EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2021 | 4:00 PM | USUSA Senate Chamber

- CALL TO ORDER
  - Approval of minutes: VP Casdorph: Moved / VP Needleman: Second / Voting body: Passed
  - Officer accountability

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- PUBLIC FORUM
  - There was no public forum.

- PRESIDENT’S REPORT
  - President Stevens: This is our last meeting of EC for this semester, our next meeting will be at the start of next semester. There is Stater’s Council on the 25th of January, which is the third week of the semester. That gives us time to read legislation before the Council meeting.

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - There was no unfinished business

- NEW BUSINESS
  - President Stevens: We will read through our second resolution, ECR 2022-02.
  - VP Harmon: I sponsored this resolution for Executive Council but it was also proposed in Academic Senate yesterday and passed its first reading. [Reading of ECR 2022-02].
    - VP Conlee: The toolkit has not been designed yet, is that correct?
Senator Rodriguez: Yes, that’s right.

VP Needleman: In some of the “Whereas” statements, the comma lies within quotation marks, while it does not for others.

VP Sampson: I believe it should have numbers along the side, and it also has ECR 2021-02 on the top, while it should read 2022-02.

- Motion to pass as a first reading: VP Harmon: Moved / VP Needleman: Second / Voting body: Passed
- President Stevens: Now we will move on to reading the charters for each of your positions.

- Director Scheffner: [Reading of Position Description for Traditions Director]
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.
- Director Fetzer: [Reading of Position Description for Activities Director]
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.
- President Stevens: [Reading of Position Description for USUSA Student Body President]
  - President Stevens: A few of the specific changes I made include changes to the committees that the President sits on. One change that we really need to make that there will be one elections committee for the entire state, so the chairs of that committee shouldn’t just be two Logan officers. We are proposing that we will have President and Student Advocate VP as election chairs. I made sure to add that President’s Cabinet is optional. I refined the explanation of Board of Trustees. I removed faculty senate and TSC policy board, but that is something I would like to see someone from ELB, AS, and Statewide EC to be on that board because there are three students on the board.
  - VP Casdorph: I think it would be appropriate to have a Statewide Representative on Faculty Senate, especially because President and Grad Student have a lot on their plate.
  - Linda Zimmerman: We would like to do our best to these changes now, but we also expect that it may take a few years to iron out details and make sure everyone is on the right committees.
  - VP Needleman: In taking yourself off of the TSC policy board, do you plan to have anyone to replace that position?
  - President Stevens: I will stay on that board for my term and I have an idea for what will happen in the future, I will talk with you more about it later.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

- President Stevens: [Reading of Position Description for Logan Vice President]
  - President Stevens: This position absorbed a lot of the Logan specific roles from the President’s position descriptions.
  - Director Needleman: Here it says “Student Advocate shall…,” I noticed that there were several charters that had the wrong name attached.
  - President Stevens: I am interested in removing the Vice President’s Committee because it hasn’t been used by more than one of our past Vice Presidents has done it and this role already has eighteen committee assignments.
  - Linda Zimmerman: Keep in mind that this is like what the Logan President is
doing now, so this would be similar to President’s Cabinet this year.

- VP Casdorph: Could we make it optional?
- VP Needleman: I agree that there is probably no harm in making it optional.
- Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

○ VP Casdorph: [Reading of Position Description for Student Body Executive Vice President]
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

○ VP Conlee: [Reading of Position Description for Student Advocate Vice President]
  - VP Conlee: Most of this has stayed the same, but there are some things that shifted with the changes of the constitution.
  - Linda Zimmerman: This one should probably also have the “Student Body” before Student Advocate in the title. Also, we talked about how this student would sit on the Mental Health Committee, is that on there?
  - VP Conlee: I will add that, and if it needs to be removed later then we can address that.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

○ VP Harmon: [Reading of Position Description for Diversity and Clubs Vice President]
  - VP Harmon: The biggest changes here are under duties. I got rid of the Diversity Cabinet because many of the students on it saw the Cabinet as a waste of their time. This will be replaced by a different committee in the Inclusion Center. I also made changes in language to make it more updated.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

○ VP Needleman: [Reading of Position Description for Student Events Vice President]
  - VP Needleman: I made changes to include social media within the charter. We also changed the use of the word “manpower” to just read “power.” We also added that the Student Events VP will work with their advisor over the summer to plan Weeks of Welcome.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

○ VP Sampson: [Reading of Position Description for Athletics and Campus Recreation Executive Director]
  - VP Sampson: Most of the changes were small updates to wording and adjusting roles that were not being used any more.
  - Motion to approve position description: Passed by voting body.

○ Director Roberts: [Reading of Position Description for Public Relations Director]
  - Director Roberts: My charter had a lot of new changes because of how the position has changed over the last year.
  - Linda Zimmerman: Something we should discuss more is how this position relates to statewide campuses or if it is just focused on Logan students.
  - Director Roberts: I would add that I feel like it is important to include Statewide in this role, based on the work I have done this year.
  - President Stevens: It seems that this could be something the Director does in an extracurricular way, but it may not be needed in the position description. There are also PR Directors on other campuses as well.
  - Director Roberts: It would be helpful to have a point person to help coordinate
with other campuses. The language currently is somewhat ambiguous on purpose to allow room for that.

- President Stevens: I think this needs more discussion, and maybe the coordination with statewide is something that is added after the position is in practice for a few years. With this being an appointed position, we have more time to discuss this before passing.
- Motion to table discussion position description: Passed by voting body.

• COUNCIL UPDATES
  - VP Harmon: I have been working on the resolution for the past few months so I am glad to share that today, and I have been working on a few other programming things.
  - Director Roberts: Elections is coming up; we started the marketing and communications for that and the website is partially live now.
  - VP Needleman: Weeks of Welcome will happen at the beginning of the new semester
  - VP Sampson: We won the Mountain West championship and we have new events coming with a basketball watch party and a gymnastic event.
  - VP Conlee: We had a great event with GRC that was well attended. I didn’t receive anything from you to include in the GRC podcast, but send updates to me if you have any.
  - VP Casdorph: We are making an effort to include statewide students in more events as possible. If you have any facilities enhancement requests, please download the form and do that. Also, you must complete your administrative fee committee meeting and forms before the end of the semester and I will be checking with all of you to make sure it is done.

• ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Linda Zimmerman: I want to wish you all good luck with final projects and exams. I commend you on the job you have done this semester and I look forward to the rest of the year.

• ADJOURNMENT
  - VP Casdorph: Moved / VP Conlee: Second / Voting body: Passed

IN ATTENDANCE: President Lucas Stevens, VP Porter Casdorph, VP Emilee Harmon, VP Taylor Sampson, VP Ethan Conlee, Senator Niyonta Chowdhury-Magana, Director Max Roberts, VP Alexis Needleman, Assistant Madeleine Alder, Linda Zimmerman, Evan Noble, Director Ben Scheffner, Director Colton Fetzer, Senator Celeste Rodriguez, Senator Meridian Wappett.