EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2018 | 4:00 PM | USUSA Senate Chamber

CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN / FIGHT SONG / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of minutes: VP Johnson: Moved / Senator Hall: Second / Passed

PUBLIC FORUM

Alexi Lamm & Meg McCarthy: The University committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050 by cutting down on emissions and educating graduates. We track carbon emissions per student as well as tracking progress of the University through Stars which measures a lot of the ways the University is making progress. Among the voluntary participants, are middle of the road among Universities who are thinking about sustainability. Compared to other institutions, USU is a little lower, however we are second in the State. In 2014, the University created a transportation master plan through surveys and came up with ideas to help make getting around USU easier for students and staff. This includes what we are purchasing, how the University is being run and how people are getting around. We have found that students do a great job than the staff at getting to school sustainability. 34% walk and 29% drive alone. We are trying to come up with a network that will facilitate all modes of transportation. The Aggie Commuter Club allows students and faculty who forego getting a parking pass to have a bike for the whole year as well as a locker at the HYPER and an emergency ride home. We have an online presence and we have a full time coordinator that is available ¾ of the time. We have increased bike lanes and storage on campus. We had a bike share pilot program, Spin. After they shut down their program, we have been discussing what we want to do in its place. Gotcha Bikeshare program is one of the only programs that offers pedal bikes, not any of the E-bikes. It charges $100/month for each bike that is customized. They can run cheaper or not a cost to us but it would put the cost on students for at least $1/half hour. They also have E-bikes but USU does not allow E-Bikes or E-scooters on any walk way which allows that option difficult. We were unaware of that policy from 1997 and we used E-scooters for 5 days. It was very successful and was used several times a day. Aggie Blue Bikes is being expanded because of the high demand. We have 300 bikes and checkout 5 bikes every day and add new bikes every 6 months. Students can work on their own bikes which helps reduce any barriers for students to sustainably get to campus. The Car Share Program ended in December 2017, we are evaluating if we would like to renew that again. This was a way to rent a car by the hour. This is helpful for students who do not have a car on campus or international students. Another ongoing program is Zimride. It is a carpool matching program where you can post as a driver or a passenger and you can post where you are going and match with other people going to that same destination. This would be linked to students A numbers. About 2,000 students A numbers have been active on this program. We pay $6,000 a year to maintain the platform. We estimate through sharing rides and saving on gas it could save students $57,577 a year, dependent on how many students use this program. Right now, it is funded half by the Sustainability Council and half by
the Carbon Offset Fund. This has not been fully covered which is why we are trying to determine if this is something we would like to continue. We are coming up on budgetary restraints and wanted to as which improvements would you like to see in safety, service or sustainability? What would students want to prioritize?

VP Jackson: Aggie Blue Bikes is something that is really unique to this campus and I believe it needs more publicity than it gets. One of my proudest things to tell students about where their fees go is that it goes to Aggie Blue Bikes.

Linda: How many students are turned away from Aggie Blue Bikes?

Meg: It depends on the time of year. With the beginning of the semester, we turn away about 10-15 students a day. Around April or May, usually anybody who walks in can usually get a free bike.

Linda: Are those bikes soley for students?

Meg: No, they are for staff and faculty as well.

Linda: Do they pay into that program?

Meg: Our staff and faculty who use them are pretty small. I can only think of 3-4 that use them now. We have tossed around the idea of charging them. Currently, we charge spouses to use them.

VP Jackson: Why the decision was made to let faculty use the bikes without paying into the program?

Meg: The staff and faculty are required to purchase a card for $2.72 for rentals which is the same that students pay in their fees. This is charged one time a semester.

President Hunsaker: So faculty is being charged. These bikes are bikes that can be checked out for the whole semester, correct? Is every bike checked out that way or are some for a shorter period?

Meg: Yes, they are. Some bikes are only 24 hour bikes, the commuter bikes are checked out for a year. The 24 hour bikes are usually road bikes or beach cruisers. The 24 hour bikes are funded through student fees and the year rentals are funded separately.

Senator Hall: Have you looked into expanding Aggie Blue Bikes through and the cost of doing a larger expansion of that compared to using one of these outside companies?

Meg: We have previously looked into getting an increase for funds for a shop manager to just tune bikes to allow for more bikes to go out. We did have grant funding for Bike Share but it would cost a lot of money. If Aggie Blue Bikes were expanded we would probably have semester rentals but also have docking stations around campus where bikes would be available to pick up and drop off. That would be at least $50,000. The problem would be the costs for most of the expansion we would like to make because of staff and other costs.

Alexi: If that were of interest, we could come up with other ways to set this up or ways to fund.
VP Johnson: With the expansion, what are you expected costs?

Meg: I haven’t been able to sit down and crunch the numbers

VP Johnson: Going off the Bike Share Program from last year, I saw the kind of success it had. I feel that if we were to move forward we should explore how much the expansion would cost.

President Hunsaker: You said it would be about $1/half hour if we were to bring in an outside bike share program?

Meg: We are speaking to Line Bike and Gotcha for outside bike share programs. Line Bike would pay for a building, run the services and have employees. Their problem is that they don’t have peddle bikes only the motor bikes. Gotcha would run separately but they would contract with a bike shop. Ideally, they would contract with Aggie Blue Bikes. We are short about $30,000 to allow a bus to get the bikes and staff.

Alexi: Would you like Meg to put together numbers?

President Hunsaker: I think that would be beneficial. I think the 24 hour one was awesome and I think it would be good to look into benefiting more students with the semester rental.

VP Jackson: How valuable do you think Aggie Blue Bike is compared to other sustainability programs? Are funds better used for other efforts? What would be an area students don’t know a lot about and maybe should?

Alexi: A lot is going on that people don’t know about. It would be nice if that was more obvious. The way students can make a bigger difference is through transportation which is about a quarter of carbon emissions every day. There are a lot of things that the University is doing but is not well known. I believe that Aggie Blue Bikes is a good use of money and is really visible. Recycling is also referred to. We are looking more into Zimride and if it is useful to continue. The problem with that is budget.

Meg: I would like to see the Commuter Club expanded by not using as many parking permits and would like to see the golf carts replaced with bikes or electric vehicles.

Senator Hall: Concerning Zimride, is there a safety issue? Is it common for people to use around campus or just long trips?

Alexi: ⅔ are usually one time rides out of town. About ⅓ is rides to campus or commuter rides.

Meg: Usually commuter rides are expired once it has been filled.

Senator Hall: Once one person finds the ride, it goes away?

Alexi: You can post a ride and say we have a truck and say you have 3 seats. If I posted ar ide for a commuter and found someone, when my ride expired it would not be an active ride on Zimride anymore.

VP Haas: Are the Aggie Shuttles part of the Sustainability program or Parking and Transportation?
Alexi: It is part of the Transportation plan but operated by Parking and Transportation. I consider it a sustainability part of the University but it is not run by us.

VP Haas: When you talk about expanding, that would not have anything to do with Parking and Transportation?

Alexi: Not at this time. One thing we have been considering is the Carbon Offset Fund. If that fund became bigger, it could support all forms of transportation. Right now there is not enough money but could be a plan in the future.

VP Johnson: What I would see go first would be Zimride, it seems like it does not have much visibility and is not being used and is costing too much money. With that, we could allocate that money into preliminary stages to expanding Aggie Blue Bikes, for example. You mentioned the golf carts on campus, could you expand on that? Have you looked into Colorado State to see what they have done to get a high rating?

Alexi: Part of that high rating is that all students at Colorado State are required to take a Sustainability course which gives them high rankings through academics. They also are moving towards carbon neutrality. We have been looking more into their points.

Meg: They are the gold standard in making bike safety better. Their bike program is under Parking and Transportation. Through that, they have campaigns where students and staff stop cyclists to reward them for biking safely and teach them how to bike better. They also have bike share programs funded by the school. They have a department that meets monthly to go over challenges and make improvements. The Golf Cart question is personal because I have almost been hit by them and they take up the middle of the walk way. We do have a goal to be carbon by 2050. I would like them to be all electric. Some of them already are. I believe that our campus is very bike friendly and people should take advantage of that.

Director Moon: You mentioned we can’t have a bike share program because E-bikes are not allowed on campus. That rule was made in 1997, are we looking to change that rule?

Meg: We are looking to change that. When the scooters were here, one of the students almost crashed into Eric Olson. I’m not sure what the support will be. I have my reservations about it being safe because students have a lot of close calls.

Alexi: We are sceptical because of safety but it may be revisited as a new discussion. Other Universities are starting these out and we are looking for feedback.

VP Jackson: I would have my reservations as well, I get a lot of complaints already about longboarders. I believe that Zimride is overlooked and people are intimidated by it. Driving to Boise with a stranger is not something many people would be comfortable with. I would rather see those funds put towards Aggie Blue Bikes. I also really like the Commuter Club. You have identified it as a major player and a Sustainability effort.

VP Johnson: With that ruling in 1997, is that something that can be overturned by USUSA or a vote by the board of trustees?

Linda: I think that is through Campus Planning.

Meg: You have to have a recognized committee paired with David Cowley(VP of Business and Finance) and James Morales. I am not sure what you have to do to be a
VP Johnson: I would recommend that if the Commuter Club is something that you see is helpful, the best place to start is with that is A-Team. The orientation team is one of the reasons why Aggie Blue Bikes has become more popular. This is the reason you probably have such a high influx of freshman. I would recommend a feasibility study be put into the expansion of Aggie Blue Bikes.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Hunsaker: For the Wyoming trip, who is not planning on go? Stoker and maybe Haas. We will need to know for sure by Friday. It will be October 18-21. If you are interested in the Homecoming parade, talk to Sophie. Is there a USUSA float?

Linda: Generally there are a few officers who don’t have committees and there are a couple that will drive our Mule. It depends on if you plan on having a separate float for your groups.

President Hunsaker: If you are not with a group, feel free to be part of that.

VP Griffith: If you are looking to be part of the parade, the Student Alumni Association is always looking for volunteers.

President Hunsaker: Polo’s, Name Tags and Council Rosters should be done by Friday. Expect to receive more information about Open Houses soon. Make sure you get fitted or your size for the suit coat.

COUNCIL UPDATES

VP Haas: AS did not meet because of the holiday. Last week I failed to mention that one of the Arts College Council members committed suicide over the summer. If you have heard of any Arts students who have been affected by this, they can go to CAPS and can be expedited through that process of meeting with someone. We are working on the Tier II Tuition Committee and finding people to fill that last Senator position.

VP Greer: This Saturday we will have the Kickoff Tailgate which is was previously called the Stampede. This has confused a lot of people. It is now called the Kickoff Tailgate. It will be outside the Junction at probably 12:00 on the grassy area. It will be a mini ‘Day on the Quad’ put on by RHA combined with the HURD. There will be plenty of food and games and things to do. They are directing it towards people living in the Resident Halls but anyone is welcome. We will be marching at about 3:15. HURD Premium members get in the gate at 3:45, everyone else will be let in around 4. There is a campout on the QUAD on September 21-22 to get in early for the Air Force Game. HURD Premium members don’t get in early for only this game to give other students an incentive to camp out. There are a few Ambassadors talking about Notis which was just approved by the school. It is a way to get all our events in one place. You can put your events in so that students can find all the events rather than following all the different USUSA pages on Instagram or Snapchat.

VP Johnson: Brooke Class said she would be approaching Director Moon and Linda about this.

VP Greer: If you need to contact her, she is a great reference. I am adding a few freshman to my committee but if anybody else is adding freshman, I want to know who you are adding so we don’t have overlap between all the committees and give a variety of freshman these opportunities. If you can get me those names, please let me know in the next few days so I can pick mine.
President Hunsaker: I am finishing mine today and will just put it on slack.

VP Johnson: We had Diversity and Donuts today and went very well. The Access and Diversity Opening Social is this Thursday, 5:30-7:30 at Adams Park. Club President monthly meeting happens that same day, 4-5. Club Rush is next Thursday, 10-2 in the TSC Lounges, I have spoken to Paige, Kevin and Megan to open it for FSL and departmental clubs. FSL recruitment happens the 10-14th. I have talked about creating a new ambassador and liaison position. They would be a voluntary position under Paige. They would coordinate with my position and Meghan’s position to help with FSL events and regulations for those events. They would help with the Bylaws and help Paige. Diversity Training, we will be having trainings for the committees if you would send me those times that would work, we can see if we can find some collaboration on those dates. The Ambassadors are not yet scheduled to have it yet. The RA’s will receive a re-training this month.

VP Jackson: Jaren and I met about Campus Cup and there are a lot of parts to plan. We are planning a Questival for the entire University. It comes from the Lieutenant Governor’s Office and they changed it to a Questival Expedition where they are creating a set of challenges throughout the state. They give us the challenges the day before. We have to pick the day of the competition and get as many teams as possible. The more teams = more challenges = more points. I may have to

VP Griffith: The Institute did a large Questival last semester and you may want to contact them for ideas on how to get people to register, etc.

VP Jackson: I have a meeting this friday with other political organizations throughout campus so all the weight is not just on GRC. We are working with PCAB but may ask for your help as well. About MyVoice, we have been bombarded with the start of school. I will send the info out for MyVoice tonight. I have put 1-2 in your folders already. Give a simple, honest answer. If you aren’t sure how to answer something, talk to me or Linda.

VP Tatom: High Stakes Bingo, tonight at 7 and 9. Big prizes are Drake tickets and student fee waiver. Students can’t get in without a ticket. There is a standby line for only 40 tickets. Thursday is Jonathan Burns at 7pm in the Daines Concert Hall. Neon Dance this Friday 9pm-12am in the ballroom. There will be giveaways throughout the dance. PoBev is this Saturday, in the amphitheater, after the Football game. It has been a great Week of Welcome Our committee applications close September 10. We had our first Programming Board Meeting last Wednesday. Blue Crew can set up any posters you have for College weeks or any other events as long as posters are ready by Wednesdays at 4pm.

VP Stoker: If you are going to High Stakes Bingo, we will be there fundraising. Tomorrow we have our lunch time activity from 11-1. We will be writing notes to children in Primary Children. It will be one of the booths as part of the Farmers Market. We have the Service Center Kickoff tomorrow night at 7 in the TSC lounges.

VP Griffith: We had two officers drop SAA so we are looking for two officers to fill those positions. The Bridging Banquet is on September 27. Registration is open for Juniors and Seniors, there is a early registration code. This week is the priority registration and it opens for all students next week. Registration caps at 400 students. The Alumni Golf Tournament is Monday, September 10 and we are looking for volunteers from USUSA to help with that. You would be excused from your classes. It is in Ogden and is from 4am-6pm.

VP Haas: Can we come for part of it?

VP Griffith: We drive together so they are there the whole time. The SAA Opening Social BBQ is on Thursday 5-7pm on the QUAD. There will be lawn games.
Director Moon: I have a meeting with my employees who will also have office hours. You will get an email with that info this week.

Senator Hall: There is a nontraditional student activity and opening social this Saturday at Adams Park at 10am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VP Johnson: Motion to table vote until AS can finish readings / VP Tatom Second / Passed

ASR 2019-01: Facilities Enhancement Fund

VP Haas: I don’t believe we changed anything but we talked about this last week. It will be similar to Classroom Improvement. The actual amount is to be determined. 6 Senators will sit on this as well as myself and administration. There were few grammatical changes that were made.

VP Johnson: Motion to table ASR 2019-01 / VP Griffith Second / Passed

ECR 2019-01: Tier Two Ad Hoc

President Hunsaker: This has had a few grammatical changes.

VP Jackson: Motion to Approve Grammatical Changes / VP Johnson Second / Passed

President Hunsaker: It was brought up to include Access and Diversity VP. I see more benefits than negative to sit on this as well.

VP Johnson: Motion to include Access and Diversity / VP Greer Second / Failed

VP Jackson: We were concerned to have balance on this committee between AS and EC. I am on board with adding the Diversity VP but I think it would be good to include representation from AS.

VP Haas: I have been able to talk to a few from AS and they have had similar concerns with wanting to be represented with EC but it would be hard to balance with the desire to keep the committee small. Most of the responses is to add two; Diversity VP from EC and another Senator from AS.

VP Johnson: Point of Clarification for why I would want to add my position on this council is because the Student Advocate is the advocate for the majority of the student population. With the research I have done, the Tier II has to do with tuition and for the benefit of the student generally. It is added tuition to reach facility goals and other funding that goes along with that. I wanted to put my position on there to be a voice for the minority students across campus so they are heard in those decisions. I would add language that my position would not be representing EC as a whole but those minority students across campus as the allocation of those funds are being proposed.

VP Tatom: I am concerned with making it too large by adding Josh and a Senator. The Senate Pro Tempore and another Senator. Is Eric representing all of AS as well as the other Senator representing all of AS?

President Hunsaker: Yes, Eric and the Senator would be representing all of AS. We had
talked about adding language that they would be representing all of AS.

VP Tatom: So, they are talking about adding a third Senator. It does concern me that this came from President Cockett to make it a smaller committee.

President Hunsaker: There are 7 positions sit on EC and 4 are on AS. I don’t feel we are losing representation in a specific body because Exec VP and Graduate Studies Senator that sit on both bodies. Right now, we have every one of those except the one appointed Senator in this room. I don’t feel we are losing representation.

VP Tatom: I’m not worried about losing representation, I’m worried about making it too large.

VP Johnson: I think this notion of AS vs EC, I don’t think it is necessary to put it in language, but I feel we have to include that the people on this committee they have to represent the student body as a whole. I agree that adding an 8th member would be excessive. If my position being added, triggers a response I would remove my name but for now I would like to have my position on there.

VP Haas: Point of Clarification about Tier II, they would meet with the committee and decide if they are going to raise the tuition. After they made their decision, they would come and meet with AS and EC jointly to present their decision. After that they take it to Truth and Tuition.

President Hunsaker: I think the point is that we are giving feedback on student thoughts and they make their decision there.

VP Haas: In the end, we are all going to have our voice because we will be in that meeting and represent our specific bodies. Is that correct? Will they be bringing what they have decided or will they be asking for feedback?

Linda: I would hope that whoever is part of this committee will bring what they have decided and report back to these bodies before they come to the joint meeting. This is a body that will help upper administration with decisions. I would hope this body would continue to give the whole USUSA officers updates. If anybody has concerns or additional thoughts, they could relay that on to the committee.

President Hunsaker: On line 15 it requires that the officers on this committee give updates.

Senator Hall: I would assume that these would be open meetings so that if somebody is not on the committee can attend?

Linda: I would assume that it would be an open meeting.

Senator Hall: As far as my position, am I supposed to be focused on just graduate students or the student body as a whole?

President Hunsaker: I think the answer is yes to both. While you are representing USU as whole you are bringing your special knowledge of who you are specifically to help make that decision as a whole.

VP Jackson: Something to look at is that we are representing not our specific bodies, but that the student bodies as a whole and I think that is what is important about having students from both
bodies.

VP Jackson: **Motion to table discussion until after AS meets** / VP Haas **Second / Passed**

Linda: May I suggest that the Diversity VP be changed to USUSA Organizations and Diversity VP.

VP Johnson: One more comment, I would like it to be known, that the only reason I offered up my name is in behalf of those minority students. I feel we are very blessed to have as open minded EC as we do, I feel confident that you are all individuals I can trust. With the 6 members of this current committee, I wouldn’t feel it necessary to go to. I don’t want another committee to go to but I want to go for those minority students that may not be represented in the future to always have a voice. With that be said, I would like AS to know that as well. It is not for me, but those students mean the world to me which is why I feel passionate about this and will fight for it.

VP Haas: I will do my best to relay that message. You are welcome to come, but those that are here will be there as well.

VP Stoker: I have to go present at the RHA meeting, is it okay if I leave?

President Hunsaker: Yes.

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

President Hunsaker: Minor grammatical errors were changed.

VP Johnson: **Motion to change grammatical errors** / VP Jackson **Second / Passed**

VP Johnson: **Motion to table until after AS meets** / VP Jackson **Second / Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT:** VP Johnson: **Moved / VP Greer: Second / Adjourned**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Linda Zimmerman, Tim Olsen, President Jaren Hunsaker, VP Allie Haas, VP Samuel Jackson, VP Bannon Greer, VP Meghan Tatom, VP Joshua Johnson, VP Jenna Stoker, VP Daria Griffith, Senator Kristin Hall, Director Braxton Moon, Assistant Brooke Jorgensen, Senator Olson