once the action is completed, it would be more like a check the box thing rather than a continuous action.

Senator Hall: I think what Mason is asking is if this went through and was voted by the students, it would be changed to the constitution. RC is also trying to change the constitution. Do we have separate constitutions?

Senator Olson: There is a separate section that talks about regional campus procedures. There is some overlap in sections, such as elections. There are separate governing rules for Logan and RC.

Meghan: This section that you are changing, if one gets assed next year, could that override this one?

Senator Olson: It could. They could write whatever they want. Assuming they read this legislation and see the changes we made as a temporary fix and call for more changes. I would assume they would want to pursue more changes.

VP Smith: I don’t know if you are changing the same section of the constitution.

Senator Olson: We are definitely not. Assuming they would be given this, they could take this into consideration and use this as as starting point. They could add into their legislation all the stuff that was introduced by RC.

Senator Hall: Does the constitution about hearing board, does RC have their own section or will this create a section? If the RC bill passes, the hearing board that is the same for Logan and RC will have two sets of rules. I don’t think that should be the case.

Senator Olson: That is kind of how it works already. Their procedures for constitutional
changes and passing legislation are different. Not saying it is a good or bad thing, but that is how it is set up.

Senator Hall: I feel like what is already there makes sense as far as how regional campuses are structured. They go through the same election process as us, right?

VP Smith: From what I know, yes. You could probably talk to Kevin.

Senator Hall: I would like to look more into this before voting for it.

Senator Hall: **Motion to table ASR 2019-10** / Senator Kemp: **Second / Failed**

Senator Kemp: When do these have to be done for Stater’s Council?

VP Smith: Stater’s Council is a week from today.

Senator Kemp: So if we table this, we won’t be able to present it to Stater’s, right?

Senator Olson: I don’t think we have to, because it is changing the constitution, I think it is more of an FYI. It is good practice to have it go before Stater’s.

VP Smith: As a student association, we can change our constitution when we want without Stater’s.

Senator Hall: Would you feel comfortable tabling this today and say we are working on this and are working on this currently?

Senator Olson: I would prefer to get this through so we have something and these discussions can still take place. We can strike the conflict of interest clause. The big priority is to remove the resident from the hearing board.

Senator Lake: I think we got away from the purpose of this. I think the most important thing is to make sure that the president does not sit on the hearing board. It has an issue for multiple years. I didn’t appreciate the president sitting on the board the first time I ran. RC is adding a broad fix to what they are doing, not what we are doing. I think we have gotten away from the purpose of this and the RC bill in the intent of merging the two. The point wasn’t to merge the two bills. The purpose of this is exclusively to make sure that the president does not sit on any grievance board, not just elections.

Senator Hall: That is the part I am struggling with. I don’t feel like it is just the president. I feel any of us may not be impartial if we are sitting on the hearing board. I feel anyone in a USUSA position is more involved with anything brought up in the hearing board and could have a conflict of interest.

Senator Kemp: I don’t see an issue with leaving the conflict of interest in. I do understand the main point of this.

Senator Olson: I am happy to have that discussion and am okay with removing the conflict of interest part. In the new line, all it is saying here is that they are expected to recuse themselves. It isn’t asking for any change but they are expected to remove themselves. People could blow this off but it is including this in words in the constitution that this is something we care about. With this addition, it puts something tangible in there.
VP Smith: In your new language is it specifically saying the president. I think that should apply to every member of the hearing board.

Senator Olson: This is about hearing board operation as a whole. This is a new line. The conflict of interest thing adds to an existing clause, the president thing is a new clause all together.

Senator Lake: **Motion to approve amendments / Senator Kemp: Second / Passed**

Senator Olson: **Motion to approve ASR 2019-10 as Second Reading / Senator Lake: Second / Passed**

Senator Olson - ASR 2019-11: Outdoor Lighting Resolution

Senator Olson: I added a few lines from the last feedback. There is a section about applying for Facility Enhancement. This requests a follow up on their action to AS. We can involve ourselves in the process to see more to go to different projects. This has better follow up. I added the policy paper.

Senator Lake: **Motion to approve ASR 2019-11 as Second Reading / Senator Lake: Second / Passed**

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Pitt - ASR 2019-12: Financial Literacy General Education Course Support

Senator Pitt: I sent out an email about this a few weeks ago for feedback. This is a difference I would like to make with something I am passionate about. Growing up, my parents didn’t always make the best financial decisions which has inspired me to study finance. I think a better understanding of financial literacy is needed. I met with Professor Ryan Whitby who teaches finance. He approached the Social Science committee about adding this course. They turned him down in the past. He is planning on going before them again with a few corrections to show what he wants to teach and how it applies to the requirements of that committee. I attached that in that email I sent with the course syllabus and it outlines those specifically. The idea is to get both AS and EC support to have it an option for students to take that class as a breadth.

[Reading of ASR 2019-12]

VP Smith: This breadth committee, is that within Faculty Senate? Who chairs that?

Senator Pitt: I am not sure who chairs that but there is a committee over all the general ed sections for breadth and depth. They meet every month and review these.

Senator Hall: I don’t know if that is within Faculty Senate but I know the provost is over it.

VP Smith: It sounds like it might be related to the course curriculum committee Kristin and I sit on. If they create a course or make any chances to a course, it comes to this committee. I haven’t heard anything about it over there. I would like to help but I was wondering if you know the process.

Senator Pitt: I can look more into that process. I know each one of those sections meet regularly. Maybe there is a connection to your committee and the social science committee.
Senator Hall: I just looked it up and it is a subcommittee to the course curriculum committee.

VP Smith: I can put you in contact with who I think the chair is.

Senator Pitt: Let’s talk about this later. I want to write a letter of support and send that to you. I just want to pass the legislation that this is a need. I want to talk to who chairs the whole committee. I was planning on going with Professor Whitby to the next meeting.

Senator Olson: I support this legislation. Why specifically the social science committee? Are there other committees this applies to? I don’t want there to be a stumbling block that we want it here but they think it should apply to another committee.

Senator Pitt: Professor Wippie originally approached the Huntsman School of Business. They said it would fall under social science when it was first going forward and that has been a target ever since.

Senator Kemp: You have a lot of information about financial literacy. I think if you tied that in more to why these general ed classes are important for students, it might help strengthen your arguments.

Senator Olson: Motion to approve ASR 2019-12 as First Reading / Senator Hall: Second / Passed

VP Smith - Deans Breakfast Agenda

VP Smith: We need to create an agenda of what we would like to talk about at the Dean’s breakfast. This is an opportunity to talk to your new senator and the dean to get everyone on the same page on what you have accomplished and build relationships. In your private conversations, you might want to bring up conversations about projects you want continued on to next year. As a whole, what do you feel are accomplishments that should be highlighted or are ongoing and we want to invite the upcoming officers to be attentive to moving forward.

Senator Kemp: Facility Enhancement Fund. It is important to emphasize with it being so new.

VP Smith: Maybe this conflict of interest that we just talked about.

Senator Hall: And any other legislation that calls for further action.

Senator Olson: Outdoor lighting, Code Blue.

Senator Hall: OER.

Senator Lake: Tuition Review Committee.

Senator Pitt: I think it would be beneficial to briefly review the legislation process and the purpose of Stater’s Council.

Senator Hall: Do you feel that is something that should happen at the dean’s breakfast with the deans being there?

Senator Pitt: I think the deans can speak about their role in Stater’s Council.

VP Smith: I might have James do that. I think we have RSVP from everyone’s dean
except for Education. It is on Thursday the 28th at 7:30 a.m. in the Center colony Room. All the new Senators have already RSVP’d.

Senator Kemp: I think about the role of officers and what USUSA does. I still don’t know if my dean knows what I do.

Assistant Jorgensen: AOF and if graduate students can be put on there as well.

Senator Hall: Childcare on campus. Next year’s grad senator has been going to all the meetings with me but I think it would be nice to have overall support moving forward.

Senator Olson: Cooperation as a whole among dean’s, officers and between colleges. There have been times where interests have overlapped. There were a few times this year where two interests have aligned, it is important to know you are not functioning in isolation. I think that is important for deans to hear as well.

VP Smith: I might put together a presentation and may delegate portions of this. Some of you have done a lot of work in these areas and can talk to each of you after this.

VP Smith - RCECB 2019-03: Conflict of Interest Legislation

VP Smith: Jaren forwarded this to me and it is a piece of legislation that Mike Booth with Regional Campus Executive Council has been working on. It is similar to some of our legislation that we are working on right now. They are adding two amendments before their final reading on March 20th. They are requesting a constitutional amendment to include language about conflict of interest. The revised policy won’t take effect until USU Legal signs off on it.

[Reading of RCECB 2019-03]

VP Smith: This is good to know that RC is working on this but might guide us as we work on similar legislation.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Senator Hall: It is Mental Health Week. Graphics are on Slack. Light the Night is tonight at 7 on the Patio. There will be free t-shirts. Someone will be talking about their personal experience with mental health. We have glow sticks and will break them at the same time. The idea is that you are lighting up each other’s darkness. Tomorrow at 12:30 we will have a day time speaker on physical activity and nutrition are associated with mental health. That will be interesting and will have free lunch. Wednesday we have an exercise class at 4pm. On Thursday night, Katie Wilcox is speaking about positive body image in the ballroom with free dinner for 200 people. Friday, we will be putting together stress kits and will be giving those out during finals week and to the CAPS office to give away.

Senator Lake: Temple Grandin was awesome. Learned more in 3 days than in three years of academics. She was a very positive person to bring to Utah State. We are doing a closing social as well.

Senator Pitt: I need all your help. Send out what I emailed yesterday about the penny wars/fundraiser for the Emergency Hardship fund. Tomorrow through the rest of the week, we have donation centers to have a competition between all the colleges. It is me, CHaSS, Arts, Education and NR. That could be wrong.
They will be on the jars. We need people to man the table from 10-2 each day, especially in the library. Send this out to your council so we can incentivize more people and have someone to watch the money. We will announce what we have raised and will announce the winner. There will be either a belt or a trophy for the winning college. Hopefully this will be a tradition. I sent graphics in Slack. Forty to Freedom is Friday night. There will be music, food, drinks in the Perry Pavilion. Anybody is welcome.

Senator Allred: CHaSS week is next week. Monday is Cookies with the Dean. Daniel Bertrand presented with AOF and went to a conference with this trebuchet. He is setting up his trebuchet on the Quad. He is very excited. Tuesday we are having Baby Animal Days and a women’s suffrage event, they are kicking off their 150 year anniversary. Tuesday night is the slam poet at 7 in the ballroom. Wednesday is the international fair and picnic in the TSC lounges and patio from 11-1. CHaSS awards are that night. Thursday we are having a service project in the morning and IOGP is having a speaker coming to ESLC 130 at 4:30. Two SLC Tribune reporters are coming to talk about the media’s role in politics. That should be interesting. The Quiz Bowl is that night at The Factory Pizzeria at 7. Friday we have the taco truck from 11-1 or whenever they run out. ROTC is having a challenge course set up. Daniel will be taking down the trebuchet that night as well. It is stacked and we are pumped about it. Our spelling bee two weeks ago didn’t have great attendance but it was a great event for the first time it happened. After CHaSS week, we will be wrapping up the week with my council

Senator Kemp: Tomorrow, me and the new senator will be meeting with the dean. We will update the dean on NR week and such. We have our week schedule finalized. We got permission to do a bouldering competition on Saturday. We will be able to use ORP. Our NR week shirts are done. They look good! We have a meeting with the graphic designer for signs this week.

Senator Service: A-Day is on the 29th. Dr. Mueller has asked me to talk to the new students to help with recruitment. April 5th is the new Life Science building celebration. My council has been asked to give tours and usher. The Greenhouse director and interior design consultant for the building is going to get back to me soon with more plans for the plant idea.

Senator Olson: We are working on transition and a closing social.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meghan: Thanks for having me. Spencer is busy with interviews today. The game coming up for basketball on Friday. They are looking into chartering a bus. It will be $100-$150 per person to include bus, ticket and hotel. It is about 30 hours on a bus one way. Are any of you serious about going? They want to give priority to current and new officers and the Spirit Squad.

Senator Olson: I’m interested.

Assistant Jorgensen: What days are you leaving and coming back?

Meghan: They would be leaving Wednesday evening. They would stay if they get passed the first round and come back Sunday night. If money is an issue, they talked about talking to James.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Crosland, VP Allie Smith, Senator Kristin Hall, Senator Dexton Lake, Senator Cameron Pitt, Senator McKenna Allred, Senator Mason Kemp, Senator Abigail Service, Senator Erik Olson, Assistant Brooke Jorgensen