

## **I. Call to order/roll call/quorum**

The second session of the 65<sup>th</sup> ASOSU Undergraduate Senate was called to order by Chairman Ellyn Canfield at 7:00pm. The following senators were present at the meeting:

### Business

Scott Cowgill  
Jonathan Schmierer  
Tom Cutsforth  
Robert Wolfer

### Engineering

Ben Fahlgren  
Allison Jenness  
Chris Beaman  
Tesia Dobrydnia  
Paul Trout  
Benjamin Blasen

### Science

JC Sanders  
Sean Murray  
Robert Weston  
Chelsea Mayo  
Julien Deveraux III

### Liberal Arts

Michael Moss  
Christopher Beyer  
Mirlandra Ebert  
Jeremy Da Rosa  
Chrystal Castle – tardy 7:04

### Ag. Science

Jonathan Garret  
Russell Deboodt  
Tyler Bradly

### Forestry

Matt Bliss

### HHS

Philip Menagh  
Anna Ellingson

### Parliamentarian

Mike Folin – tardy 7:05

### At Large

Johnny Collin

### ASOSU VP

Kyla Johnson

### I.S.O.S.U.

Katy Schuff

### MUPC

Jaimee Colbert

\*Joshua Bowdoin proxy for Benjamin Blasen (Engineering).

\*Mike Folin proxy for Tyler Bradley (Ag. Science).

## **II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. JC Sanders motioned to approve and Anna Ellingson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion of the minutes and agenda and the motion passed with a majority hand vote.

## **III. Committee Reports**

Senator JC Sanders spoke for the Student Government committee. He had nothing to report.

Senator Mike Moss spoke for the Committee on Committees committee. Their first meeting is at the Townsend room. He has not met with two people on the committee yet. He also would like the committee to meet after the senate meeting.

Senator Sean Murray spoke for the Student Academics and Activities committee. Their first meeting is tonight in the library after tonight's senate meeting.

Senator Allison Jenness spoke for the Appropriations and Budgets committee. Their first meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The room is pending.

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson spoke for the Elections committee and there was nothing new to report. This committee is meeting next week and they have not decided on a time yet.

Senator Anna Ellingson represented the Student Health Advisory Board committee. This committee is still trying to meet and once their first meeting takes place, they will update the senate.

Senator Ben Fahlgren spoke for the Educational Activities committee. This committee had nothing new to report.

Senator Allison Jenness spoke on behalf of the Student Incidental Fees committee. There was nothing new to report. They have heard from three different committees for incidental fees but she does not remember names. Chairman Ellyn Canfield heard from remaining budgeting boards.

Senator Jonathan Garrett spoke about the Senate class. Their goals are to function more like a committee. So far, they have been discussing new ideas from senate class and new ways to get the senate more well-known on campus. Senators should interact and meet with their constituents more. They also discussed putting up posters in the advisors office for each college.

#### **IV. Executive Reports**

Executive senator and ASOSU Vice-President, Kyla Johnson, spoke about the textbook campaign. Dan and Lindsay discussed their involvement at the federal level. They will be meeting with Jeff to go over minor changes before a final approval.

Also, the Athletic advisory committee is a program implementing to promote leadership, healthier relationships and healthy substance use. These are positive programs, in which workshops will take place. Last week, a well-known speaker came to talk about healthy and responsible ways to drink and a couple of thousand students attended. This is all to promote healthy leadership in the community. Next month there will be a healthy relationships meeting. Tomorrow there will be a meeting at 11:00 am. The following are the meeting places and times for all the different Task Forces:

- Multicultural: Monday, 4:00 pm @ Various Cultural Centers
- Graduate Students: Monday, 5:00 pm @ ASC
- Queer: Monday, 6:00 pm @ ASC
- Community: Tuesday, 5:00 pm @ ASC
- Women's: Tuesday, 5:00 pm @ ASC
- Student & Academic: Wednesday, 4:00 pm @ ASC Conference Room

- State: Wednesday, 5:00 pm @ ASC
- Environmental: Wednesday, 5:30 pm @ ASC
- Disabled Student: Wednesday, 6:00 pm @ ASC
- Federal: Thursday, 6:30 pm @ MU 209

The executive affairs are waiting on one final week. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, they will be approving nominations for Jay Board members. Tomorrow morning will be going over affairs.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield also announced that the senate needs to elect a vice chair by the fourth week. This position will have no extra duties, yet this is just to follow protocol. Later on in the meeting there will be an opportunity for nominations. Nominees are to give a brief explanation and then it will be followed up with a vote for the accepted nominees.

## **V. Old Business**

Chairman Ellyn Canfield gave a report on the Senate training that took place on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. She will be emailing those who didn't attend the training. The information from the training is in your binders.

Senator Robert Weston spoke about the training. There was a leadership session by Tory Campbell and Seth Trimmer and they discussed how to be motivated to be responsible senators. Ellyn went over binders and senator duties. They also discussed the southworth and viewpoint neutrality. Parli-pro was also covered during the training.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield passed out anonymous evaluations of the senate training.

The following senators were sworn in by former ASOSU Vice-President, Dan McCarthy:

Kirkpatrick, Ryan  
Robert Wolfer

## **VI. New Business**

Casey Schaufler gave a presentation on the Student Incidental Fees Committee. This is his third year on the committee. The difference between student fees, like student health fees and UCPS student health services, is that they are charged by actual enrollment. Other fees are charged on projected enrollments with a certain set dollar amount. Student fees therefore will change term to term.

This committee is made up of seven members, all non-voting. The senate chair, the graduate senate chair, appropriations and budgets person. The student fees have five at large, two are elected from the MU president by virtue of their position. He is elected at large. Each committee serves as liaisons to budgeting boards.

Every year, student fees set up a fee schedule and a calendar to talk about student fees, recommendations, advisory boards, which are made up of students working with budgets with no student advisory boards. Based on recommendations, the student committee will refuse or deny changes and are not approved to make changes. People can recommend.

There are ten different boards that tie into the overall total of student incidental fees. Fees go through tentative and then final approval process. It is open to the public, in which the final is the last hearing for the general school population to make recommendations regarding budgets. The fee committee will make it final and then send it on to the senate. If the senate disagrees, the fees will undergo the mediation process.

The state legislature must approve of the budget and once set, fees cannot be increased, but may be possibly reduced. Fees will withhold and may make recommendations to stop collection of fees for the following term.

For need and fiscal for groups on campus, they are taken into consideration based on need. As long as it is an identified student population, what are they asking for? Executive senate members should be asked (Anna Ellingson, Jaimee Colbert, Sean Murray).

For the Budgetary guidelines for fall term, they look at what issues to look forward to and setting up a schedule. They open hearings and hopefully the guidelines follow from years past. Please talk to Allison Jenness about this.

When there are increases to the budget, we need to maintain services and cut things where possible. At the current level, it might start inflation of costs.

During committee meetings, public statements are restricted. There will be gallery comments however, somebody from the senate can be recognized for input. There is still one budget to pass, the Valley Library.

Each budget, other than UCPS and student health services, set a total dollar amount. The budgeting process is by student enrollment, not headcount. Approximately 4000 students are not paying student incidental fees.

Excess fees go into a contingency fee and each budget makes a request to make a base budget. This year was not a lot left of contingency. It actually is at zero because student fees have not been collected yet. There will be money available, but, we cannot go far into debt.

Each budget will make a presentation to make a request for decision packages. These are additional programs to current services. These are voted on separate from the base budget. The senate does not vote on it separately, just students. The senate vote is then on total recommendation.

For educational activities, the budgetary committee programs and makes presentations to Ed. Act. Budgets and then sends them to be approved. To find out more, see Casey or Ellyn for information packet.

Meetings are on Wednesday's in the MU Council room at 5:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome at any time.

The bad news this year is that the state legislature has asked each university to pay for their auxiliary assessment. The overall assessments for parking, students and athletics, are at costs of 1.5%. Currently, they haven't budgeted for that yet. Budgets are large and they could lead to large numbers and increases. Budgets will cut corners where they can, as well as pay with contingency when they can too, but they need to begin budgeting for next year. So far, they don't know exactly how much that will be. There is a possible increase of 0.5% to 8% next year. There is such a thing as backdoor tuition and finding money where you can.

Please pick up an information sheet about understanding the Southworth case. Tomorrow morning will be a meeting.

For information concerning 'content neutrality' please look over it in the make-up training sheets. Please contact Chairman Ellyn Canfield for any further questions.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield announced Vice-Chair Elections. The following nominations took place. Senator Anna Ellingson was elected by Executive Senator, Kyla Johnson. Senator Anna Ellingson accepted her nomination. Senator Scott Cowgill seconded it. Senator Scott Cowgill was elected by Senator JC Sanders. Senator Scott Cowgill rejected his nomination.

Senator Anna Ellingson gave a brief explanation of why she will be a good Vice-Chair. It is her second year working on senate. She is familiar to procedures, has more of an understanding with issues and she is very comfortable with this position.

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson debated and stated that Anna has shown dedication this year. Anna came out towards the end of last year and has always been there and been dedicated. She is a great resource and we should use her knowledge.

The voting for Vice-Chair was a closed ballot election. The results were:

24 votes for Anna Ellingson's election  
0 votes against Anna Ellingson's election

Execute Senator Kyla Johnson announced the confirmation of Executive staff. Earlier a green packet was handed to all the senators and it included information and background of each of the executive staff members.

Amber Bonte, the Executive Director of Task Forces, has been working for Oregon State University for three years, mostly working on task forces. She is here for the task force and to assist them in their goals this year. She has great institutional knowledge, is very prompt and is great at developing programs. Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to confirm. Senator Anna Ellingson motioned and Senator Mike Moss seconded this motion. There was no discussion and all were in favor to confirm. There was one abstention.

Matthew Tschabold, the Executive Director of Finance, previously working on the Executive Branch Task Force, has three main goals. The first is that a student voice will be heard for the general funding for the university moving towards a tuition plateau. Students need to be more represented. Second, he wants to get more people involved in finance because students don't know where their money goes. Third, all students should know what ASOSU is doing with their money.

Senator Robert Weston: "What exactly is your plan?"

Matthew Tschabold: "I would like to create projects and jobs for people to get them involved in. I want to talk to the Senate when there is questions. It is also possible to meet briefly after my meetings. I want to meet with Task Forces more frequently, and most importantly to work close together."

Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to confirm. Senator Julien Deveraux III motioned and Senator Anna Ellingson seconded this motion. There was no discussion and all were in favor to confirm. There was one abstention.

Tracy Hartley, Executive Director of Public Relations, is going on her third year with ASOSU. She sat on the Educational Activities committee and was also a director with student affairs last year. Her goals are to make sure every student knows what ASOSU is, and not just the Executive branch. Students don't realize how to get involved. She wants to build working relationships with the Senate and promote ASOSU.

Senator JC Sanders: "Could you expand on your goals?"

Tracey Hartley: "I would like to reach out to students who are apathetic to student issues."

Senator JC Sanders: "What about students who disagree with your stances and what is your position towards them?"

Tracey Hartley: "The biggest thing is that every branch is working to help the students. Not everybody will be agreeing all the time. But, we need to build and understanding with the students."

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson: "Senators need to go out and talk to fellow students. This needs to be a collaborative effort to make sure ideas and thoughts are heard."

Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to confirm. Senator Ben Fahlgren motioned confirmation and Senator Anna Ellingson seconded this motion.

Senator Robert Weston: "This sounds like advocating for students and I don't see how students will disagree with that."

Senator JC Sanders: "I'm talking about tuition fees. If there was funding then people can approve how OSU operates."

Parliamentarian Mike Folin: "This is about confirming the Executive staff to their position and their merits. If there are personal questions, please take that up later on your own time."

Chairman Ellyn Canfield: "It is a fact that Tracy has taken much initiative with her position."

Senator JC Sanders: "Point of order. Don't we need a 2/3 vote to vote to confirm?"

Parliamentarian Mike Folin: "No."

After discussion, all were in favor. One person opposed. There was one abstention.

Stacy Thomsen, Executive Director of External Development, broke the record for the most amount of money raised from the Golf Tournament. She is very on top of her work. She has two goals, the first to do well with the golf tournament, and raise money for the leadership fund. So far, she has raised \$7000. Second, she wanted to come up with different fundraisers, like Rock for Activism, and maybe do one fundraiser per term. She is also helping with campaigns.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to confirm. Senator Philip Menagh motioned this confirmation and Senator Mike Folin seconded this motion.

Senator JC Sanders: "Are you going to devote more time to work with women? What specifically are you going to work on?"

Stacy Thomsen: "We are going to have a 'Take Back the Night'. We're also doing something with Saferide and bringing in a speaker. As for every Task Force, we are planning on doing fundraisers for anybody."

Senator Jonathan Schmierer: "What else?"

Stacy Thomsen: "We are going to distribute subsidies to programs based on a need based income. We are going to distribute childcare, student health insurance."

Chairman Ellyn Canfield: "I will state as a fact that Stacy has taken the initiative to get to know this position and will be a great person for this position."

After discussion, a vote took place and all were in favor. There was one abstention.

Mike Olsen, the Executive Director of Committees, helps to coordinate tactics. His main job this year is to coordinate with all the committees. They need to have a shared governance and have a good representation on campus. He wants to build a community with the committees and faculty. A solid line of communication needs to be built. Currently, he is coming up with a comprehensive way of communication. He is in charge of recruitment about

getting the word out about ASOSU and the senators. Mike has also coordinated efforts with the student intern class. Committees need to make proper arrangements to attend the meetings and he is making sure that there are educated students on the committees.

Senator Scott Cowgill: "Can you run over things done last year?"

Mike Olsen: "I had to be involved in committees like Hunger and Poverty, Larry Roper. I have created a program, 'Escape Hunger' and I have put some time into that program."

Senator JC Sanders: "Will you have time to get in touch with committees?"

Mike Olsen: "It is a struggle to make arrangements with all the committees, but the best thing that I can do is promise to get in touch with all the chairs. We need to create personal relationships with the committee people on a regular basis. It is difficult, but our main goal is to keep correspondence with people. I will put my best effort forward."

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson: "We have identified goals about this and we have come up with a system of organizing this whole thing. Mike has been working on this from the ground zero so please give him your information if you are on a committee. Hopefully we can communicate bi-weekly."

Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to confirm. Senator JC Sanders motioned and Senator Scott Cowgill seconded this motion.

Senator Anna Ellingson: "Mike is more than qualified for this position. All will do well in their respective positions and that is the most important thing."

After discussion, a vote was taken and all were in favor. There was one abstention.

Lindsey Johnson, Executive Secretary, is a transfer student from Clackamas Community College. She has helped write the ASOSU textbook policy, in which it may be nationwide. She spent time serving the students at Clackamas. Within her first year there, she was working with childcare grants. Her second year, she was an Executive chair, taking minutes. Her main goal this year is to make sure that all Task Force directors can schedule meetings and update the calendar with upcoming events. She has just ordered a bulletin board for people to know where to sign up for things and know when things are for the entire school year.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to confirm. Senator Jonathan Schmierer motioned and Senator Tom Cutsforth seconded this motion.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield: "It is a fact that Lindsey has quickly come in and got to know the people of ASOSU."

Senator JC Sanders: "You're involved in the textbook policy? What is this policy?"

Lindsey Johnson: "We have researched on everything about prices and who is involved with the issue of textbooks. In this community, the best people to influence about prices are the professors and faculty. We need an increased awareness for instructors and students. Our solution was to have two copies of textbooks on reserve at the library. Professors and instructors need to be clear about how the textbooks are going to be used in class.

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson: "This story is also in the front page of the Barometer too. If anybody has any questions, you can email Ellyn."

After discussion, a vote took place and all were in favor. There was one abstention.

## **VII. Announcements**

Chairman Ellyn Canfield made the following announcements:

- If you have not made your office hours, please sign up! Most people have signed up, and I have enjoyed those who have come in. Please sign up outside room 240A in student involvement in Snell Hall. Ask for the key at the counter downstairs and sign up for an hour. There is a computer there to do duties. You may do homework, but as the year goes on, you will probably will have other senate duties to do.
- All of you should have a binder now. Please fill it up and then pass it down to the senator after you. Fill with lists of things you've done or committees you are a part of. Inside of it you will find contact information, statutes for ASOSU, parliamentary procedures and how to write legislation and get it passed. For the statutes, let her know if you don't have them. Look over them in the next few weeks concerning procedures and policies. For parliamentary procedures, this will be enforced especially for discussions at senate meetings. For writing legislation, talk to her if there are any additional questions.

## **VIII. Gallery Comments**

There were no gallery comments made.

## **IX. Senator Comments**

Thank you to the Executive staff that came out.

When saying, "So moved", use it when approving and please spell out what you're approving, especially when you're talking about budgets and other important issues.

## **X. Adjourn**

Chairman Ellyn Canfield suggested a motion to adjourn. Senator Jonathan Garrett motioned and Senator Anna Ellingson seconded this motion. Senate meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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