

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
3rd Meeting, 78th Session
5:00 P.M., Thursday, February 21, 2008
MU Kanza, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice President Hadley called the third meeting of the seventy-eighth session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:03 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: Blaufuss, Boczek, Dvorak, Fitzsimmons, Foster, Grove, Haller, Hill, Jordan, Kuhlmann, McGinnis, Magee, Miller, Newton, Padgett, Rivers, Smarsh, Stueve, Youngers

Excused: Hadley, Lane, McHenry, Meyerhoff, Schulte, Smith

Absent: Parker

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator McGinnis moved to approve the minutes. Senator Jordan objected, and Senator McGinnis withdrew her motion. Senator Jordan moved to make a textual amendment to add “and she” before “moved to suspend the rules.” when Senator Kuhlmann was addressing the resolution for Joselyn Keir, and Senator Bockez seconded the motion. Senator Blaufuss moved to approve the minutes as amended and Senator Padgett seconded. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0.

IV. Presidential Remarks

President George announced that the Equal Opportunity Fund applications were due last Friday the 15th. T.C.S. has asked for an interested Senator to help them, so President George asked interested Senate members to please let her know. President George then asked Senators about the General Education Proposal, and went over it in detail with the Senate. Senator Blaufuss clarified that this was indeed only a proposal, and not a final decision.

Dr. Schwenn thanked Senate for the resolution, and for all Senate does to represent ESU in a positive light. He concluded by wishing everyone luck with the rest of the year.

V. Vice Presidential remarks

Vice President Hadley asked everyone to speak up and annunciate so that Executive Assistant McCullough can hear and take accurate minutes. Vice President Hadley announced that new RSO lists were put in Senate boxes, and she stressed the importance of keeping RSOs informed of important dates and events. Vice President Hadley ended by reading a resignation letter from Senator Irby.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Fiscal Affairs - Senator McGinnis

Senator McGinnis announced that allocation packets were turned in on Tuesday and that there were 75 organizations that turned in a request form. The initial amount requested was \$211,000, which is a \$60,000 increase from last year, so this will be a very tough year in allocating money. Her committee has gone from three days of allocation hearings to four days of

hearings. Senate will be voting on the CECE line item increase bill, and she hopes everyone has had a chance to ask any questions that they may have had about that proposal. Senator McGinnis announced that Keely Persinger will represent CECE and will be able to answer any other questions Senate may have. Senator McGinnis said there were five new bills on first readings, and that Senators should have received a bill from Vice President Hadley that was supposed to be on first readings last meeting, which will be bumped down to General Order tonight. She also asked her committee to meet with her for a few minutes after meeting.

b. Senate Operations - Senator Schulte

Senator Newton gave the Senate Operations report in Senator Schulte's absence. Senator Newton announced that the committee will be presenting a formal proposal to Dr. Williams within the next week or so over changes to the Student Handbook Academic Planner. If Senators have any suggestions the proposal will be passed around; please do not write on it but please either write your suggestions down on another piece of paper or submit them electronically in order to be considered. Rescissions will be starting next week. The Senate will not full this year, but maybe next year.

c. Student Rights and Special Projects - Senator Padgett

Senator Padgett announced that her committee is going over banquet menus and ideas. She is meeting with T.J. Reins to talk about the emergency text message system. She also reminded members of the Visual Arts Board that they will be having a meeting in April. Senator Padgett then announced that she handed over the role of creating promotion for the elections to a professional graphic designer.

d. University Affairs - Senator Meyerhoff

Senator Jordan gave the University Affairs report in Senator Meyerhoff's absence. Senator Jordan went over the ASG survey, and encouraged Senators to please ask questions. She also announced that their committee will be continuing their work on electronic transcripts.

Treasurer – Jessica Doll

Treasurer Doll announced that the approximate reserve fund is \$6,336.23. Treasurer Doll said that advisor Mary Shivley and she completed the allocation packet for Associated Student Government with a couple of changes which included an increase budget for student planners as well as an increase budget to hire a new attorney. She said that the Senate will see more details at the allocation meeting on March 27th. Treasurer Doll then announced the Epson printer generated \$365.00 income. She then stressed that the Senators remind their RSOs of the community service requirements that are due before dead week in May.

Executive Assistant - Ashley McCullough

Executive Assistant McCullough announced that the Big Brothers Big Sisters are having their 26th Annual Bowling event to help their organization, and encouraged Senators to participate. She also passed around a community service activity for Senators to let their RSOs know about. Executive Assistant McCullough ended by announcing that on March 3rd at 6 PM there will be a Dynamic Recruitment Workshop in the Kanza room.

Legislative Director- Jonathan Krueger

Legislative Director Krueger thanked all of those who helped with the Higher Education day last Wednesday. Those who attended were Senators Stueve, Newton, Miller, Lane, Youngers, Lane, and Padgett, as well as Treasurer Doll, and President George and they all did a wonderful job. Senate should be

looking forward to the 25th of March for ESU Day on the Hill. He asked Senators to please continue discussing with RSOs the necessity of their attendance at this event. He also passed around a sign up sheet for those Senate members interested in attending ESU Day on the Hill.

President Pro-Tempore- Senator Schulte

No report.

Election Commissioner- Senator McHenry

Senator Youngers gave the Election Commissioner report in Senator McHenry's absence. Senator Youngers thanked everyone who attended the Election Informational Meeting, and asked that people still needing a petition to please e-mail Senator McHenry as to when they can pick one up from her. He reminded everyone that petitions are due to Senator McHenry by March 3rd and that there would be no exceptions. Senator Youngers reminded Senate that they need their picture and profile information for Blackboard to Senator McHenry as soon as possible. He thanked Executive Assistant McCullough for taking pictures before meeting. Senator Youngers asked Senate to please continue to promote the Elections which are on March 10th, 11th, and 12th. He then announced that the Presidential Debates have been rescheduled for March 6th, at 6:30 PM in front of the Center for Student Involvement. Senator McHenry will pass around a signup sheet for people to sit at the election table on March 10th, 11th, and 12th, and asked for people to sign up for a time that they can work. Senator Youngers reminded Senate that those who are re-running cannot work the table, and asked those who are not re-running to please sign up for a time. Senator McHenry will need the most help on Tuesday the 11th since she has class from 8 AM to 2 PM. When working the table Senate will be telling people how to vote and where to vote. The voting will take place at the computers by the vending machines and cafeteria in the Memorial Union. The Meet the Candidates table will be in the Memorial Union on March 4th. This is where any candidates for Senator or President and Vice President can sit from 10 AM to 1 PM and promote themselves. Senator McHenry stressed for candidates to please take part in this activity.

VII. First Readings

SR 08008 "A Resolution Extending Emporia State University's Sympathy To those Affected By The Northern Illinois University Shooting" was read in full by Senator Kuhlmann, and she moved to suspend the rules and move to General Order. Senator Miller seconded, and it was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. SB 08041 "Reserve Fund Request For HPER Club" was read in full by Senator Fitzsimmons, and Senator Blaufuss moved to suspend the rules and move it to General Order. Senator Padgett seconded, and it was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. SB 08042 "Reserve Fund Request For Didde Catholic Campus Center" was read in full by Senator McGinnis. Senator McGinnis moved to make a textual amendment to change \$250 to \$500 in the "Enacted" clause and Senator Jordan seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. SB 08043 "Reserve Fund Request For Saudi Club" was read in full by Senator McGinnis. Senator McGinnis moved to make a friendly amendment to change committee vote to 5-0-2, and she accepted her own amendment. SB 08044 "Reserve Fund Request For Newman-Kansas Association of Nursing Students" was read in full by Senator Blaufuss. Senator Fitzsimmons moved to make a friendly amendment to add a space between "STUDENTS" and "is" in the first Whereas clause and to add a space between "STUDENTS" and "would" in the second Whereas clause and Senator Blaufuss accepted it. Senator Blaufuss moved to make a textual

amendment to change \$523.91 to \$527.80, and Senator Miller seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. Senator McGinnis moved to make textual amendment to change Denver, CO to Gaylord, TX, and Senator Jordan seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. SB 08045 "Reserve Fund Request For Alpha Phi Alpha" was read in full by Senator Smarsh. SB 08046 "Reserve Fund Request For Beta Alpha Psi" was read in full by Senator Fitzsimmons. Senator McGinnis moved to make a friendly amendment to change the committee vote to 4-0-3 and Senator Fitzsimmons accepted. Senator Miller moved to make a textual amendment to change 2007 to 2008 and it was seconded by Senator Dvorak. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0.

VIII. General Order

SB 08034 "Line Item Adjustment For Fiscal Year 2008-2000" was summarized by Senator McGinnis, and she moved to pass it favorably. It was seconded by Senator Blaufuss. Senator Fitzsimmons asked for representation in the gallery and Keely Persinger responded. He moved to grant her speaking privileges and Senator Jordan seconded. Senator Blaufuss asked what the money will be used for, and she yielded her time. Keely Persinger said the increase will be used to pay student salaries. Senator Fitzsimmons clarified that student's money will be going back to help students, and she explained that that was correct. Senator McGinnis moved to make a textual amendment to change the increase amount from 25 cents to 50 cents and Senator Fitzsimmons seconded. Senator McGinnis explained the reason for this increase. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. Senator Blaufuss moved to call to question and it was seconded by Senator Kuhlmann. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. SB 08035 "Reserve Fund Request For HPER Club" was summarized by Senator Fitzsimmons, and they moved to pass it favorably. It was seconded by Senator Miller. Senator Fitzsimmons asked for representation in the gallery and Shawna Shane responded. Senator Fitzsimmons moved to grant her speaking privileges, and Senator Padgett seconded it. Senator Fitzsimmons asked what they hoped to learn at this conference, and she explained the students were presenting at the conference. Senator Padgett asked who would be attending and Shawna Shane said that seven students and three faculty members would be attending. Senator Fitzsimmons asked what they hoped to bring back to ESU and she replied they would be networking and improving their skills. Senator Blaufuss asked what they would be presenting over, and she said they would speak over different teaching strategies. Senator Jordan moved to call to question and Senator Smarsh seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. SB 08036 "Reserve Fund Request For Student Athlete Advisory Committee" was summarized by Senator McGinnis, and she moved to table the bill and it was seconded by Senator Magee. It was voted on and passed to be tabled 19-0-0. SB 08038 "Reserve Fund Request For Xi Phi" was summarized by Senator Fitzsimmons, and he moved to pass it favorably. It was seconded by Senator Miller. Senator Newton asked for representation in the gallery, and Senator McGinnis explained why there was no representation. She then explained that she would be speaking on behalf of Xi Phi. Senator Jordan asked Senator McGinnis what Xi Phi does, and why they need the money. Senator McGinnis explained Xi Phi's purpose, and what they would use the money for other than promotion. Senator Fitzsimmons asked who the nomination forms were distributed to, and Senator McGinnis answered. Senator Grove moved to call

to question and it was seconded by Blaufuss. It was voted on and passed favorably 18-0-1. **SB 08039** “Reserve Fund Request For GAMMA” was summarized by Senator McGinnis, and she moved to pass it favorably. It was seconded by Senator Miller. Senator Grove asked for representation in the gallery, and Lisa Stephenson replied. Bochez moved to grant her speaking privialages and Jordan accepted. Magee asked what the money would be used for and she explained. Jordan asked fi any fundraising has been done, and Lisa said no. Rivers asked what they hoped to gain fromt his conference. Lisa explained they deal with more than just alcohol. Kuhlmann asked if this event would be similar ot the Atlanta conference. Lisa explained the difference in the two. Padgett asked what else GAMMA has done for ESU, and Lisa explained their other events. Rivers moved to call to question and Smarsh seconded. It was voted on and passed favorably 17-0-2. SR 08008 “A ...” was summarized by Senator Kuhlmann, and she moved to suspend the rules and pass it by unanimous consent and Senator Miller seconded. It was voted on and passed by unanimous consent. SB 08041 “...” Fitzsimons...Smarsh seconded it. Miller asked for representation in gallery, and Smarsh moved to grant her speaking privileges. Bochez seconded. Fitzsimmons asked the purpose of the conference, and she explained they have been working the raise money to send 26 students and 10 faculty members. This is an amazing conference and will benefit all who attend. Blaufuss asked if students attending the regional conference would also be going to the national conference, and she explained who would be attending. Bochez moved to make a textual amendment ot change the number and Smarsh seconded. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-0-0. Padgett...withdrew. Fitzsimmons asked if they had done any fundraising, and she explained yes. Blaufuss asked if they would coordinating with the other group who asked for money for this event. And she said no because she didn’t know they were going. Haller asked for clarification on those who were attending. Bochez asked McGinnis about the policy on resent graduates, and McGinnis said we can not fund nonstudnets. Bochez asked if it is current students using this money and she explained yes. Blaufuss pointed out this is only paying for four of the 26 studnets attending. Padgett moved to call to question and Youngers seconded. It was voted on and passed 18-1-0.

IX. Third Readings

Vice President Hadley summarized the evening’s decisions and vote counts as follows:

X. Good of the University

Smarsh said the Phi Delts will be moving into their house on March 1. Blaufuss announced Feb. 27th UAC has a fun event, and encouraged Senators to tell RSOs. Padgett asked if we should ask RSO about upcoming events, and we can let everyone know about these events. Miller said a survey will be put out on Monday by the Undergraduate....and encouraged Senate to participate because you can win 250 dollar book scholarship. Fitzsimmons 27-28 and 3-4 will be allocation hearings from 5-9 in KSN room. V.P. Hadley asked Senators to remind RSOs about the allocation hearings. Rivers said the Gen. Edu. Counsel discussed the future of general education and if it was actually working, and asked Senators to please give him their opinions by Wed. 27th. Blaufuss Student Wellness...please students go to Health Center if you don’t feel well. Safe Spring Break is coming up , so please tell RSOs and attend. Padgett said Safe Spring Break is on March 11th and told about the different

events and information that will be there. Padgett asked who was on the Renovation committee. Bochez moved to close good of the university.

XI. Final Roll Call

Present: Blaufuss, Boczek, Dvorak, Fitzsimmons, Foster, Grove, Hadley, Haller, Hill, Jordan, Kuhlmann, Lane, McGinnis, McHenry, Magee, Meyerhoff, Miller, Newton, Padgett, Parker, Rivers, Schulte, Smarsh, Smith, Stueve, Youngers

Excused:

Absent:

XII. Adjournment

Senator Haller moved to adjourn and was seconded by Senator Smarsh. Those in favor: all. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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