

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
October 30th, 2007
VU 567

Present: Kristina Mader, Aaron Hayman, Danny Tonty, Diana Beilman, Lurdes Hernandez, Sally McLaughlin, Judah Corsini, Morgan Holmgren, Chelsea Fletcher, Nicole Brown, Mark Provenzano, Brianne Kumar, Tyler Woodard, Matteo Tamburini

Absent:

Advisor: Greg McBride

Secretary: Brooke Hayter

Guest: Ramiro Espinoza, Chelsea Crump

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion # 001-F-07 to write the issue of the month, made by Kristina.

Motion # 002-F-07 to add other issues that are a concern to students and to cut out one example.

Motion # 003-F-07 to remove getting more for students from the initial question, made by Kristina.

Motion # 004-F-07 to approve the question for the issue of the month, made by Matteo.

I. Approval of Minutes

None

II. Revisions to the Agenda

None

III. Public Forum

None

IV. Information Items

a. Vice Chair Nominations

Student Senator Aaron Hayman was the only Senator to volunteer, he informed the Senators that he would like to have this role in order to help senators do their jobs and he would like the support of the other Senate members. This item will be moved to an action item where it will be voted on next week.

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

a. Committee Placements

Ramiro Espinoza spoke to the Senators, he informed them that he would like the Senate to work closely with the board members this year and that the board members were there to assist them whenever they needed it. He would like the Senate members to make appointments with board members about any issues they would like to address. He also invited them to attend board meetings and ask questions so they can have a clear understanding of what the board is working on so that the Senators can pass that on to their constituents. Chelsea informed the Senate members that Andrea from the Personnel office will have the University Committees by next week.

b. Issue of the Month

The Senators discussed many ideas for what the question for the issue of the month should be. Some of the ideas discussed were, Sodexo and after hours child care drop off. Aaron thought that they should use October to find out what people know about the Senate so they could find out where and where they were not being effective. Kristina suggested the question should include something that would help the LAC since they are going to be drafting the legislative agenda soon. The Senators came to the conclusion that this month the issue of the month should be a broad catch-all question. Kristina Moved to write the issue of the month. There was some discussion between the Senators, Matteo called to question.

Motion # 001-F-07 to write the issue of the month, made by Kristina.

Second: Diana **Vote:** 11-0-0 *Passed.*
(Sally was excused at 6:34.)

Kristina came up with the initial draft of the question, and discussion was held. Matteo made an amendment to add: other issues that are a concern to students. Discussion was held on the amendment and the Senators also decided to cut out one example from the initial question and add such as before the first example. The question was then reread, and the amendment was called to question.

Motion # 002-F-07 to add other issues that are a concern to students and to cut out one example from the initial question and add such as before the first example, made by Matteo.

Second: Tyler **Vote:** 10-0-0 *Passed.*
(Judah entered at 6:43.)

Discussion was held again and Kristina moved to remove getting more for students from the question.

Motion # 003-F-07 to remove getting more for students from the initial question, made by Kristina.

Second: Mark **Vote:** 10-1-0 *Passed.*

Discussion was held and the final question for the issue of the month was called to question by Matteo.

Motion # 004-F-07 to approve the question for the issue of the month, made by Matteo.

Second: Kristina **Vote:** 10-1-0 *Passed.*

The final question for the issue of the month is: The Associated Students address issues throughout the year such as financial aid and sustainability on campus, as well as any other issues of concern for students. What would you like to see the Associated Students focus on this year?

VII. Other Business

Chelsea wanted all the Senators to bring two ideas for reaching out students that did not include word or mouth or the Senate website.

VIII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. Kristina Mader** informed the Senators that there will be a smash tournament on campus in February and people will be flying in from New York to participate. There is also going to be a Disability club meeting this Thursday, the club would like to become an office in the AS. She also met with the LAC today she said there were quite a few people on the LAC who are very passionate about environmental issues so that will probably be a large portion of the legislative agenda. There will also be a promotions committee meeting this week where they will be deciding media for branding of the AS.

(Sally returned at 6:53)

- b. **Aaron Hayman** nothing new to report.
- c. **Danny Tonty** discussed Sodexo food issues and was interested in finding out what kind of power we have to do something about them.
- d. **Diana Beilman** spoke with students in her classes, many of them expressed concern that classroom sizes were too large, she also discussed the fact that it is difficult to find availability of classrooms and that many classes offered are difficult to get into.
- e. **Lurdes Hernandez** spoke with other students about issues in the dining hall many students would like to see more fruit offered. She also shared with the group that the 7th annual ESC Student conference is coming up and people will be going to attend different workshops and listen to various speakers, if any of the Senators were interested in going they could go to the ESC for more information.
- f. **Sally McLaughlin** attended the Women's Center domestic violence speak out this evening where she spoke but was unable to stay and listen to other speakers so she could return to the Senate meeting. She spoke with many people to get ideas of some issues people were having on campus, she looked into the sustainable food club and found out they may be bringing a Co-op onto campus.
- g. **Judah Corsini** spoke with a handicap individual on campus who expressed to him that it was very difficult to get into certain buildings; he also spoke with the department head of Political Science who also feels there are issues with handicap individuals getting around on campus. He informed the group that Brittany Otter from Students for disability awareness has started a club to help fix these problems.
- h. **Morgan Holmgren** spoke with her roommates they feel there is a problem with dining hall hours, she spoke with many other people as well and this seemed to be a big concern.
- i. **Chelsea Fletcher** is a member of the disability awareness club, she attended the executive board meeting for this club, and they are trying to work with the EEO to get problems for the disabled on campus fixed. There is going to be a large event in the spring where students can volunteer to be disabled for a day and try to get around campus then report back to the club with any problems they encountered, a forum will be held as well. The club will also be evaluating campus during dead week and then possibly again after winter quarter.
- j. **Nicole Brown** discussed dining hall issues and the lack of healthy choices available and problems with dining hall hours.
- k. **Mark Provenzano** most of his access with students is off campus, and they feel there is a problem with finding affordable hot lunches on campus, he hopes they can find a way to make it cheaper.
- l. **Brianne Kumar** is on hall council they are planning an event for November 5th. She also spoke with her roommate who works at Planned Parenthood; they are currently having problems with affordable birth control prices. She also discussed dining hall issues on campus and issues with more lighting at night on campus.
- m. **Tyler Woodard** discussed issues with dining hall hours; he also wanted to discuss why you can find text books so much cheaper online than in the bookstore.
- n. **Matteo Tamburini** would like to try to communicate with the grad school to generate awareness with students. He would like to see more students voting and extend reach of voter registration.
- o. **Greg McBride** informed the senate members that there is a committee on campus called the central health and safety committee that checks for issues with things such a lighting on campus and that maybe some of the Senate members should consider attending a meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 by Chelsea.