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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Sam Jackson: Campus Cup Presentation: Campus Cup is a competition between major universities in Utah to encourage students to vote. It began last Tuesday and ends on November 6th. We have been working on the Expedition Vote points come from a Questival type activity. I will need your help registering teams. Total points will be tallied and it will be averaged with our total campus. If anybody needs to register to vote, please send them to me so we can get credit by getting people registered to vote. This will be our third time winning this competition. We will have physical forms in the next week and I will be sending a link for our University to register voters. We have a unique url through USU for registration. They can submit a ballot to me or through that link. September 25th is National Voter Registration day. Points double for people registering to vote. We will be putting together a big event on the TSC patio that day to register people to vote with music and food. That same week, starting on Tuesday, we are going to have voter registration booths in the individual colleges so we can reach different demographics on campus. Registration ends on October 30th. If you could find 2-6 people from your councils to sign up for the expedition vote, that would be helpful. We should be getting a google doc sheet put together tomorrow. Starting next monday we are hoping to have voter registration booths somewhere on campus. Monday/Wednesday/Friday should be in the library. Please spread this through #usuvotes on your social media.

Linda: **Do you plan on using the info booth to promote this?**

VP Jackson: Thats a great idea, I’ll get a poster down there. We have our voter registration week scheduled for October 1-5th in October and we will have our booth in the hub.

VP Tatom: Where do they register for the team?

VP Jackson: If you collect the information, let me know. I’ll send out information to each of you tomorrow. We are putting together a google form for people to fill out tomorrow.

Senator Lake: My college week is next week. We have some exciting things coming up and there is a
graphic on the ususa.usu.edu. Please share this graphic on social media. We are landing a helicopter on the QUAD on Monday in remembrance of an aviation professor who passed last April. Tuesday is the Aggie Chocolate Factory Sneak Peek, you can come taste test their chocolate. Wednesday we will have a mechanical bull on the patio. If we make cost on that, 10% of the profit will be donated to mental health on campus. Meet and Greet Miss USU is Thursday with baby animals to pet. Bannon and I are both working on the “CAAS-letics” campout on Friday night before the Airforce game on Saturday. I’ll send these graphics on SLACK.

VP Tatom: Motion to amend the agenda to move to unfinished business first / VP Johnson: Second / Passed

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Hunsaker: Does anyone have dates for QPR training?

Senator Hall: Monday or Wednesday evenings, any dates. Wednesday would be way better for my council.

VP Smith: Maybe we could have a Monday and a Tuesday evening or a Wednesday and a Thursday.

President Hunsaker: We will find a few days in October to hold these trainings. It is mandatory for your councils to be trained, please stress the importance. Please pass around these sexual assault pamphlets to your committees. Please send in your sizes for suits or blazers if you have not done so already.

COUNCIL UPDATES

VP Greer: Campout on the Quad will be combined with Dexton. We got a few food trucks for that. The HURD will provide a stage and have a ‘Power Hour’ dance. It’s going to be sick! It’s going to be an hour long and we are working on getting the dance team there for a performance as well as working with the football team and have some of them there as well. We got some good feedback from having them there last year. We will also have little fires. HURD Premium members do not get in early for this game to promote camping out.

VP Jackson: The HURD Premium discount is only available at Morty’s and Blue Square.

VP Greer: We will be handing out wristbands in the early morning so those people who stayed for the campout can get into the game early. Powder puff will happen on the legacy fields this year as well as the tailgate, we are working with SAA on that. Championship will be in the stadium. Thursday is Rep Your Class! We want this to be a huge thing and hopefully a tradition. Freshman are white, Sophomore Grey, Junior Blue, Seniors are black. We have towels to hand out as well. Spread word and we want this to be an ongoing tradition and we want this rivalry between classes to get the spirit up and unite with each other. We just got word on this! We have white game day shirts for the Air Force game. They are in the campus store right now. Same design, white instead of blue.

President Hunsaker: When is the white out?

VP Greer: Air Force. Not this weekend but the weekend after.

VP Johnson: The 22nd!
VP Greer: MY BIRTHDAY!

VP Smith: Awe!!

VP Johnson: Thursday is club rush, it has been opened to all clubs across campus, extended to departmental clubs, athletic clubs and Access and Diversity clubs. Tonight, AS should be getting an email inviting their departmental clubs as well as a sign up and basic information. We have diversity week coming up October 1-6. Updates will be coming soon. Two students have approached me about why our textbooks and lectures are so European centered. I am going to be writing a proposal to send to AS and Senators to address the eurocentrism of our curriculum at USU. They had a limited experience with Asian, African, Indian and ancient Latin American societies.

VP Jackson: Campus Cup, help us out.

VP Stoker: With our blood drive we had 412 units of blood donated. Definitely beat Weber State. We have a booth at the Farmer’s Market every Wednesday. Each of our groups are finishing up their opening socials this week. This weekend we are having our Service Center retreat and doing the ropes course on Saturday. Next week for CAAS week, there will be a service project to glean some trees on Monday night around 5ish. For the Dance Marathon, we want to start advertising to clubs. The Ambassadors got back to me and hopefully we can work with them. Tonight I am presenting at the Social Work Honors Society. We want to have Aggie Sync training for everybody. If you are interested in us giving a training on Aggie Sync, we are more than happy to do that. We are preparing for a move of SNAC. Our need is outweighing our size. We will be presenting on that to Capital and Support on that.

VP Griffith: Alumni Golf Tournament was yesterday and we had 8 officers from SAA go down and organize it. We had 20+ teams play and incredible donors there. This week VP Griffith has her 3 candidates from across the state for the Associate Vice President of Alumni Engagement position that she is escorting around campus and doing final interviews and presentations with. She will not be in her office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. SAA Committee Applications are live and we have 39 applicants since opening on Friday. All as of 2:10pm today. We’re going to move the application deadline to Friday night at midnight. Thank you to all who attended the SAA Opening Social last Thursday. It was well attended and we are very happy that the students there left well educated about SAA. We had many people register for the Bridging Banquet. Registration for the Bridging Banquet is now open to all without a need for a weird access code and everyone is highly encouraged to sign up. The event is on Sept 27th from 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Director Moon: Timeline for orders is 6 weeks.

Senator Hall: Two things we want to work on this year is writing legislation to make student fees more transparent. The idea is that any organization can’t ask for an increase without showing how they have spent their money in the past year and making that available for students to view. We are focusing on adding dental and eye insurance for grad students. There has been talk on reorganizing the grad school. We sent out a survey to grad students, with incentives, we got almost 700 responses.

ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

VP Smith: CHaSS sent out a survey to all their students and their feedback was they wanted more job fairs, networking events and connections with Alumni. NR just planned their Loggers Ball on November 17th in the Country Club. They are working on monthly events. September will be Hammock and Hang. In Arts, Sierra is speaking on the 13th on changes in Title 9, with her Dean and Noelle Cockett, so students understand the services are in place. They are looking for getting a Counselor specific to her college. She is meeting with James Morales on what that would look
like. The sticks in front of the library is an Arts exhibit by Patrick Dougherty. It will be interactive and will stick around for 2 years depending on the elements. Engineering has had turnover in their faculty. Their opening social will be on Thursday, the 13th from 4:30-7. They are also doing interactive games at the Engineering building. Science is working on getting a podcast that will feature different faculty members. Business on September 21st, they are having a career expo from 10:30-1 and will have about 55 companies and firms come. They will also have a town hall set up for their students about differential tuition and are also arranging council meetings. If you have people asking you about differential tuition, they are having those meetings to discuss tuition. I have fee board coming up and I think it pertains to VP Greer, Senator Hall and VP Tatom. I am looking for 7 nontraditional students who are good with numbers and are comfortable with speaking up. Applications will be finished soon and please spread this link so we can get the best students on Fee Board.

VP Johnson: When the application is prepared, will you send it with high priority importance to me?

VP Smith: It will be high importance for everyone. I personally have taken an interest in a sustainability initiative. I would love to do a water bottle pledge on campus, I think it would be fairly easy to get grant money for this but I would also use my budget if necessary. I would like to have a table where people can pledge to not use plastic water bottles anymore and give them a USU reusable water bottle instead.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ASR 2019-01: Facilities Enhancement Fund

VP Johnson: Motion to move directly to a vote / VP Tatom: Second / Passed

ECR 2019-01: Tier Two Ad Hoc

[Second Reading of ECR 2019-01: Tier Two Ad Hoc]

President Hunsaker: There were grammatical changes made yesterday in AS and they changed one Appointed Senator to two as well as adding language that representatives from AS and EC should report on committee updates to their respected bodies.

VP Johnson: I would like to refer the diagrams I have created. The seating of officers in this diagram shows that you would only have two representatives from AS. From EC, you would have three representatives and there are two that sit on both bodies. There is a miscommunication with the officer representation. The President is outside the diagram because naturally on EC, the President votes in the case of having a tie. Those who sit on AS are the Appointed Senator, Senate Pro Tempore and Exec VP. The Exec VP sits on the side of AS because her vote represents the will of AS. On EC, you have Student Advocate and Organizations and Organization’s and Diversity VP. Graduate Studies Senator represents both bodies. One thing we have to address if we pass this as two Senators is that we would have to rearrange the Facilities Enhancement Committee. I would want to see more Senators on that committee anyways because they understand the needs of their colleges and it makes more sense to have their voices on that committee. If there is a second on the Tier II committee, they would have to remove one Senator from off the Facility Enhancement due to the language in both documents. My position is directly in line with President Cocketts goals. As they stand they are to reduce sexual assault, raise mental health awareness and increase and sustain diversity on this campus. That is the purpose behind why I would like my position on this committee so that those students are seen. Eric, will you restate your question you asked me yesterday?
Senator Olson: Yeah, for sure. Essentially, every member of EC is voted in by the whole student body. All Engineering students vote for your positions and therefore, you represent all Engineering students. I was asking Josh if that logic was true for him. All diverse students vote for all of EC positions and all of EC represent all diverse students.

VP Johnson: I responded with that none of us on EC have the knowledge of what the needs of their specific colleges are. There is no way that I know what the Engineering College needs, I don’t pretend to. However, I do know that diverse students are spread throughout this university in all colleges and their representation is important to me. My goal is to get this position on this committee and to retain only one appointed Senator for the purpose of having those voices heard. Also so that more Senators can sit on the Facility Enhancement Committee and offer their opinions there.

Senator Hall: Because this is an ECR, this committee could change what AS changed yesterday and pass without AS approval, right?

President Hunsaker: Yes. With that, VP Smith will you give an update on this from AS yesterday?

VP Smith: Yes, the argument was that if all the other colleges are relying on the other AS positions in this committee to represent all their colleges, they would expect Diversity VP to trust Student Advocate to also represent those minority students. They felt by adding another Senator position it would add representation to academics. Also, if there is ever a tie in voting, they wanted another officer in the committee so the chair would never have to be a tie breaker.

President Hunsaker: For clarification on that last point, if Diversity VP were included, that would give the chance of having a tiebreaker. With the addition of another Senator there would not be a chance of a tie.

VP Johnson: If I may offer a rebuttal, the whole purpose of adding an extra Senator is that there is a feeling of an imbalance of representation. That is accurately represented in my first diagram. In the second diagram there are three from AS and two from EC. If the president needs to vote, his vote landing in EC would only balance everything out instead of shifting power from one way to another. To add another Senator, puts everything in favor of AS and creates further imbalance. I would like to clarify that it is not AS vs. EC. We work together. Many EC members have asked VP Smith what AS feelings are before we take a vote. I feel strongly that another Senator on this committee negates a reason for adding a second Senator and it takes away from their ability to do their Charters by taking them away from the Facility Committee.

VP Smith: I agree this is not a battle from AS vs EC. My position is to represent the voices I hear in AS. I have noticed the respect this body has extended to me and I don’t take that lightly. I think some of the concerns from AS is that in my Charter, it is vague because I represent Academics in addition to a long list. It also states that I work with the President and Senate Pro Tempore on legislation that regards academics. It doesn’t state that in a vote that I should represent AS or EC. That is up for interpretation. I think that my Senators are concerned that I could easily represent EC before I represent AS. For consideration, it could be a possible solution to remove my name and add another Senator. I think it would accurately represent AS as a whole. As insight, they were intending to revise Facility Enhancement to have 5 Senators to allow another Senator to sit on this committee if this were to pass.

VP Jackson: I know you said their concern is that you would represent EC vs AS. How do YOU feel you would represent AS? I do believe that VP Johnson would make a good addition to this committee but I do take representation seriously and I feel this is a legitimate concern.
VP Smith: That is very kind and I think my answer is that it doesn't matter because the new officer in my position could take it very different. However, in this role, I would do my best to represent AS.

VP Johnson: What were the feelings on the taking away of one of these Senators from Facility Enhancement?

VP Smith: There wasn’t much discussion except that they would be willing to do that. We talked about what the process would look like to amend that. I assume they are willing to sacrifice that one Senator. It seems like having two Senators is a priority to them.

VP Johnson: I think it might be beneficial to consider the possibility of clarifying your Charter for exactly who you represent and the voting that takes place in your position on EC. The two Senators is not something I would support because it would take away from the Facility Enhancement.

Senator Hall: The Senators felt like by adding a second Senator was not an effort to retain control but they felt like adding another Senator would maintain the general makeup of what originally proposed. I don't think it came down to AS vs EC. They kept going back to VP Johnson talking about not knowing the needs of Engineering students and they felt that not every Senator who would sit on this would not understand every need of every College not represented on this council. It keeps coming down to the idea that the Student Advocate will be representing EC and other EC members should put their trust in him to represent them. Whereas the Senators are having to do put their trust in the representatives from AS.

VP Johnson: I have confidence in Sam to do exactly that. I have trust in the current members on this committee to do that for diverse students. However, Senator Wise brought up a great point that Tier II tuition has a tendency to overlook diverse students at USU. The natural role of Student Advocate is to represent the students as a majority. The minority will be overlooked regardless of who is in that position and how well they do without that representation. This position being on this committee isn’t for me but for the students in years to come. Having this position there as a safeguard is the reason why I have continued with my passion about this. Furthermore, it makes sense to have the chair of this committee can act as chair in this committee.

President Hunsaker: My argument to adding another Senator is that someone in EC doesn't know the needs of a specific college. Same thing could be said about adding another Senator. A specific Senator doesn't know the needs of another college. The argument goes both ways.

VP Johnson: **Motion to keep one Appointed Senator and discuss keeping Organization's and Diversity VP** / VP Smith **Second / Passed**

President Hunsaker: Discussion is does Diversity VP stay or not?

VP Smith: I have no problem with minorities being represented. My question is, what does this do for future charter. Does this assume that whenever there is a new committee, does your position automatically need to be on it? That creates a lot of work for one person. I am interested in VP Jackson and what his thoughts are on having his position represent all students and the minority.

VP Jackson: It is difficult to represent all students on campus but I believe that the Diversity VP position has a unique perspective. I would like to know VP Johnson’s position, where do we stop?
Which specific scenarios should your position be on a committee?

VP Johnson: Believe me when I say, I don’t want to be on every committee. When I brought this up, I said I would like to hear opinions on having my position on this. I went to everyone I thought was appropriate at that moment and got ideas on why they thought this would relate to my position. Then I went and did my own research. I would recommend people go to USHI and other studies on minorities and Tier II Tuition. That research has driven me to be part of this specific committee. That question is answered by any time that any time there is a possibility of a bill or resolution to have an impact on the entirety of all minority communities on campus and there’s lack of ability of that voice to be heard in entirety. That is when I would offer my position to be on this committee. As the reality continues to be, it is impossible to represent all students. The students that would be left out would be the minority students. Those students are those who I have been elected to specifically represent.

Senator Hall: This committee is to advise President Cockett on Tier II Tuition but she has to bring her decisions back to AS and EC?

President Hunsaker: She makes her own choices

Linda: This committee works side by side with upper administration. Even though all of you are the voice of the students, they will be the voice of the upper administration. President Cockett will come to a joint meeting that will be open to all students. She will present and ask for support. In the end it is not only her decision but also the Board of Trustees decision. After that she has to present at Truth and Tuition to all students, where all students can come and ask questions. I have always been part of that and, on average, about 10-12 students that go to that meeting. In the end, the President and Board of Trustees do make these decisions. This is a group that President Cockett would like to work with to go over those increases. Sometimes there may not be increases but if there is, she wants the input from the students

VP Tatom: I would like to propose the idea to have the Exec VP gets taken off and the Diversity VP stay on in order to balance the representation because we voted to only have one appointed senator.

VP Smith: I think the point was to have two senators to have a clear representation over academics and then have my position removed with the two appointed senators on the committee.

VP Tatom: Why do we have a Senate Pro Tempore without that counting as another college senator? The Senate Pro Tempore will be a representative of AS, correct?

VP Smith: You’re correct. In this legislation, we have outlined that whatever they decide, they come and report it to their respective bodies, whether that be AS or EC. A lot of my colleges feel underrepresented in college. There are some colleges that have lots of students and still feel like a minority. They are trusting that those on this will bring back updates and they are hoping that Student Advocate could do the same thing for EC.

VP Johnson: The last thing I want to see is Exec VP removed. As your charter states, Exec VP is to represent the wishes of AS?

VP Smith: It doesn’t say anything about that. It simply states that I will be working with the President and the Senate Pro Tempore.

VP Johnson: That is something that I want that to be addressed so that these issues can be resolved. Again, it is our responsibility for whoever is on this to bring back information to AS and
President Hunsaker: Do you see value in having Organization’s and Diversity VP on this committee? Do you see more value than negative?

VP Jackson: We want to make sure everyone is represented equal. I do see value in Diversity VP in this position. My personal philosophy is to include diverse students. I cannot speak for future Student Advocate VP’s. VP Johnson makes a good point in making sure that there are more clear guidelines for VP Smiths charter.

VP Johnson: **Motion to vote to keep Diversity VP on Committee** / VP Jackson: **Second / Passed**

Linda: Remember this is a resolution, it will go to Staters Council and they will determine if this will pass.

VP Jackson: **Motion to approve ECB 2019-01 changes and pass as a Second Reading** / VP Smith: **Second / Passed**

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

President Hunsaker: I believe there were minor grammatical changes.

VP Greer: **Motion to pass ECB 2019-01 as a Second Reading** / VP Tatom: **Second / Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Director Moon: **Moved** / VP Johnson: **Second / Adjourned**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Linda Zimmerman, Spencer Bitner, President Jaren Hunsaker, VP Allie Smith, VP Samuel Jackson, VP Bannon Greer, VP Meghan Tatom, VP Joshua Johnson, VP Jenna Stoker, Senator Kristin Hall, Director Braxton Moon, Assistant Brooke Jorgensen, Senator Kemp, Senator Olson, Allison Berg