



Constitutional Transition Committee

Running Agenda/Minutes | Fridays 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

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Meeting № 23

May 26, 2023

12:00 p.m.

Attendance (bolded if present)

- Sen. Iman Adem
- Sen. James Budd
- Sen. Larry Hamilton III
- Reece Kikuchi
- Matteo Paola
- Dylan Perfect
- Sen. Xander Robertson
- Maya Sonpatki
- Rep. Sarah Theall

Agenda

- **2023 Statutes Revisions**
 - SB-82.11 approved by the Senate (6/23) and House (6/24).
- **Ongoing:** Status of formal approval of Measure 01.22 by the OSU President
 - June 1 deadline is approaching.

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- **Review of 2023 Statutes Revisions**
 - First reading in the Senate last week (SB-82.11):
 - Original version (as introduced):
[SB-82.11 \(2023-24 ASOSU Statutes\) - Google Docs](#)
 - **Verson of the bill as it currently stands in the Senate (as of 5/9):**
[SB-82.11 \(S. Amended 5/9\) - Google Docs](#)
 - Potential amendments:
 - SFC Chair's Title IV amendment:
[Draft SFC Statutes.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
 - Passed in Senate 5/9
 - Start/end of terms of office? Subsequent amendment?
 - Clerical edits
 - **General clerical edits + additional Title IV amendments**
[Add'l Amendments to SB-82.11 \(S. 5/9\) - Google Docs](#)
 - VC's accountability statute:
[Unicameral Accountability - Google Docs](#)
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Meeting № 20

May 1, 2023

2:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- **Review of 2023 Statutes Revisions**
 - [Slim Revision - Unicameral Statutes - Google Docs](#)
 - Approval of finalized draft recommendations:
 - Sen. Hamilton – no opposition
 - Reece Kikuchi – no opposition
 - Dylan Perfect – no opposition
 - Sen. Robertson – no opposition
 - Matteo Paola – aye (asynchronous)
 - **5/2: Majority of committee unopposed or approves.**
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Meeting № 19

April 28, 2023

12:00 p.m.

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- **Review of 2023 Statutes Revisions**
 - Member findings
 - Chair's contribution: [Slim Revision - Unicameral Statutes - Google Docs](#)
 - Finalize on 5/1 for introduction?
- **Ongoing:** Status of formal approval of Measure 01.22 by the OSU President
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Meeting No 17/18

April 14/17, 2023

12:00 p.m.

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 - *Judicial proceedings and preemptive review*
 - *Continuity of judicial terms of office*
- **Ongoing:** Status of formal approval of Measure 01.22 by the OSU President

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March 13, 2023

2:00 p.m.

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- [Committee Calendar](#)
 - Codifying transitional statutes
 - Succession of duties of the speaker, duties for members of the Student Senate
 - Addressing Judicial Council docket and statutes
 - Provide for preemptive review in statute?
 - Xander – yes, keeps the JC active, and thus well-practiced/familiar w/ the system of governance.
 - Dylan – agree w/ Xander, also thinks that it is good as a mechanism for accountability to the constitution.
 - Reece – think it makes sense to have a mechanism for the JC to be more continually exercised. 2/3 requirement for binding decisions in preemptive review seems like a fair check on judicial veto-like power.
 - Invite or mandate review?
 - Reece – at least invite. On bills, or perhaps certain types of bills, mandate maybe? If we invite only on all legislation, they could use their discretion to decide what to rule on.
 - Xander – might want to talk to the JC a bit. Might help with keeping them in the loop, but also don't want overinvolvement of the judicial branch in political decisions.
 - Dylan, Reece, Xander seemed to lean towards inviting review generally rather than mandating.
 - Xander's concerns less a matter of politicization and more a matter of adequate understanding of student gov processes etc.
 - "At least" 5 members of the JC, + any former student gov officers who choose to join (w/ consent of the Senate)
 - Is 5 enough?
 - Reece – seems like enough.
 - Xander – wouldn't be against an upper limit. Not necessarily 5 specifically.
 - Establishing a defined process for the former gov members' application to the JC.

- Setting a statutory limit of 5 seemed to be the general sense in the room.
 - Status of current judicial councilors after June 1
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- [Committee Calendar](#)
 - Codifying transition of Speaker's former responsibilities
 - Addressing Judicial Council docket and statutes
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 - Executive and judicial remedies
 - Legislative remedies
 - Duties of members of the Student Senate
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- **Meeting time**
 - **Sent poll to Teams chat; 2-4 on Mondays seems equally viable?**
- **Committee Calendar**
 - Potential next scheduled topics thus far identified:
 - Codifying transition of Speaker's former responsibilities
 - Addressing Judicial Council docket and statutes
 - Status of current judicial councilors after June 1?
 - Resolvable by executive or judiciary?
 - Executive – the incoming president
 - Reece – inclined that all current JC members be allowed to continue their terms under the new Constitution, via nomination by the incoming president.
 - Matteo – having walked in later, is inclined to favor starting with a clean slate (no carry-over from old JC to new, unless re-nominated)
 - Sarah – still evaluating which branch's resolution of "legacy JC members" is most ideal.
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- **Updates from the Congress and Judicial Council:**
 - [SB-82.08 \(Legacy Senators bill\)](#): just passed Senate and House (as originally introduced).
 - Making sure legacy senators have all made their decision prior to deadline
 - [Writ of Judicial Inquiry \(WJI\) 2023.001.i](#)
 - Decision reached:
 - All newly elected seats will be voted in by the student body **at-large**.
 - Following constitutional review process, the already passed constituencies may take effect for the **84th Senate (2024-25)**.
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 - [SB-82.08 \(Legacy Senators bill\)](#): introduced reflecting majority recommendation from prior committee meeting. The Senate and House passed two different versions; a conference committee will be convening (likely later Friday).
 - [Senate version](#): passed with no amendments (except to correct a misspelling; “supercedes” changed to “supersedes”).
 - [House version](#): passed with amendment for Legacy Senators to sit in the Senate in addition to, but not in place of, seats to otherwise be elected in 2023.
 - [Writ of Judicial Inquiry \(WJI\) 2023.001.i](#): pertains to SB-82.06 and earliest possible enactment of graduate/undergraduate constituencies. Hearing held on Thursday.
- **[Committee Calendar](#)**
 - Today’s scheduled topic: continuation of Speaker’s responsibilities
 - [Listing of relevant statutes](#); building notes from committee feedback
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- **Ongoing: [SB-82.06 \(2023 Ballot Determinations\)](#):** Passed as Transitional Statute Title I-2023.
 - Status of OGC review
 - Earliest enactment of constituencies (grad/undergrad); “legacy senators”:
 - Have not heard back yet (as of 1/19)
 - Elections Committee has published [Elections Packet](#) in consultation with the Senate; candidate registration is now open for three (3) graduate senators and fifteen (15) undergraduate senators. The ballot opens on Feb. 20, 2023, and the campaign period begins on January 30, 2023. Candidate info sessions TBD.
 - Chair’s writ of judicial inquiry
 - Madelyn: personally think that everyone should re-run; fairness.
 - Reece: don’t have any particularly strong opinions one way or another. Since the EC is currently speaking as though all of the seats are up for election, if we want to allow legacy senators to keep their positions, then that would have to change.
 - Xander: I’m fine w/ everyone running again. Yes, we are doing a new system, however those students were elected by the student body to serve for two years. Not hugely opposed, just think that it does count for something. Also, benefit to institutional knowledge.
 - Kind of in favor of letting them stay in

- Madelyn – based on having people stay who know what’s going on, leaning in that direction as well.
 - Xander – if there’s 2-3, he’s for legacy, if more, make them run again.
 - Xander will poll senators to see who is staying
 - Kaitlyn and Jarrett – ask their view – Dylan
 - Draft an amendment to TS I Section 1
- **Deliberations: Committee Calendar**
 - [Draft Template](#) *(best viewed in desktop app – online version misses some details)*
 - Forthcoming Transition Topics identified at prior meeting: (1) Ongoing OGC review, “Legacy” senators (2-year seats from previous system), constituencies effective date via consultation w/ OGC, JC; (2) Speaker-related, House statutes; (3) Responsibilities, statutes re: senators; (4) Judicial Council docket & duties
 - Matteo – re: JC-related statutes, SFC-related statutes, seems that there is initiative from the direction of these bodies. We may need to focus more independently on the speaker statutes.
 - Madelyn: small things, like the State of the Students, that may need to be moved around – don’t want to lose those in the transition. Esp. things specifically delegated to the speaker. End ceremony for when everybody leaves – VP? Ceremonial roles main concern, everything else transferable.
 - Matteo – removing joint committees, Ethics committee is not meeting, hasn’t had a chair, etc. Other points in statute that may arise later. More about translating current statutes to unicameral system.
 - Reece – inclined to say Senate and legacy senators next most important.
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Notes – Reece –re: JC legacy councilors, maybe having the President re-nominate members (potentially not all) under new Constitution.

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- Reece Kikuchi
- Matteo Paola – *not present*
- Dylan Perfect
- Sen. Xander Robertson – *not present (UBC)*
- Maya Sonpatki
- Rep. Sarah Theall

Agenda

- **Ongoing: SB-82.06 (2023 Ballot Determinations):** Passed Senate [w/ amendments](#). Passed House second reading (11/30).
 - Status of OGC review
 - Earliest enactment of constituencies (grad/undergrad); “legacy senators”
- **Deliberations: Committee Calendar**
 - [Draft Template](#) (*best viewed in desktop app – online version misses some details*)
 - A planning document for what may remain a flexible schedule
 - *Transition Topics (meetings moving forward):*
 - *Ongoing OGC review*
 - *“Legacy” senators (2-year seats from previous system); constituencies effective date*
 - *OGC, JC*
 - *Speaker-related, House statutes*
 - *Responsibilities, statutes re: senators*
 - *Judicial Council docket & duties*
 - *Important Dates:*
 - *Elections*
 - *Fee setting*
 - *Possibly a special meeting during winter break if the EC may benefit from further clarification from our end; otherwise meet at the beginning of winter term.*
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- *Following up w/ Matteo re: ongoing OGC review and w/ Sierra re: EC &/o special CTC meeting over break.*

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- **Ongoing: [SB-82.06 \(2023 Ballot Determinations\)](#):** second reading resuming in the Senate 11/22.
 - Amendment proposals: [DOCX \(tracked changes\)](#); [PDF \(easier viewing; color coded\)](#)
 - Status of OGC review
 - Earliest enactment of constituencies (grad/undergrad); “legacy senators”
- **Deliberations: 2023 Official Responsibilities (continued)**
 - *See previous notes below.*
- **Deliberations: Committee Calendar**
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 - A planning document for what may remain a flexible schedule
- **Status of formal approval of Measure 01.22** by the OSU President?

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- Sen. Iman Adem - absent
- Sen. James Budd - here
- Reece Kikuchi - here**
- Matteo Paola - absent (*sched. conflict*)
- Dylan Perfect - here**
- Sen. Xander Robertson - absent (*UBC*)
- Maya Sonpatki - here**
- Rep. Sarah Theall – absent (*excused*)

* Quorum not reached for this meeting.

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- **Ongoing/Review: [SB-82.06](#) (2023 Ballot Determinations)**
 - Second reading postponed to Nov. 22 to provide time for the State of the Students Address.
 - Sen. Alto has expressed possible interest in amendments to Section 3.
 - Budgeting implications
- **Deliberations: 2023 Official Responsibilities (continued)**
 - Previous meeting tended toward identifying guiding principles of collaboration between the branches to improve the involvement of the legislative branch.
 - These findings could be submitted directly to the Outreach and Campus Improvements committees.
 - Also, a focus on raising awareness of position responsibilities to prospective candidates, accomplished via elections marketing or broader programs
 - General continuity b/w Congress reps.+sens. & unicameral sens.' duties
 - Unique responsibilities of the Speaker, as highlighted in the Statutes overview ([Speaker's Responsibilities.docx](#)) previously:
 - Title II: Tabling requirements oversight/follow-up
 - Title II: Planning and organizing cultural competency training
 - Title II: Delivery of bills/resolutions to listed recipients
 - Title II: "Facilitating conversations" with administrators on successful bills or resolutions on behalf of the Congress
 - Title VII: Chairing mediation committees
 - Title IV: Representing the legislative branch in cases before the JC
 - Title VII: Fiscal/budgetary authorities in specific cases
 - Other duties, mostly shared with other offices, [listed in the overview](#)
- **Deliberations: Committee Calendar**
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 - A planning document for what may remain a flexible schedule
 - *Deferred to next meeting.*

Action Items

- OGC Review of SB-82.06
 - Earliest effective date of undergrad/grad constituencies?

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- Sen. James Budd - here
- Dylan Perfect - here
- Reece Kikuchi - here
- Maya Sonpatki - here
- Matteo Paola - here
- Sarah Theall - here
- Iman Adem - absent
- Xander Robertson - absent (UBC)

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- **Review: SB-81.06 (2023 Ballot Determinations)**
 - Bill received a first reading in the Senate on Tuesday, Nov. 1
 - Some discussion on the preferred number of seats
- **Deliberations: 2023 Official Responsibilities (continued)**
 - Main considerations from prior meeting:
 - Separation of responsibilities between the VP and the Senate Pres. pro tempore; possibility of responsibilities for additional Senate leadership. Role of student body election in selection of the Senate President pro tempore.
 - *Matteo firmly on the side of not having a box that people check for Senate PT.*
 - *Reece – so just have it be internally elected?*
 - *Matteo – it would have to be, because of the constitution. But the other idea was to have candidates pre-select for eligibility prior to running.*
 - *Madelyn – would agree. Would also say that it is important to be clear about the roles and responsibilities of the position when running.*
 - *Dylan – how do we want to address this issue? A bill? A program?*
 - *Matteo – feels that it falls within elections marketing.*
 - *Reece – the statutes aren't necessarily the publicity and marketing of what we do, that is on our outward interactions.*
 - *Madelyn – have folks already in the positions make clear, here's what I do, here's what it typically looks like, etc. There's what the statutes say and what needs to be done, and those can be two different things. Current senators can share with prospective candidates. Not necessarily elections marketing, but can be a program at Oregon State more broadly.*
 - *Sarah – agrees that a direct perspective would be helpful.*
 - *Dylan – from my perspective, worthwhile to address what the programs to improve awareness are, how we keep those programs going, and then identifying further transition topics.*

- *Reece – ways to connect between branches – when directors host events or programs, ways to get representatives or senators to support those programs as part of their regular duties.*
- *Madelyn – don't think you can get them to show up to every event, but maybe something else?*
- *Reece – could set an hour or some amount of time, or who facilitates what might also be at the discretion of the speaker or the pro temps.*
- *Madelyn – I probably wouldn't do at the discretion of the pro temps. Would probably do a percentage of events they go do. Or maybe say three hours of community engagement per term, like exec branch events, tabling, or public service. Like an hour a month.*
- *Reece – if there were a way to mandate involvement with an executive staff member's program, could incentivize doing these things more, and could give the Congress a more forward-facing role in the student government, and that would be good for visibility.*
- *Dylan – agree that more collaboration is helpful – identified outreach committee.*
- *Reece – giving Congress additional say in programming may also help with their role as a branch of ASOSU and holding exec accountable, since the operations of ASOSU are also very executive heavy.*
- *Madelyn – may also need to restructure the way committees are created. Not sure how it would operate, although currently exec members are always encouraged to come to committee meetings, whether they have the time in their schedules is another matter. There's a lot of flexibility in a small group of people as opposed to a committee.*
- *Reece – you don't want to have to approve the purchase of party streamers by a 2/3 vote.*
- *Reece – how many hours are we expecting senators to work every week?*
- *Madelyn – I would like hours in my personal perspective to be 10 or less. Many people in House have another job. Would not want more than ten.*
- *Dylan – proponent of *up to* ten to provide variability for similar reasons.*
- *Reece – it's easier to have people clock hours if we give them a reason to clock them. I would like Congress to have the capacity to do that, as much as is possible. Giving the Senate outreach responsibility may help with this also and affect how they vote on legislation, as opposed to all-or-nothing votes that tend to happen now. Although right now we don't really have constituencies other than grad and undergrad.*
- *James – don't think anyone wants to work a maximum of two jobs. I would be in favor of 20 or even 30 to be honest with you. There would be less stressors and they'd have more time to connect with their constituencies.*
- *Reece – I think I am sympathetic that giving senators as many hours as possible would allow them to do their jobs more effectively. But you may be selecting people who would run because that's their career goal. You might end up with mostly political science majors, but I would like to see something more representative.*
- *Dylan – this raises the question of what happens budget-wise: we're going from 37 members of the legislative branch to 15.*
- *Madelyn – the fee is looking like it will raise about \$500 per term.*
- *James – 15 hours lowest he'd go. Doesn't think \$15/hr. is enough.*

- *Dylan – understands the concern; wouldn't want student government to be the highest paid job on campus, though.*
- *Matteo – SAB for ASOSU is meeting in SEC 254 Mondays at 4 p.m.*
- [Legislative template](#)
- Next steps?

Action Items

- OGC Review of SB-82.06

Attendance

- Sen. James Budd - here**
- Dylan Perfect - here**
- Reece Kikuchi - absent
- Maya Sonpatki - absent
- Joe Page - here
 - “Visiting member”; not yet formally appointed.
 - Not counted for quorum, but Dylan will follow up.
- Matteo Paola - here**
- Sarah Theall - here**
- Iman Adem - here**
- Xander Robertson - here**

Agenda

- *Chair confirmed the SharePoint committee roster while getting Zoom set up.*
- **Preview: 2023 [Ballot Determinations Bill](#)**
 - Based upon majority recommendation from prior committee meeting.
- **Deliberations: 2023 Official Responsibilities**
 - Identifying ambiguities
 - Succession of Speaker’s responsibilities
 - *Sen. Robertson: better defining support role of the President pro tempore and outlining what that looks like. There’s not a ton of things for the VP that may increase, but where that is the case, enabling them to delegate that out.*
 - *Pres. Paola: asked question re: constitutional limitations on additional presiding officers besides VP and pro tem. Dylan clarified that there are none.*
 - *Director Arredondo: it is a challenge that the House, Senate, and exec can diverge on issue positions, as with the recent ballot measure support. Difference between ASOSU as a whole supporting a measure, and parts of ASOSU supporting a measure. He’s not sure how to resolve that, but assuming that with this structure it may be easier to have organizational consensus, because there are 15 senators. Not an issue to begin with that other officers are entitled to their opinion, but it will still likely be easier to build consensus.*
 - *Chair Page: Would move a lot of what’s currently in the SFC bylaws into statute. The actual process for how a fee is assessed, how a unit becomes recognized, are in the SFC bylaws. Process-wise, that’s not horrible, and it still must be approved by the House of Reps, which of course will no longer be the case.*
 - *Sen. Robertson: congressional leadership discussed election process etc. that he wanted to run by everyone. The extent to which the pro temp serves as the head of the body determines how it should be elected. Right now, the VP sort of serves as the head of the*

Congress, both in function as well as in name. If the pro temp is a support role, should be internally elected.

- *Something else we had talked about last week was like a potential process for the finance senators. At the time of candidacy, having senators decide whether they're will to be the pro temp, and only allowing senators who checked that box to run to be pro temp.*
- *The Vice President cannot successfully run the legislative branch.*
- *Pres. Paola: I think it's better to keep the ballot simple. Are people really going to understand what checking a box willing to be the pro temp means?*
 - *Sen. Robertson: it doesn't have to be on the ballot if we don't want it to be.*
 - *Pres. Paola: do we want to have a box to gauge interest, or do we want to restrict folks from putting themselves forward later?*
 - *Chair Page: don't think we necessarily need a box but do think that it needs to be a bigger part of info sessions.*
 - *Sen. Robertson: I'm concerned about us just saying "if you want to..." like we do with every other thing. Based on my experience in the Senate, without support, no one has the background knowledge and time to go out and do things.*
 - *Chair Page: What is this proposal going to do to fix that?*
 - *Sen. Robertson: It gives us a sense of who is interested and that changes a lot. I think it changes what you must do to get things ready. Otherwise, maybe we have no one interested in that position.*
 - *Dylan: Agrees with Joe and understands Xander's points but opposes restricting candidacy.*
 - *Sen. Robertson: 100% believe that we need to invest in the role of the pro temp to support the legislative branch.*
 - *Pres. Paola: okay w/ just gauging interest.*
- [Legislative template](#)

Action Items

- OGC Review

Meeting 4

- Sen. James Budd - here
- Dylan Perfect - here
- Reece Kikuchi - here
- Maya Sonpatki - absent
- Joe Page - here
- Matteo Paola - here
- Sarah Theall - here
- Iman Adem - here
- Xander Robertson – present

Dylan presented a [Congressional Feedback Summary](#) to the committee.

First roll call vote: *[Whether to draft bill w/ "Option 1," executive SFC, as opposed to op. 3, leg. SFC.]*

- Ayes: Budd, Kikuchi, Page, Paola, Theall, Robertson
- Naye: Perfect
- Abstain: Adem

The aye's have it.

Second roll call vote: *[Whether to fill at-large SFC seats from the Senate or separate at-large election.]*

1. Independent exec committee with 5 at large members
2. Senate
3. No stance

The 1's have it.

Meeting 3 – 10/14/22

Attendance

- Sen. James Budd - here
- Dylan Perfect - here
- Reece Kikuchi - here
- Maya Sonpatki - absent
- Joe Page - absent
- Matteo Paola - here
- Sarah Theall - here
- Iman Adem - here
- Xander Robertson – absent

I. [“Principal Options for Fee and Senate Composition” + notes from deliberations](#)

Meeting Notes by Matteo:

Perfect: We have three options,

- independent executive committee. Essentially what we have right now with the SFC. Makes “non-binding” recommendations for Congress. Could represent units, at-large students, or both. # of seats can change

- Finance Senators. Set # of seats in the Senate (at least 7). Entire fee setting process would be delegated to this body. Does have to be elected and representative of the student body. Committee decisions are final unless vetoed by president. If vetoed it would go back to ENTIRE Senate, not just fee-senators.

- Regular or special Senate Committee. (Like Budgets Committee for example).

Jenni – Thoughts on presenting to congress

Dylan – Good idea.

Reece – I prefer option 1 or 2

Matteo – I also prefer option 1 or 2, lean towards option one with non-voting unit liaisons and voting elected at-large members

Reece – For option 2, I think fee-senate should be the sole subset deciding on fees. For option 1 SFC needs to be fully elected and representative of all students

Senator Theall – leaning towards 1 or 2

Sen. Budd – 2 Stands out to him the most

Sen. Adem – lean towards 1 or 2, mainly 2.

Paola – Option 3 doesn’t seem very popular, looking at what we present to Congress, we should emphasize options 1 and 2.

Leslie – Have we talked about how chair of the fee setting would work?

Reece

Leslie – A few years ago the chair was elected based on who had the most votes.

Dylan - I want to make sure I am not presenting a false Trichotomy because these aren't necessarily mutually exclusive. You could have Legislative branch have separate committee of senators who review the fee recommendations and have them come from a SFC that basically matches now. I tend to prefer 1 or 2, or 1 or 2 or 3 because I think simpler is better. VP Chairing the fee-senator committee would be stretching that official a bit thin and also don't see anything in constitution that nudges us towards that anyway.

Matteo – Make election as simple as possible, should have chair be elected at large

Sen Adem – What do we mean by non-binding

Dylan – Nonbinding essentially means their decisions are not final, and are just a recommendation. Congress would be silly to throw that all out and start over, but in a very strict sense that is what it is. The congress is free to take that information and do what they want with it. If it is a binding decision, than the next step of the process has to at least some degree stick to what the initial decision was.

Sen Adem – Leaning towards number 1 and number 3 in that case.

Dylan – We want to give congress ability to make their own decision so the more coherent the presentation is the better. I think it would be helpful for us to take a straw poll on which option we would choose if we had to.

Budd – What do you predict to be the largest difference in outcomes between membership elected vs. Anywhere

Dylan - With non-binding/anyone membership allows representatives for specific units. If it is all elected it is less likely it looks like that unit specific representation. You could have constituencies but it would probably be more difficult to say people are for specific units.

Leslie – Why aren't folks in favor of three

Reece- not really clear on how it would be different

Dylan – I could get a bill introduced that amends to SFC to move it from an independent committee within the exec branch to legislative.

Straw poll

Reece – 2

Matteo – 1

James – 2

Dylan – 1

Sarah – 2

Iman – 1

3 for 1 and 3 for 2

Dylan – curious what second choice would be for people.

Reece – 1

Matteo – 2

James – 1

Dylan – 3

Sarah – 1

Iman - 1

Take this and put together a presentation for next week.

Leslie – Would encourage everyone meets on Tuesday

Dylan – How about we aim for 30 to 45 mins for Tuesday at 12.

Reece's Final Preferences:

- 1 but only student-representing SFC members have voting powers, unit liaisons are non-voting delegates
- 2 but require unit non-voting delegation

Adjourned at 3:16pm

Meeting 2 – 10/14/22

Attendance

- Dylan Perfect - here
- Reece Kikuchi - here
- Maya Sonpatki - here
- Joe Page - absent
- Matteo Paola - here
- Sarah Theall - here
- Iman Adem - here
- Xander Robertson - here

Business

1. Pick a Chair
 - a. Outcome
2. What is the nature for the seats in 2023?
 - a. Constituency Seats
 - i. No constituency seats this first year
 - b. Fee Senators
 - i. Xander's Thoughts
 1. Keeping and SFC is the easiest way to do things
 2. You absolutely need an SFC Chair working full time with our current system and having a chair position within the senate gets weird really fast.
 3. Having a popularly elected chair means we're having two people running the Senate.
 4. Having an internally elected Chair means you're counting on someone in the Senate taking on twice the responsibility they anticipated.
 5. Need an SFC Chair or similar thing to them.
 6. Xander Model for Functional Fee Senators if we go that route
 - a. During elections both for fee and-at-large senators, people have to note if they are interested in the Pro Temp Position
 - i. Before running for election people have to attend an informational session to understand the positions
 - b. At the very beginning of Spring term the Elections Committee organizes a meeting with the elected Senate where Pro-temps for the Fee committee and the Senate at large (including Fee Senators) are elected.
 - c. The SFC Chair, and then the Fee pro-temp in Subsequent years Train the Fee Pro-temp, and the At Large Pro-temp is trained by the VP and Speaker, and then at large PT in subsequent years.
 - d. The Fee Protemp is the SFC Chair Equivalent

e. The At Large Protemp runs support for everyone (fee senators included) as far as committee chair support, member project support, and Senate admin stuff

ii. Matteo

1. Lean towards keeping separate "SFC" and not as part of congress

2. Elected at large chair

3. Item 2

Meeting 1 - 10/9/22

Minutes:

Attendance:

1. Iman Adem (Student Gov't - Sen.) - here
2. Reece Kikuchi (Exec.) - absent
3. Matteo Paola (Pres.) - absent
4. Dylan Perfect (At-large Appt.) - here
5. Xander Robertson (Student Gov't - Sen.) - here
6. Maya Sonpatki (JC Chair) - here
7. Sarah Theall (Student Gov't - Rep.) - here

Committee Bylaws Vote:

Iman Adem: aye
Dylan Perfect: aye
Xander Robertson: aye
Maya Sonpatki: aye
Sarah Theall: aye

[Bylaws](#) approved.

Brainstorm of things we need to do (add a quick note/idea before next Friday's meeting):

Dylan

- [Potential Transition Topics](#)
 - ~~Student Senate Organization Options~~ – types of seats (constituencies?), how many;
 - Future Fee Committee Options – options for fee senators, leg. or exec. cmte., or none;
 - Revenue Demands and Government Costs – fewer compensated offices = lower cost;
 - Elections Administration – now a fourth branch of government; statutory options;
 - Independent Entities – a new constitutional mechanism (offices, bodies, services);
 - Possibility of an Expanded JC Docket – automatic review is a statutory option;
 - "Legacy" Senators – how to handle remaining time of 2-year senators elected in 2022;
 - Future Constitutional Changes – caste & social class non-discrimination come to mind;
 - Constituent Relations – basic goals of ASOSU, doing more w/ less, helping students;
 - Review of Committee Drafts in Response to Feedback – understanding what the Congress wants to do.
- Simplify statutes? (e.g., almost a whole single-spaced page re: meeting at 6 p.m.)
- From the [Bylaws](#) approved at Oct. 9 meeting:
 - "Documentation of historical processes, improvement upon past processes, and/or processes for documentation and recording of student government operations."
 - "Changes of scale or organization of the budget for the ASOSU and its associated programs, services, and compensation."
 - "Procedures, rules, directives, bylaws, or other acts of the student government or its branches in effect, which the provisions of the new constitution may render incompatible."

Iman

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Sarah

- What types of seats in the senate and how many

Maya

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Xander

- Fee Senators/SFC
 - Which are we doing
 - How is the chair elected? What are they paid?
 - Training period?
 - How do liaisons work
- How many seats are we starting with?
 - # of Fee Senators
 - # of At large Senators
- Are we doing constituencies?
 - How long is their term?
 - How long do their seat's left?
- VP/Protemp/old Speaker Workload
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- Accountability
- Ethics Committee/ JC involvement
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Joe Page

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Reece

- Sub=section of senate responsible for fee setting

Matteo

- Kill ethics committee
- Constituency based seats will be a massive undertaking
- Expanding role of JC
- 1 year terms
- Let current 2 year seats keep their seat next year
- Fee senate or keep the SFC? Give fee funded units ex officio NON-VOTING seats
- Single fee-setting body