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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Hunsaker: Wyoming was a great time. Laramie turned out to be a lot more than we thought it was going to be. It was a lot of fun to meet their Student Government. One big take away was that they have so much art on campus and I loved that. They have statues everywhere and a bunch of cowboys and indians, lots of stuff relating to their culture. I would love to bring more of that to Utah State.

VP Greer: Can we start with that wall by the Hub?

President Hunsaker: That is honestly something I have been thinking about a lot. Let’s make it a thing and available to the arts students. Anyway, it was a great time. We have an open house right after this from 5-7pm. We are wearing red tomorrow in support of the U and what occurred there last night. That is an opportunity to show support for them, let everyone know. I have a picture I put on my story, you can screenshot that and share it if you want.

ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

VP Smith: Yesterday at AS, we sang the Scotsman so beautifully, you should have been there. Sierra took a trip to Alabama to present some research she has been working on. During her trip she handed out a lot of business cards for the new Dean position in her college. Engineering is having a spooky Engineering basement Halloween activity this Friday from 4-6pm, right before the Howl. There were a lot of updates on differential tuition during our meeting. CAAS has been discussing differential tuition and Dexton is holding an event called ‘Slices with the Senator’ where students can come ask questions about differential tuition. Business has another town hall scheduled and they also want to replicate the info booth in the Business Building where council members will be specifically trained to answer questions about differential tuition. Science has their Science Unwrapped this Friday at 7. CHaSS is doing a Charity Ball, like the Huntsman Gala. They are also doing a student spotlight in their monthly newsletters. This is an effort to connect students with Alumni. Students can apply to be the CHaSS student of the Month and will be featured in the newsletter that will be sent to all the Alumni each month. Education Week is coming soon.
They had a question brought up for Sam about a student teacher was injured while student teaching and they were wondering about liability and if it would be under the school they are teaching at or USU Business, the dean is looking into dropping differential tuition for internship classes. AS in general has been working a lot to create a relationship with Faculty Senate. Senators are working on setting up meetings with Faculty Senate. If anybody wants to participate in that lobbying, let us know.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regional Campus ECR 2019-03

President Hunsaker: We changed a couple things in the history. I changed the pros and cons to the angle of EC.

[Reading of ECR 2019-03]

President Hunsaker: Should we keep the coordination between USUSA RC EC and Logan EC?

VP Smith: Yes, we should keep it.

VP Jackson: Motion to change ‘Logan’ to ‘USUSA Executive Council’ in line 24 / VP Johnson: Second / Passed

VP Jackson: Motion to pass ECR 2019-03 as Second Reading / Senator Hall: Second / Passed

ASR 2019-02: USUSA Academic Senate Oversight Resolution

Senator Olson: I made a few small changes. There was a question last time about RC role and I met with Kevin Webb. What will need to be amended to be added to the legislation is the language spelling out that RC vacancies are approved by the RC Executive Council. The line we added into the constitution the exact process for vacancies and removal. Those are not in the resolution but can be amended into the constitution.

VP Johnson: I have an edit as well. Under Article 3, Section 6, I would like to add a final check and balance we discussed last week. During our meeting, I said that it probably wouldn’t be worth getting into with this legislation. After discussion with VP Morale, this is something I would like to add in.

Senator Hall: What was the discussion with VP Morales that changed your mind?

VP Johnson: VP Morales would like the President’s role to have the ability in this situation to pass on the case along with the recommendation, for the reason that it gives to veto power to the President. The President can’t say one way or another that it doesn’t matter and they are voting it down. This gives him the executive authority to say what he believes about how the case can be pursued. In this situation we are saying that this individual has been charged with misconduct and it has been passed with a ⅔ vote. The President will have enough information to make a good decision about the case. In the case there is an incidence of bullying or targeting against one member in one body or another, we have another check to make sure there is security.

President Hunsaker: At the end of the day, it is still brought before the hearing board.

Senator Hall: Motion to amend legislation to include wording VP Johnson proposed / VP Johnson: Second / Passed
VP Johnson: Motion to approve amendments / VP Griffith: Second / Passed

VP Jackson: Motion to pass ASR 2019-02 as Second Reading / VP Jackson: Second / Passed

ASR 2019-03: Proposed Revisions to the Faculty Code

VP Jackson: Motion to table ASR 2019-03 / VP Tatom: Second / Passed

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL UPDATES

VP Greer: Football game this Saturday all students get scratch and win coupons. There are a lot of chances to win. We are also giving away pink rubber gloves things for breast cancer so wear pink.

VP Johnson: We have a PR campaign between FSL and SAAVI that will come live on the 29th. The Inclusive Excellence Symposium by ATCA on October 29th with Aggie Heros on November 1st, that may be moved.

VP Jackson: Tonight is our redistricting panel. There will be free pizza and some faculty will be speaking on Proposition 4. Our free speech panel will be tomorrow at 5:30 in the Alumni House. VP Johnson will be speaking. Expedition Vote is on Saturday at 10am by the TSC fountains. The link to sign up for that will be going out today. I am working on getting a meeting with the Provost about the mental health resolution and getting that information put online.

VP Tatom: It is Howl week. If you can support Rachel in anyway, that would be great. Moonlight and Music is Thursday at 7:30pm in the Hub with free chicken wings. Howl is Friday from 8pm-1am. Volunteers must meet at 6:30 in the Field House that day and will have the mandatory meeting tomorrow at 6pm in the Auditorium. The volunteer sign up is closed for the Howl. Lexie just opened the Festival of Trees sign up. It will be $10. Programming board met yesterday and decided to buy 4-5 heaters for outside.

VP Jackson: For the volunteer meeting tomorrow, is there an email about that going out?

VP Tatom: It is on the sign up sheet so you are told when you sign up. We have been posting it all over social media.

VP Stoker: Tonight, we have our Halfway Soiree at 7 in the Hub. It is our mid-semester opportunity to learn about all the service happening the rest of the semester. Tomorrow night is spirit night for Special Olympics at Chick-Fil-A. Tell them you are there for Special Olympics and they will donate some of the proceeds. We have a fundraising goal for the Aggiethon next week. The idea is to have everyone registered for the event to raise $36 to represent the 36 kids that will be treated for cancer every day in a hospital. With that, Pizza Pie Cafe is doing a sponsor for 4 days from October 29th - November 1st. If you mention Primary Children’s or Aggiethon, they will donate 25% of the proceeds.

VP Griffith: True Aggie Night is tomorrow. We will have hot chocolate and a couples costume contest. We are giving out two tickets to the Howl. On November 6th, we have our College of Science networking night.

Director Moon: Nothing to report.

Senator Hall: The President’s office is still looking into moving the Grad School from being its own college to being under the Provost office. They are waiting to begin the search for the new Grad School Dean or
Provost until after they make that decision. I have been meeting with professors and representatives with SAA about creating undergraduate/graduate collaboration.

VP Smith: Graduation this year is going to be changed from Saturday to Friday and Thursday instead.

President Hunsaker: The reasoning behind that was what?

VP Smith: I think because of fall break, they didn’t do the weird Monday schedule on a Tuesday.

Senator Hall: The Academic calendar was changed this semester so now finals week is changed so it is from Thursday to Wednesday. So the last day of class is Wednesday.

VP Smith: Everything was moved up a day.

VP Johnson: That is just this year?

Senator Olson: No, its permanent.

Senator Hall: Graduation is now in the hands of each college and they can decide when they want it.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spencer: For those of you who went to Wyoming, you have been sent an email for an assessment. Please take those. I want to give another plug for Festival of Trees. We give those trees out to families and students in need. The Access and Diversity center help us reach nontraditional students, students who don’t go home for the holidays and some will be donated to Bear River Head Start. Sign up on ususa.usu.edu and it is on Events.

VP Tatom: Make sure you make your tree look good. They are going to people in need.

VP Johnson: Final correction, the event for free speech panel is not tomorrow, it is Thursday.

Spencer: Linda and Tim are gone until Friday.

ADJOURNMENT: VP Greer: Moved / VP Tatom: Second / Adjourned

IN ATTENDANCE: Spencer Bitner, 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