

65th Undergraduate Senate Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2006

I. Call to order/roll call/quorum

Chairman Ellyn Canfield called to order the sixth ASOSU Undergraduate Senate Meeting at 7:01pm. The following Senators were present at the meeting:

Business

Scott Cowgill
Jonathan Schmierer
Robert Wolfer
Tom Cutsforth

HHS

Philip Menagh – tardy
Anna Ellingson
Jodi Herbert
Kathleen Bonner

Ag. Science

Tyler Bradley
Jonathan Garrett
Russell Deboodt

Liberal Arts

Mike Moss
Christopher Beyer
Mirlandra Ebert
Jaimee Colbert – tardy
Erik Hagen
Jeremy Da Rosa

Engineering

Benjamin Blasen
Ben Fahlgren
Allison Jenness
Chris Beaman
Paul Trout

Science

JC Sanders
Sean Murray
Robert Weston
Chelsea Mayo
Julien Deveraux III

At Large

Johnny Collin

ASOSU VP

Kyla Johnson

Forestry

Matt Bliss

RHA

Melissa Williams

ISOSU

Katy Schuff

Athletics

Andy Darkins

IFC

Mike Powers

MUPC

Ryan Kirkpatrick – tardy

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Kayla Johnson

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Carlos Garcia

*Proxy for Senator Mirlandra Ebert – Megan Sauter

II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

There were no objections of the minutes from the last Undergraduate Senate meeting. There were no objections of the tonight's agenda either.

III. Committee Reports

Senator JC Sanders spoke on behalf of the Student Government committee. Their last meeting was directly after the last Senate meeting on November 22, 2005. They reviewed the SIFC policies in the constitution with Casey Schaffler.

Their next meeting is after tonight's meeting in MU room 209. They will be reviewing the remainder of the constitution and starting up on the statutes.

Senator Sean Murray spoke on behalf of the Student Academics and Activities committee. They will be meeting right after tonight's Senate meeting in the Boardroom upstairs. During their last meeting, the President of Agriculture presented to their committee.

Senator Allison Jenness spoke on behalf of the Appropriations and Budgets committee. They will be meeting in this room after tonight's Senate meeting.

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson spoke on behalf of the Elections committee. The dates for this year's elections will be held on April 21-22, 2006. They will be doing online elections, which will be saving costs. Since they will be saving costs, they will be doing publicity for the elections. If there are any questions or anybody needs any information, please attend their next meeting on Thursday at 6:00pm.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield spoke on behalf of the Student Health Advisory Board committee. Their last meeting was Monday, January 9th and they looked over the fee appropriation guidelines and also discussed the SIFC guidelines. Their meetings take place on Mondays at 4:00pm.

Senator Ben Fahlgren spoke on behalf of the Educational Activities committee. Their first meeting is on Thursday at 5:00pm in the MU Barometer conference room, but is not quite sure if that is the exact place of their meeting. They will be going over sample budgets from last year.

Senator Jonathan Garrett spoke about the Senate class. Although being late for class that day, they were engaged in trying to figure out better ways for communication between Senate members. If there are any ideas for better communication between members, please let us know. Also, if there are any Senators who are interested in the Senate class, you can still sign up for the class.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield announced that all committee chairs should email her the meeting times and places for each respective committee.

IV. Executive Reports

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson spoke on behalf of the Executive Reports. If any Senator needs to know of a specific Task Force meeting time and place, please see her. The Executive committee will be meeting on Sundays at 8:00pm. There will be a Soup Feed held on February 8th in which ASOSU will be serving soup in the Quad. This event is being held to show the students on campus that we are here to represent and serve them. There will be a sign up list tonight that will be passed around. This is an ASOSU event, so it will be good to get out there and meet the students in your college.

V. Old Business

Chairman Ellyn Canfield went over ASOSU Undergraduate Senate publicity. During the last Senate meeting, pictures were taken and as of now, the Senate surveys are in the Senate desk. If we have not taken your picture, please contact Chairman Ellyn Canfield to do that. Once all the pictures are taken, the Director of Publicity will be getting your pictures posted on the webpage so that your picture and your profile will be made available to the students on this campus.

VI. New Business

Chairman Ellyn Canfield announced that normally, legislation needs to be presented to her one week before it can be presented to the Senators. Tonight, we will vote by acclamation to hear it, and then have the legislation be presented to us.

Senator Jonathan Schmierer presented legislation to the Undergraduate Senators: UGS 65-R-01. This is a policy for student organizations to be able to bring in food into the MU, which would be the best interest for the students. Are there any objections to discussing this piece of legislation?

Senator JC Sanders: I would like to know whether anybody from the MU was contacted or invited to tonight's Senate meeting?

Before discussion can occur, a vote needs to be taken to hear the legislation. Senator Allison Jenness motions to hear this policy and Senator Ben Blasen seconds this motion. A vote took place and all were in favor with one opposition.

Senator Jonathan Schmierer: The MU is student owned and therefore it will be used for the best interest for the students on this campus. The food policy should take into account the diversity of this campus. I have an email from the Director of the MU which actually contradicts their current food policy. For any event to try to raise money, they need to spend money on the MU Catering system to make money. They are actually taking money away from people or organizations who might need it more. Last year, Senate tried to pass a policy like this, but it didn't. This resolution is nothing more than a formal plea because there is no formal jurisdiction to boss the MU around. The following is a reiteration of the MU food policy: The OSU catering is exclusive catering for following exemptions – Club Escape and the MU Ballroom. According to the Director of the MU in an email, "Student organizations can use other catering services in Corvallis, five to be exact, including the kitchen."

The floor was then open for discussion about this piece of legislation being presented.

Senator Russell Deboodt: Does the MU have any type of insurance for if somebody gives out food and a person gets salmonella or food poisoning?

Ryan Kirkpatrick: I don't know. The biggest issue is that it's 65% self-sustaining. When it comes time to budgeting, then businesses will not be willing to pay because their location in the MU is a big key. Therefore, we are always struggling regarding how we are going to bring in more revenue. Right now nobody is paying to use the MU facilities. The issue would be whether it would be worth it to raise student fees to have philanthropic events. This is just a suggestion to look over the MU food policy. Michael Henthorne is the Director of the MU, but right now, one or two events could be philanthropic, but not every event held at the MU.

Senator Robert Weston: How is the MU with China night's and their food being catered to that event?

Kirkpatrick: I'm not quite sure.

Executive Senator Kyla Johnson: They are contracted out through the MU, so they go into the kitchen and they cook all their own food themselves. The kitchen is over utilized because it is the same kitchen that Student Involvement uses.

Senator Jaimee Colbert: Your fifth "Whereas" on your policy presented, I also thought it was true. Yet, Amy Ostrom says it is not true.

Senator Julien Deveraux: Does it actually state in the MU food policy what Colbert is saying? I think the MU food policy is very vague.

Senator Jonathan Schmierer: - reciting of the current MU food policy –

Senator Tyler Bradley motioned to refer this food policy to committee. Senator Russell Deboodt seconded this motion.

Senator Tyler Bradley: This food policy (referring to the food policy legislation presented) obviously needs more information.

Senator JC Sanders: We need more discussion on the idea, but I don't feel like we need to be voting on this policy yet. We also need to hear from the Director of the MU (Henthorne) in person to answer questions.

Senator Jonathan Schmierer: I agree with this as well. It might be a good idea for the committee to look at it too.

Senator Sean Murray (speaking on behalf of the Student Academics & Activities committee): We will be looking to consider it.

A vote was taken to refer this proposed food policy to committee with a majority yes vote, three oppositions and one abstention. If there are any questions, please see Senator Jonathan Schmierer.

Chairman Ellyn Canfield made an announcement regarding the Student Fees. This is Budget season, which is the bulk of what Senate does. Refer to the handout in regard to the overview of the Budget process. In the example on the

handout, sustainability, we would first meet and make a line item budget. Once we have their budget (as well as the new budgets/decision), we would bring it to SIFC (which meets Thursday nights). SIFC can approve at lesser amounts. The Senate Appropriations and Budgets committee meets and looks at the line item budgets and come up with a budget too. SIFC and A&B budgets are brought to Senate, in which Senate votes to approve or disapprove budget. If the fee is approved, it goes straight to the OSU administration. If not approved, the budget will go into Mediation (where SIFC & A&B will meet). I would also like to hear your take on budgets.

We need to make sure that student fees are used. Our economy is tough, so costs are going up and fees are going up that are completely out of our hands. We need to make sure that the budgeting boards are promoting a lot of things. Please email Chairman Ellyn Canfield or set up an appointment with her if you want to discuss things concerning the budget. We will be seeing the budgets come before us soon. This Thursday night, we will be having an overview of the budgets. Please refer to the handout.

VII. Announcements

Chairman Ellyn Canfield made the following announcements:

- Sign up for Office Hours: I will have a list of things to do if you want to work on things during your office hours. You can get a key downstairs at the office if the office is not open.
- Sign up for Senate class: The CRN is 28334 (ALS 410, 2 credits). We don't meet in the MU, so I do bring in home goods to class. It really is not a lot of work, so sign up.
- Happy Birthday, Kathleen!

VIII. Gallery Comments

There were no Gallery comments.

IX. Senator Comments

Senator Robert Weston: Last night was Martin Luther King Jr. round table discussion. We talked about how great diversity on this campus is. There will be an upcoming event, Corvallis 20/20, which inspires a community that is diverse with no bigotry or hate. Also, about how Corvallis can incorporate ideas, revise the city charter itself and institutionalize. See me for any questions.

Ryan Kirkpatrick: On March 3-4, there will be a men's leadership conference. This will be a chance to be role models on the OSU campus. I will provide more information later.

Senator Christopher Beyer: I am currently finishing up on legislation. There was a presentation put on with students that were not allowed to attend. I met with Patricia Lacey and this could be related with Southworth. This is what Southworth is all about and is open to debate to all. If you are interested or want any more information, please contact me. I am looking for support and we will be voting on this legislation in two weeks.

Senator Kathleen Bonner: There is a revision on the contact list. There is an “a” after the “k” in her email.

Senator Julien Deveraux: There are three bills that I am working on. The first bill is dealing with OSU’s privacy policy. My constituents have claimed that their personal information has been given out or sold to companies. I’ve been working on OSU to opt out of this option of using their personal information. This school doesn’t do a very good job of blocking information. The second bill is in regards to OSU billing students for parking tickets, if allowed. I don’t remember what the third bill was about.

X. Adjourn

Senator Allison Jenness motioned for the adjournment of tonight’s Senate meeting. Senator Robert Weston seconded this motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.