ASUSU Executive Council

Meeting Minutes

19 April 2011
3:30 PM

Attendees:
Eric Mikkelsen (Chair), Zach Larsen, Jason Russell, Ryan Baylis, Cami Lyman, Kirsten Frank, Tanner Wright, Brooke Evans, Hannah Blackburn, Madison Busteed

1. Call to order

2. Motion to approve minutes from last week.

3. Public Forum
   a. 10 out of 10 of Tanner’s Inauguration Fish they are still alive.
   b. Erik is becoming a true aggie on Friday

4. Council Updates
   a. Zach—Directors are getting things going. There is a survey out with a little over 100 responses. Will bring copies of the survey for everyone next week. Working on Week of Welcome.
   b. Jason—none
   c. Ryan—Hurd committee had a lot of negative feedback. Ryan Baylis Team of the week: Softball (2nd week). History of Utah State trivia, “The Scotsman” was originally called, “Show me the Scotchman”.
   d. Cami—Working with senators to meet with AS to combine activities with Senators weeks.
   e. Jordan—President’s Cabinet is meeting tonight.
   f. Kirsten—GRC is turning in their papers
   g. Tanner—Monday was the first AS meeting—passed House Rules. Will be decided Senate Pro Temp next week for EC.

i. Hannah—Cleaning and moving offices this Saturday starting at 8am. Be there. Selecting interns this week and working on some media developments.

j. Madison—Service Center had a retreat with all the new directors. 37 people now working as Directors and Council Members in the Service Center. Service Week is this week. Tomorrow they will be building shelves and entertainment centers. Aggie Locks is tomorrow. Friday will be on the Quad.

k. Erik—Before the end of the school year we are going to be meeting individually and going over goals and plans for the summer. During the year we will be meeting about once a month for “Office Development” meetings.

l. Zach—Chair and volunteer forms are out for next year. Programming Board retreat is coming up—the 9th and 10th.

5. Advisor Updates

a. Linda—ASUSU Training next week is at 7:30pm instead of 7pm. Will be sending out an email as a reminder. Saturday is PoBev. Aggie Radio will be doing something in the Amphitheatre.

i. Ryan—Hurd Bowl on Saturday at 1130.

6. Information Items

a. Office Changes—Linda Zimmerman

i. Went through everyone’s room. Eric Olson suggests making it as cheap as possible to make sure we are happy with this layout.

ii. In the Senate office, they propose lining the desks up against the wall and try it to see if that is the layout they want.

iii. Leadership Library will be in the cabinets of the current Programming Office.

iv. SNAC cabinets will be moved into 333. The built in desks in 333 will be moved with the PR Office.

v. The Admin Ass’t is moving into the Programming Office.

vi. The new intern will go into the old Athletics Office.

vii. Athletics is now in the old Admin Ass’t office.

viii. Kirsten—If we want to surplus something, how do we go about that?
1. Linda-- Talk to Kristin and you can tag it. Move it in the hallway. Look through the stuff and take what you want. In a few weeks Surplus will come and pick all of it up.

b. Website Changes—Hannah Blackburn

i. Last year the website was completely revamped. They are looking for suggestions/input in how to improve the site. Other schools sites include: asuu.utah.edu (U. of Utah), uvu.edu/studentgovernment (UVU), byusa.byu.edu (BYU). Looking for ideas of what we can do better.

7. Discussion Items

a. ECR 11-01 2011-12 ASUSU House Rules

i. Read through the House Rules.

ii. Tanner-- We changed the advisors part in AS to allow the Advisors to speak to clarify.

1. Kirsten— anyone could ask for a “Point of Clarification” where he could interrupt anyone in the meeting and ask for clarification.

iii. Eric—Remove the “no food” provision

iv. Linda—

1. The meeting time cannot change because this is the only time we have this room.

v. Tanner—

1. There is no such thing as an unexcused absence. The $100 is not steep enough. If you are missing more than 3 unexcused absences, you should lose your stipend.

2. Erik—if you miss more than 3, you will lose your entire stipend.

3. Linda—is that the entire stipend? Is that the month or semester?

   a. Once you hit your 3rd missed meeting, you will lose your stipend for the next month or $200.

4. Tanner—it would be beneficial to allow the advisors to speak. We should remove that rule in order to allow them to speak.
Even in this instance we have spoken with the advisors 3 times on one subject already this meeting.

5. Eric—the rules say advisors are allowed to sit up at the table.

vi. Tanner--

1. Would we like to clarify the food rule
2. Food must be shared with everyone.
3. “No food except shared refreshments during Public Forum.”


b. 2011-2012 Budget

i. On the ASUSU YTD Budget, we can reallocate $5k from the Comp. R&R and $2k from the Greeks. Can add $3k to the Aggie BLUE.

ii. Cannot change is highlighted in yellow.

iii. The Blue is for an extra $175 to the senators.

iv. Tanner—Could we allocate money to the Spirit Squad Scholarships?

1. 26 Spirit Squad members. They currently get 900/semester.

v. Linda—the Computer R&R is a carry-over account. In the last 3-4 years we haven’t used all of that money. We have $5,600 left. By the time we get new computers for those who need new computers we can free up about $5k comfortably. The $2k is a one-time thing for the Greek Council.

vi. Eric—there was a Tier-Two Proposal that was going to clubs. Perhaps we could provide some more money for that portion.

vii. Eric—if we charge ~$40 for Aggie BLUE we will bring in an extra $4k.

1. Kirsten—what happens from the extra money for Aggie BLUE. If we overshoot this will it be stuck there?

   a. Can we put the money in the President’s budget and then use that money for Aggie BLUE if it needs it and then Clubs if we don’t.
2. Linda—Aggie BLUE prior to this year was $75. If we charged more we could allocate all of this money in other areas and cover all of our charges.
   a. Ryan—we should keep it cheap.

3. Eric—place $2k in the President’s Budget for Aggie BLUE and then Clubs.

viii. $175 to each Senator
   1. Tanner—it varies on senator if they use their budget or not, but suggests keeping it the same.

ix. Linda—with Clubs and Organizations, Linda and Brooke are working on a student fee proposal. If we get a Tier Two Tuition, the President can remove that at any time. A student fee cannot. If clubs get low, she could ask C&S.

x. Linda—Aggie BLUE used to be out of the President’s Budget. Let’s just put all of the Aggie BLUE back and eliminate the Line Item of Aggie BLUE in the Gen Expense.
   1. Ryan—why was the Aggie BLUE budget removed from the President’s?
   a. Linda—The president that year wasn’t interested in Aggie BLUE so they moved it its own account and then to Gen Expense.

xi. Tanner—Could you clarify the budget for ISC and MSS
   1. All of the monies are budgeted and earmarked (which is legislated).
   2. We can write legislation after we pass this budget that would free up funding allowing Brooke to change where funding is going.

xii. Eric—We can either pass this or table it and then pass it next week.

xiii. Eric—summary of changes:
   1. Add $2,600 to Spirit Squad Scholarships
   2. Remove Aggie BLUE from Gen Expense
   3. Add $5,000 to the President’s Budget
4. Add $5,400 to Campus Diversity & Organizations/Clubs

xiv. Tanner—I move to pass the budget as mentioned. Cami seconded.
Passes unanimously.

c. ECB 11-01 Legislation Numbering & Filing

i. Ryan-- motion to approve, Cami—seconded, unanimous

d. Billiards Table

i. Jason—Campus Rec is thinking about moving all the pool tables out of the Field House and move the class to the Fun Park. We aren’t sure about where those tables will go. Some students are concerned about the travel and the billiards club would have to pay to use. The general student use is free now whereas it would cost to go then.

ii. Looking for an empty room on campus for the billiards table

e. Change the meeting time for next week

i. Tanner, Kirsten to move meeting to next week at 4pm. Unanimous.

8. Adjournment

Calendar Items:

- ASUSU Awards Banquet 4/20
- Kristin’s Birthday 4/20
- Date Doctor 4/21
- Easter Sunday 4/24
- ASUSU Training 4/26
- End of Year Bash 4/27-29