

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
1st Meeting, 77th Session
5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2007
Kanza Room, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice President Hadley called the first meeting of the seventy-seventh session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:00 p.m.
Senator Schulte moved to open the 77th session; it was seconded by McHenry, and passed favorably 11-0-0.

II. Roll Call

Present: Blaufuss, Hadley, Lane, McGinnis, McHenry, Meyerhoff, Miller, Padgett, Sadler, Schulte, Smith

Excused: Smarsh, Roark

Absent: n/a

III. Approval of Minutes

Vice President Hadley announced that there were no minutes to be approved at this time.

IV. Presidential Remarks

President George welcomed everyone to the 77th session. She introduced Tyler Wray (Lead/ASG Graduate Assistant), the newly elected senators are: Amanda Roark for the School of Business and Amy Smith from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. President George then introduced the new staff members including Executive Assistant, Ashley McCullough; Legislative Director, Jonathan Krueger; and Treasurer, Jessica Doll.

a. Senator Appointments

President George said that after an application and interview process, for the available Senate seats, she was happy to present this slate to be approved:

School of Business

- Todd Fitzsimmons

Teachers College

- Derek Deaton
- Drake Foster
- Alli Jordan
- Kurt Parker
- Jonathan Rivers

Graduate

- Ashley Boczek
- Stephanie Southard

At Large

- Petra Darling
- Stephanie Kuhlmann

Vice President Hadley asked to entertain a motion for acceptance. Senator Schulte moved to approve the slate, and it was seconded by Senator McHenry and passed 11-0-0. Mary Shively recited the oath of office. "As student government Senator you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner befitting a representative of Emporia State University's student body. To that end, you are expected to fulfill the responsibilities and obligations of your office(s) and assume the mantle of the student leader. Your commitment and dedication to your office(s) is paramount. If you are unable to conduct yourself appropriately and perform the duties you are now accepting, you will be asked to resign from your office. The role you are about to assume, as a representative for students is noble and essential to the continuation of our democratic process. The wealth of experience that you will gain in this office will serve you, and your future community, well in years to come. Therefore, will you please repeat after me: I, NAME, do solemnly pledge myself to promote democratic procedure to represent the student body to the best of my ability, and to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of my office. I forsake all personal ambition for the sake of my fellow students and Emporia State University." Each repeated the pledge recited by Mary Shively.

b. Committee Chair Appointments

President George passed out copies of which campus wide committee each Senator will serve on this year. She also encouraged the chairperson to communicate with their committee members, and to start having meetings. Senators were reminded that they are in charge of five to seven Recognized Student Organizations, and asked to please contact them by next meeting. Senators should introduce yourself and let them know to come to you when they need funding assistance. President George talked about the Strategic Planning Task Force, and who serves on the board. She then reminded everyone about the ASG Retreat that is on Saturday 25, 2007 and stressed that everyone should be in attendance. President George stressed how the Senates job as being the voice of the students is honorary, and they should work hard to do the best job they can. She also talked about how the Student Advising Committee is comprised of six Regent school's Student Body Presidents, and how she is head of that board. The Student Advising Committee concentrates and works on different problems Kansas colleges are facing. President George's involvement will be very beneficial if we use the Student Advising Committee wisely.

V. Vice Presidential remarks

Vice President Hadley announced that ASG joined the ASGA, and said she will be giving out more information so Senate can benefit from the use of their resources. The ASG Conference is November 9-11, in Dallas, Texas, and it cost \$200 per person. Vice President Hadley passed around a sign up sheet for those interested in attending the conference. She reminded everyone that next week starts committee meetings and one office hour. Vice President Hadley ended by encouraging the new senators to please take advantage of their mentor with any questions they may have.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Fiscal Affairs - Senator McGinnis

Senator McGinnis announced that Senator Smarsh will be the Vice Chair of Fiscal Affairs. She also announced that there are five Reserve Fund Requests that will be brought up at the next meeting. Senator McGinnis then described what those were and hoped for a great upcoming year.

b. Senate Operations - Senator Schulte

Senator Schulte stated that she has not yet appointed a Vice Chair. She announced that the Senate will be ratifying the new attendance policy at the next meeting if everyone agrees to its terms. Senator Schulte strongly encourages everyone to read the new policy before next meeting. She closed by saying her committee will continue working on the Student Bill of Rights and Recognized Student Organization requests.

c. Student Rights and Special Projects - Senator Padgett

Senator Padgett said she hopes her committee will be getting together soon, and that she hopes to have a really great year.

d. University Affairs-Senator Meyerhoff

Senator Meyerhoff has not yet appointed a Vice Chair. This past Saturday we had the Big Event and it went very well. We had 138 students participate, and at the lunch we handed out surveys so we could have feedback that my committee can go over. I would like to thank Senators: Darling, Kuhlmann, McHenry, Schulte, Parker, Smith, Hadley, Deaton, Bozcek, Treasurer Doll, Executive Assistant McCullough, Vice President Hadley, President George, and Mary Shively. My committee already has in the works Can the Bods and we will be working on the University Sanction Absents Policy. Also we will be doing the ASG surveys for all the students at the beginning of the semester to get feedback as to what they would like to see change on campus.

e. Treasurer- Jessica Doll

Treasurer Doll announced that she has a list of Recognized Student Organizations that have not yet turned in their service hours. Each senator will receive a sheet of their assigned Recognized Student Organizations. Treasurer Doll asked if you could please get in contact with them soon and get the information back to her as soon as possible. She then explained to new senators what was required of the Recognized Student Organizations, and passed out their assignment sheets.

f. Executive Assistant- Ashley McCullough

Ashley announced that we received a Thank You letter for helping with the William Allen White Ice Cream Social, and another for supporting the Virginia Tech Community. It was also announced the Help Desk has extended their hours of operation, and there is a College Bowling League. The cost is \$7.00/person for 12 weeks of competition that starts on September 13, 2007. Teams may have four people on them, and anyone is welcome to participate. Ashley also strongly urged members of ASG to dress up and attend the Bonner & Bonner Diversity Lecture Series. Not only will it be a great way to represent ASG, but well worth your time. The lecture is on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, in Albert Taylor Hall in Plumb Hall. Ashley also passed

out schedule and contact information sheets to each senator that need to be filled out and returned to her as soon as possible.

g. Legislative Director- Jonathan Krueger

Good afternoon. It is a great sight to see nearly all of the seats filled. We have some truly unique opportunities this year with so many members. During the off-season of the Kansas Legislature, we have the option of presenting to our university any ideas that may have a positive or negative effect should they come up in the next session. If anyone has any concerns or ideas that they would like to have conveyed before ESU begins finalizing legislative initiatives, please let me know. Secondly, Constitution Day is September 17. American Democracy Project is sponsoring an Essay Contest with a \$150 Memorial Union Gift Certificate as the prize. If you have a chance, please bring this up in class. There are fliers on the poster route as well as a campus communication email concerning this matter. Thirdly, in Emporia during the months of September through November there will be three open community forums to discuss immigration. I will update you more as soon as I receive dates etc. Representative Moran spoke last Friday at Visser Hall. He brought with him good wishes for the school as well as \$150,000 funding for the National Teacher's Hall of Fame. Fourthly, Presidential hopefuls Fred Thompson and Hillary Clinton both spoke separately in the Kansas City area on Monday. If you have any questions or concerns about legislative initiatives, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you.

VII. First Readings

There were no first readings, but Vice President Hadley described what would normally occur at this time.

VIII. General Order

There was nothing at this time, but Vice President Hadley described what General Order is. Senator Schulte then made the motion to expend rule and allow open speaking privileges. It was seconded and passed by Senator Meyerhoff 20-0-0. Vice President Hadley explained that this now means only a motion and second are required for one to gain speaking privileges during the meeting.

IX. Third Readings

Since there were no third readings Vice President Hadley described what third readings are, and asked if there were any questions.

X. Good of the University

Vice President Hadley started by describing Good of the University to everyone. Senator McGinnis then reminded everyone to bring a calendar and schedule to the ASG retreat on Saturday so committees could find a meeting time. Vice President Williams welcomed everyone to the 77th session, and to a very successful opening of the school year. He congratulated the Senate on their high numbers, and announced to Senator Meyerhoff that faculty Senate has discussed an attendance policy and suggested they meet to discuss this issue. Vice President Williams stressed again the importance of attending the Bonner & Bonner Diversity Lecture Series, and stressed how lucky and

privileged ESU is to have this guest speaker. He said that the Strategic Planning Committee should be here all year long, and that they hope to look at and review several things. Vice President Williams also announced that the Student Code Of Conduct has been revised and needs to be reviewed and ratified at an upcoming ASG meeting. He encouraged everyone to dream big this year, and to use their leadership position to their fullest potential. Vice President Williams ended by wishing good luck with the governance of the ESU student body. Senator Schulte announced that there is still one open Senate seat in each of the SLIM, Undecided, and the School of Business sections, and she encouraged senators to send interested students to her. Senator Schulte ended by saying that achieving a full Senate would be great. Mary Shively announced that Senate is required to attend a workshop on either September 5 at 2:00 P.M, or September 6 at 4:00 P.M. This workshop is to teach senators how to be the best representation of their student body as possible. Mary Shively then congratulated Senator Meyerhoff on the success of the BIG Event. She also encouraged everyone to go to the Dallas Convention, and stressed how it would be beneficial to everybody. Mary Shively reminded everyone that the ASG retreat is this Saturday at 9:00 A.M. in the Kanza room, and that lots of information will be given during this retreat. She reminded everyone how their role as a senator is huge in the fact that they are speaking as the voice of around 6,000 students, and encouraged everyone to work their hardest to make this a great session. Mary Shively reminded everyone of her open door policy and reminded everyone that she is there to give assistance when needed. Senator Sadler announced that the Active Republican meeting will be at 6:00 P.M. next Thursday. Senator Schulte moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and voted to close by all. Vice President Hadley made one last announcement that Senate would be eating dinner at La Hacienda following adjournment.

XI. Final Roll Call

XII. Present: Blaufuss, Boczek, Darling, Deaton, Fitzsimmons, Foster, Hadley, Jordan, Kuhlmann, Lane, McGinnis, McHenry, Meyerhoff, Miller, Padgett, Parker, Rivers, Sadler, Schulte, Smarsh, Smith, Southard

Excused: Roark

Absent: n/a

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Schulte moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Senator Padgett and closed at 5:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley McCullough, Executive Assistant
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