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Approval of minutes: VP Jackson: Moved / VP Johnson: Second / Passed

PUBLIC FORUM

Brendon Brady - A Team

Brendon: I am here from the orientation office to tell you that A-Team is starting their hiring process. We want to reach as many groups as possible to get a wide variety of students. We want the right mentors for these new students and want all colleges represented. Applications close on October 22nd and after they are closed, all the applicants will receive the second application and be prompted to schedule an interview. If you have any questions, let me know! We want to become a service organization this year.

Senator Olson - ASR 2019-02: USUSA Academic Senate Oversight Resolution

Senator Olson: Last year we tried to introduce the Equity Bill. It wasn’t widely accepted. In conversations with VP Johnson, we talked about parts of the Equity Bill that were agreed upon by most people last year. One of those points was charter changes. Right now, if I wanted to change my charter, I could present to AS if I wanted to. That is not required and there is no formal feedback necessary. The changes would have to be presented in EC. You would have to vote to approve that change. EC is the only body that can approve those changes. We started talking about other things that would relate to this. With charter changed, our idea would be that AS would approve charter changes to other AS Senators. We would provide that oversight to our own body because we are more familiar with roles as a Senator that you, as VP’s, may not understand. There are a lot of unique relationships between the Senator and the college Deans and Ambassadors. We wanted to provide the ability for AS officers to approve those changes to other AS officers. Fundamentally, you all understand all your role better than I ever could. This body understands your roles better than I, as a Senator, ever could. AS knows what it takes to be a good Academic Senator. We started looking at that philosophy, if we are okay with the idea that Academic Senators could provide that oversight more effectively, we looked at other areas of the Constitution that this applies to. Namely, approving appointments of vacancies of appointed/elected officer positions and levy changes of incompetence or misconduct. This doesn’t change Regional Campus, the nomination process or voting totals at all, the only changes are in who makes those decisions. The process that stands is that if I were to be removed from my office, President Hunsaker would nominate someone to take my place. That process is not well defined in the constitution, it would be up to President Hunsaker and is usually done alongside the Dean of the college. If I were to be removed, like Charter changes, whoever is
appointed to my position is approved by EC not AS. By the same idea, if Senators understand what it takes to be a Senator, we should have say for who is appointed to our body. The person being approved should be approved by Senators. This would change it so that AS would approve that nomination, not EC. On the flip side, if we find someone who is not doing a good job, AS does not have the power to levy charges of incompetence. The hearing board cannot hear our case and there is nothing we can do to keep our own in check. Going back to that same philosophy, we want the ability to levy those charges, not convicting someone but we would say they should go to the hearing board for them to decide. This isn’t amending the process or the vote totals, all this is doing is bringing some of the powers of oversight to AS.

VP Johnson: Erik and I have been working closely on this with Linda and Jarens input. We want to make sure everything is understood from all perspectives. This will be going to a bigger meeting before James Morales and Eric Olsen tomorrow.

VP Jackson: I would like to state my support for this resolution. Erik makes an excellent point that AS does know how they operate better than we know. This makes a lot of sense.

VP Tatom: If this were to pass, where would Kristin and Brooke fall since they are on both?

Senator Olson: It depends on what item you are doing. The language is very specific, it refers to originating governing bodies and appropriate governing bodies. For charter changes, they have the choice of which body they want to bring it to. For levying charges of misconduct, they could be charged by either bodies. Theoretically, those three on both bodies, they could be charged by someone on either body. For appointments, it says ‘appropiate governing bodies’ is intentionally left for interpretation basically saying that if they are on both bodies, they should be approved by both bodies.

VP Smith: A lot of the Senators feel their Charters has a unique dynamic with their Deans. They like the idea they have that internally within AS for charter changes and charges of misconduct. I have talked to Senator Olson, I would like to clarify the language for those sitting on both bodies. I would like to see them only having to be on one body so there is a clear line of direction. I think this is great and can bring great changes to USUSA.

President Hunsaker: Have we thought to bring RC in to amend their charters? It may be something as simple as adding Regional Campus to some of those lines.

Senator Olson: This shouldn’t amend any of those RC processes unless we wanted to explicitly change them. It would probably require seperate legislation. In the constitution it says, ‘the appropriate executive council,’ in this case it would say, ‘appropriate governing body.’ In this case that would mean AS. The wording was chosen intentionally so it wouldn’t interfere with Regional Campuses. It shouldn’t amend what is going on right now.

VP Johnson: For the meeting tomorrow, would we have Kevin Webb there to talk more about RC’s.

Linda: What if you wanted to charge someone in the opposite body? Are you still allowed to charge but the decision is within the body they sit on?

Senator Olson: Does the process to charge someone take as a resolution or a motion?

Linda: I don’t really know if it needs a legislation. In the end the Hearing Board decides.
If it is a crossover between the bodies, how do you levy that concern?

VP Jackson: I am concerned about the President of USUSA. I feel that is a big role for him to take on. If he feels a member of USUSA is not being affective, what the process is for that. We can work through that tomorrow in our meeting.

Senator Olson: Right now, I understand that it is a motion. You have to have someone in that body to sponsor that. I can't formally charge a member of EC because I am not a member of EC. It takes the people who are on that body to motion.

VP Smith: Is that in writing anywhere? I feel like it would need to be.

Senator Olson: This is how the constitution is set up.

VP Smith: We don’t know if it is a motion or not? That’s just an understanding? It’s not in writing and it won’t be?

Senator Olson: No.

Linda: I think it is okay staying that way. It leaves some decision making to the body who is dealing with the situation.

VP Tatom: If someone motioned it and it didn’t pass, it wouldn’t go to the Hearing Board?

VP Olson: When you charge someone and the majority agrees, then it goes to the Hearing Board. If the majority of people disagree, then it stops.

VP Johnson: One thing I want to make sure we have in writing is that we cannot control personal relationships in future years. Let’s say there is an EC that is super tight, regardless of their behavior, they wouldn’t charge them with anything but an AS Senator wants to accuse someone of it, they couldn’t. Is that how it is currently written.

VP Jackson: That was my concern as well. It goes both ways. It is mentioned in the conflict of interest at the bottom.

Senator Olson: I think it something we can change but that is how it is right now. That could have already been a problem with EC. It could be a piece of legislation we can pass.

VP Stoker: If there were to be an officer that is taken out and Jaren choses a new person, what role would EC play in selecting a new one or would it just go to AS?

Senator Olson: Right now, they play no formal role. this doesn’t change any of the nomination or the process, it only changes who confirms that nomination.

Senator Wise - ASR 2019-03

Senator Wise: We read this for the first time in AS yesterday, if you have concerns, please let me know by the end of the week.

[Reading of ASR 2019-03]
President Hunsaker: First off, I applaud you. This is amazing.

VP Jackson: I was going to echo that. This is a lot, I would encourage everyone to read this in detail. This is a serious issue that I think we need to all be behind.

Senator Hall: I want to echo what I brought up in AS. In Faculty Senate, they were proposing a few changes to the Faculty Code about using the wording ‘humiliation’ to prevent students from being able to create a case against a faculty member that isn’t really legitimate. They used the example of one professor who made a social media post about a student work that didn’t have any confidential information about the student. Basically the student claimed that it was public humiliation even though there wasn’t confidential information. That student could tell it was about them and other students in the class would have known who the professor was talking about. They are worried about Free Speech rights and faculty members have the right to say things like that if they are not using confidential information. We should be intentional about the words we use here.

President Hunsaker: It is interesting to talk about how defined we want to go. I don’t think that’s a good example of what is okay and what is not okay to say because I don’t think it is okay to say that. They talked about when students don’t read the syllabus and then make jokes about the syllabus, could the student still say you’re humiliating to me. It is an expectation to read the syllabus to know that and the difference between, this is what I did, and you’re making fun of it.

VP Johnson: In that post, did the faculty member name the student?

Senator Hall: No.

VP Johnson: In that case, I have been talking to members of our Professional Legal Council. It is written that the public policy is clear about the difference between hate speech and free speech. I think writing something in there like ‘as per codes and conduct and laws that already exist in the state of Utah’ would be sufficient in that.

VP Smith: I made this comment yesterday, I did some more research about finding a legal definition for this. In a lot of law legislation, it is required to have a definitions section. That could be something you look into. According to the equity act of 2010, they define harassment, that could be beneficial and a good resource.

VP Johnson: Full of support of having a definition section would be very beneficial.

VP Griffith: Is there a time you are looking to having someone review this with you?

Senator Wise: I am bringing this to you now so that this can be really tight by the time it goes to the second reading for AS so it can hit the floor and be passed to bodies that can do something with this. As a resolution, we are saying we want to see these actions taken as a student but it isn’t until Stater’s Council and Faculty Senate that something could happen. I can send out a link for the google doc so everyone can edit and put in suggestions. If we could have the cut off be, ideally, Friday so I can have the weekend to be ready for a second reading in AS. I brought this up in AS, I ran into Dr. Olsen and their office is in full support of this as well. It’s all about having the conversation and making things happen.

President Hunsaker: Let’s read more into this and have those conversations individually with Senator Wise.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

USUSA
Utah State University Student Association
President Hunsaker: There is a committee being put together to go over rules about children being allowed in the classroom. We need someone from EC to be on this committee, does something like that interest you? I will get with Kristin about information you will need. I am performing in Mr. Alpha Chi. Currently, I have Sam, Bannon and Braxton signed up to be dancers. We need to learn the dance in the next two days. Would anyone else be willing to join me in my request?

VP Johnson: I’ll talk to you after!

President Hunsaker: Meghan and I had a conversation about PCAB and Blue Crew. The biggest difference between the two is that Blue Crew is in charge of the event and running the events, promoting, flyers, etc.

VP Smith: You can promote but you can’t market events on social media?

VP Tatom: We have a lot of people on that committee and they have a lot of friends they can share events with on their personal social media.

President Hunsaker: It is very much event focused. PCAB will be more of the initiatives end of it and the logistic side in preparing for those things. We are happy to put whatever on social media as well. If you need help with events, we are happy to be there as well but that is more Blue Crew.

VP Tatom: I have a Blue Crew members as a liaisons for each of you. We can make some of your events, like clean up, mandatory for them as long as we give them enough of a heads up.

ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

VP Smith: Thank you for everyone who came to Fee Board and all who helped with the Fee Board selections. CHaSS has tailgate for Homecoming this weekend, open to all students. They are doing Cup of Joe with Joe so students can mingle with the Dean on November 7th. They will also have a CHaSS Charity Gala later in November. Senator Wise wanted to thank you for the help with Artoberfest. NR will have a monthly social of pumpkin painting later in October. CAAS is talking about if differential tuition might be worth it in their college and are working on legislation to make student voice mandatory if there is a scouting committee for a new dean.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

House Rules Discussion

President Hunsaker: For the next two weeks, we will allow laptops to see how it goes. After that two week period, we will decide how we want to use it from then on.

Assistant Jorgensen: About that conversation, I am going to be sending our copies of the Agendas on Fridays after the deadline for new agenda items so you can have a digital copy. I am still going to print physical copies for whoever wants to take notes and for guests.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanksgiving break schedule

President Hunsaker: We will not be having EC or AS during the week of Thanksgiving. Office hours are cancelled as well. If you are here and not leaving, please try to make those. If you are leaving, don’t let USUSA hold you back from going home early.
Spring 2019 Priority Registration

President Hunsaker: Make sure you are on top of this. November 10th is a Saturday, make sure you have everything done before that. If anything comes up, make sure it is taken care of on November 7th because nobody will be in the office on the 10th. Registration opens up that following Sunday or Monday for others. We need these papers filled out and signed by Advisors.

VP Griffith: If we are a dual major, do we have to get it done by both?

President Hunsaker: No, just one.

Linda: You kind of know your standing meetings, the reason you get this priority registration is so you can rearrange your schedule so you can make it to these meetings.

Regional Campus ECR 2019-03

[Reading of Regional Campus ECR 2019-03]

President Hunsaker: Regional Executive Council sent this to us because we are adopting USU Blanding into our USU groups. This was a bill they sent to me, I edited the language within the actual resolution to represent from our side of things. I can go in and change the perspective in the policy paper.

VP Jackson: With the cons, is there some sort of system in place to break a tie?

Linda: The Regional Campus President would break the tie. The chair doesn’t have a vote unless to break a tie.

Senator Hall: Where this is amending the constitution, is this holding the Blanding Campus to everything else written into the Constitution? Is anything in the Constitution going to be problematic or not apply to them because they are a smaller campus?

Linda: When we brought all the regional campus’ into the constitution we made a huge revision of the constitution. They are going to follow all the same rules, we just need to add Blanding into this. It specifies who sits on all these committees. Because it is a resolution, it has to go to a student body vote which is why we are trying to get everything in so we can have a special vote the first part of November to make all these changes.

President Hunsaker: I am planning on reaching out to Stater’s Council to schedule something by the end of October we can move all these things into this potential November 17th vote.

Linda: Technically since it will be going to student body, it will be an FYI to Staters because it requires a student vote. The other bills and resolutions will have to go to Faculty Senate to approve your first two bills, this and the one Senator Wise is sitting on.

VP Johnson: Motion to pass ECR 2019-03 as First Reading / VP Griffith: Second / Passed

COUNCIL UPDATES

VP Greer: First Hockey game is on Friday at 7, Tailgate at 5. Saturday the theme is a blue out and Best Dressed Scotsman. There is another 6K for 6K challenge, there was originally going to be 45 winners but now there are 25. There is a best dress competition on social media and 4 winners will win money for that.
VP Johnson: I do have a full Scotsman kilt I will be wearing for the full game.

VP Johnson: This week we have a speaker series, both Alumni, location is on Wednesday the 10th at 7 in the TSC Lounges. The second speaker is Judge Samuel Alba. He is the first Utah Federal Judge in the Federal Court System and Circuits, he owns his own law practice. That will be on the following day on Thursday from 10-11. My Hispanic Female Leadership PR Campaign will hit all the media next Tuesday, the 16th. We are doing a SAVVI and FSL collaborative PR campaign hitting October 22nd. Free Speech Panel with ATCA will take place on October 25th at 6pm, Alumni house. Lots of heavy hitters there, there will be an Alumnus there. She works at Texas A&M. ATCA Inclusive Excellence Symposium will be on October 29th. Register for it.

VP Jackson: Voter Registration is at 1200 right now. PCAB has been helping out. Our candidate event is Monday in the TSC Lounges. Graphics will go out tonight. It will be a great opportunity to interact with all the candidates and talk about ideas. Expedition vote materials should be getting here this week. October 23rd, we are partnering with ADC. I believe they sent us a graphic for that event.

Linda: The Ballot Box is in our office for when people want to start voting.

VP Jackson: Election day is November 6th.

VP Tatom: Tomorrow is Mr. USU 7-9, in the Daine’s Concert Hall. Thursday is Karaoke Raffle night in the TSC Lounges. Friday is the Spirit Dance from 9-11:45pm in TSC Ballroom. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteering on USU Involvement on Facebook. Howl volunteer sheet is going up tomorrow. We have fixed our volunteer sheets for safety. We have now made them google forms not spreadsheets.

VP Stoker: Best buddies is this week and the Grand Friends activities. They are doing a trick or treat with Best Buddies in the Lundstrom Center Wednesday at 10:30 in the Lundstrom center. Minute to Win it with the Elderly. Saturday we are doing service at the Tailgate. We got a new director in our office, her name is Amy and she is with Utah Youth Connect. Please sign up for Aggiethon. If you fundraise $50, you get a fanny pack. If you fundraise $150 you get a free t-shirt. We are working on incentives for $300.

VP Griffith: Homecoming events can be shared. Some of you have been contacted by Emma, our campus outreach representative. If you have anything you want communicated or partnered on, she is your point of contact.

Director Moon: I have no updates.

Senator Hall: Last week I went to the Library Advisory Council. They said they are expecting in the next two to three years to be $500,000 in the hole because of subscriptions to journals. If you are interested in hearing the discussion you can talk to me. There is discussion about dropping subscriptions which could affect faculty and students doing research.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda: You guys are awesome!

ADJOURNMENT: VP Jackson: Moved / VP Griffith: Second / Adjourned

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Zimmerman, President Jaren Hunsaker, VP Allie Smith, 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 Erik Olson, Cy Robinson, Senator Sierra Wise