ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2021 | 4:00 PM | USUSA Senate Chamber

• CALL TO ORDER
  o Approval of minutes: Senator Rodriguez: Moved / Senator Christopher: Second / Voting body: Passed
  o Officer accountability:

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• PUBLIC FORUM
  o There was no public forum.

• PRESIDENT’S REPORT
  o VP Casdorph: The facility enhancement request link is now live. I will send you the link to that after this through Slack.
  o Senator Rodriguez: Do we need to send anything in for the facilities enhancement requests? Can you explain what that is exactly?
  o VP Casdorph: Good question, and you are actually one of the senators that doesn’t sit on that committee. The requests are just an opportunity to recommend things related to facilities that could be fixed or improved. For those on the committee, I would recommend walking around the buildings in your college to see if there are any places in need of improvement. Also, the second reading for Elections Bylaws in Executive Council tomorrow. It is open for anyone to attend and we love having Senator’s inputs. Senator Rodriguez came last week and had some awesome input to contribute.
• UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  o There was no unfinished business
• NEW BUSINESS
  o VP Casdorph: Let’s get into reading the charters, and we’ll start in the order that they are pulled up on the screen.
  o Readings:
    o Senator Lesser-Thorngren: [Reading of Position Description for Caine College of the Arts Senator]
      ▪ Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.
    o Senator Chowdhury-Magana: [Reading of Position Description for School of Graduate Studies Senator]
      ▪ Senator Rodriguez: There is some missing information at the end of your sentence in Duties and oversight.
      ▪ Senator Mousley: The indentation in item 10 is off, it should be in line with item 11.
      ▪ Senator Chowdhury-Magana: Is Stater’s Council a responsibility that still applies?
      ▪ Sophia May: That is there because it is a responsibility for everyone on Executive Council, we haven’t had a meeting yet this year which is why you are not familiar with it at this point.
      ▪ Senator Mousley: Is this a responsibility that is moves with the Senate Pro Tempore? If so, shouldn’t it be taken off of this specific charter?
      ▪ Senator Chowdhury-Magana: The graduate senator won’t be on the Executive Council after this year, should it be taken off?
      ▪ Sophia May: That’s a great point, we’ll check on that. Also, Senator Mousley, I liked your idea and we should look into adding Stater’s Council into the Senate Pro Tempore’s charter.
      ▪ Senator Chowdhury-Magana: I would add that it is good to have a graduate student rep on Stater’s Council anyway even if that position is no longer on Executive Council.
      ▪ Senator Casdorph: We can work on these changes, revisit them next week and the vote to pass it at that point.
      ▪ Senator Chowdhury-Magana: There are a few of these councils that I have questions about whether they are going to be removed or if the Graduate Senator is still serving on them, so I will mark these with questions and revisit them before next meeting.
      ▪ Motion to make changes and read next week: Passed by voting body.
    o Senator Christopher: [Reading of Position Description for College of Education and Human Services Senator]
      ▪ Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.
    o Senator Rodriguez: [Reading of Position Description for College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senator]
      ▪ Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.
    o Senator Cox: [Reading of Position Description for College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Senator]
Senator Mousley: It looks like the indentation here isn’t right, but it also was messed up for some of the other ones.

Senator Rodriguez: I had the same problem with mine.

Senator Mousley: I was wondering if we should retain the positions for Student Fee Board for those Senators who aren’t assigned to a specific fee?

VP Casdorph: My understanding from when we discussed this at the leadership retreat is that we will leave this as it is for the time being.

Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

- Senator Thorngren: [Reading of Position Description for Jon M. Huntsman School of Business Senator]
  - Senator Mousley: Are there supposed to be four pillars listed there, because I only see a three?
  - Senator Thorngren: Yes, the pillars are included in the point below.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

- Senator Wappett: [Reading of Position Description for Quinney College of Natural Resources Senator]
  - Senator Mousley: There is one sentence in there that says his/her, could that be changed to “their?”
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

- Senator Mousley: [Reading of Position Description for College of Science Senator]
  - Senator Rodriguez: I am the chair of the library fee, would there be reason to put the Science Senator in charge of that?
  - Senator Mousley: These are separate. I can look into that more though.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

- Senator Dikwa-Nkrumah: [Reading of Position Description for College of Engineering Senator]
  - Sophia May: Let’s remove Classroom Improvement because it doesn’t exist, and change computer to technology.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

**COUNCIL UPDATES**

- Senator Christopher: It is Education Week! All of my events are on social media and in the Slack channel. Please attend the events and share the event.

- Senator Cox: We’ve got a CAAS wide club meeting coming up next week. Going to get our clubs more connected with the college. We are also starting to plan a big CAAS Bash out at the farm in the arena.

- Senator Dikwa-Nkrumah: Content
- Senator Lesser-Thorngren: Content
- Senator Mousley: Content
- Senator Rodriguez: Council updates: we are working on the CHaSS gala right now. Last week everyone got their assignments and we are going to continue with those next week. We had a service event over the weekend that was super successful!

- Senator Chowdhury-Magana: I met with Richard cutler following a straw vote on GSC stipend approval, he will meet with Provost Galey to push forward its approval. I successfully advocated for equitable pay for the Inclusive Excellence Symposium student...
speakers. We revised the Native American Museum project to Minoritized History and Art Museum with a focus on Native American Art, with Eric Olsen providing guidance. The Mental health Week program outline was drafted. We passed Juneteenth to be an official USU holiday on the Calendar Committee.

- Senator Wappett: Loggers Ball is 5 days away, you should all come! The QCNR book club is nailing down funding. The headshot clinic in December and we are hosting a winter cookie exchange.
- Senator Thorngren: Business Council is great! We have a townhall next week, then Soda with Business Council, and student athlete workshop end of November

- ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - There were no advisor announcements.

- ADJOURNMENT
  - Senator Cox: Moved / Senator Christopher. : Second / Voting body: Passed