

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES-REVISED

4th Meeting, 77th Session

5:00 P.M., Thursday, October 4, 2007

MU Heritage, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present: Blaufuss, Boczek, Darling, Fitzsimmons, Foster, Hadley, Irby, Jordan, Kuhlmann, Lane, McGinnis, McHenry, Meyerhoff, Padgett, Parker, Rivers, Sadler, Schulte, Smarsh, Smith, Southard, Youngers

Excused:

Absent: Deaton, Miller

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator Schulte moved to approve the minutes as read, and it was seconded by Senator McHenry and passed favorably 22-0-1.

IV. Presidential Remarks

President George announced that the Strategic Planning Task Force work groups have been working. The Environmental group will be having an open forum on SWOT Analysis on Tuesday, October 9, 1-3 pm, Kanza Room. Kansas Board Of Regents will be meeting on October 17 and 18th. All Senators wanting to attend should let President George know. She also asked that Senators please carbon copy her on outgoing emails to RSOs. President George announced that the ASG Polos have been ordered, but won't be in time for the football game on October 6th. Senators are to wear nametags and ASG t-shirts if they purchased one, and meet at the Watering Hole at 11.a.m. on Saturday, October 6th. President George asked that if Senators serving on Campus Wide Committees haven't been contacted by the Committee Chair to please let her know. She also announced that Budget and Tuition Committee meets Friday October 5th to approve the FY 2008 Residence Hall and Contract Board rates, which will then go on to the Board of Regents of first reading in November and voted upon in December.

V. Vice Presidential remarks

Vice President Hadley passed out a hand out on ASGA. She explained the email that was sent out by ASGA and encouraged Senators to use the resources available through the databases. If Senators have any problems with logging in, she asked to please let her know. Vice President Hadley announced that the ESU ASG t-shirts are in, and to please stop by her office to pay for them. All Senators will be having a fifteen minute meeting with Vice President Hadley to discuss how the year has gone. She also encouraged Senators to record office hours.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Fiscal Affairs - Senator McGinnis

Senator McGinnis reported that Fiscal Affairs had two new bills on first readings. She also announced that Sakura will be taken off the table. She reminded Senate that ASG Wars is going on, and encouraged participation.

Senator McGinnis will send an email out about collection totals thus far. Senator McGinnis talked about fiscal responsibility, and how Senate will need to start conserving money. She then discussed the new finance policy and line item policy, and said to look for those items on next meetings agenda.

b. Senate Operations - Senator Schulte

Senator Schulte reported that there are six recognitions on for first readings as well as a rescission bill. She encouraged Senators to think of questions to ask at next meeting for the new RSO hopefuls. The bill as it stands is very large with over thirty organizations possible being rescinded. If any Senator sees their organization on this list Senator Schulte passed out, talk the Senator that was responsible for contacting the RSO for any questions. The absolute deadline for updating is 5pm on Thursday, October 18. Also, there are policy revisions on for general order and Senator Schulte strongly advised that Senators demonstrate having read the revisions or some sort of general understanding of why the revisions were done. Ask questions if clarifications are needed. Senator Schulte also announced that three seats are also unfilled still: Business, Undeclared, and SLIM, and encouraged Senators to keep looking for potentials to fill those seats.

c. Student Rights and Special Projects - Senator Padgett

Senator Padgett announced that the ASG account cannot pay for the Bicycle races, and suggested the Senate put in donations to raise the \$20.00 entry fee. She announced that the team is posted in the office, and asked for team encouragement. Senator Padgett announced that there is a Homecoming events poster on the Memorial Union Bulletin Board, and reminded people to pay their \$12.00 for Homecoming T-Shirts. Her idea for the Homecoming parade is "Old School Senate", and dressing in black robes and white wigs. Senator Padgett asked for any input or suggestions.

d. University Affairs - Senator Meyerhoff

Senator Meyerhoff announced that Senator Fitzsimmons helped all day at the KVOE can drive, and that several business deals are going on to help with the Can the Bods project. She encouraged Senate to get people to participate and donate canned goods/non perishable food items. Senator Meyerhoff then announced that the ASG surveys are almost ready, and that she is finishing some last minute corrections so they will provide the most information.

Treasurer – Jessica Doll

Treasurer Doll passed around a community service form for ASG Senators to record their hours so ASG can set a good example for the other RSOs. She will pass around a community service sheet at the first ASG meeting of each month. Treasurer Doll asked that Senate please write their name, the event, and time period served. She then reminded Senate that Downtown Clean up is Saturday October 13th from 8am-12pm. If Senators are attending they must be there around 7:45am at 12 E 5th Ave, and must contact Main Street Association and let them know who is attending. Camp Alexander is holding their annual Haunted Trail every Friday and Saturday night this month from 8pm-12am, so if anyone likes scaring little kids, this is for them. There are two programs called CASA and Youth Friends. Both programs allow students to spend an hour a week with a child that needs someone to motivate and encourage them, and Treasurer Doll passed out an informational hand out over the programs. She announced that at last session almost half of the reserve fund was allocated out. As of right now the reserve fund is sitting at \$8,179.55, and it has to last until June 2008. Treasurer Doll asked that Senate

please take this into consideration and be responsible when reviewing requests. She will pass on any further information she receives on allocations when it becomes available to her.

Executive Assistant - Ashley McCullough

Executive Assistant McCullough announced that Trash Bash will be on October 17th at 5:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping picking up trash around campus for community service hours should meet at Union Square. During the week of Homecoming ESU Ambassadors and UAC will be rewarding those who show school spirit. They encourage everyone to get involved because Homecoming only comes once a year. The Annual Alpha Sigma Chili Feed will be held on October 21, 2007 from 11 am to 7 pm. The event will be held at the Alpha Sigma Alpha house at 226 West 12th Avenue. The ticket prices are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 2-12 years old. This ticket price includes a beverage, relish tray, cinnamon roll, and all you can eat homemade chili. If anyone would like a ticket contact an Alpha Sigma Alpha member, or Ashley Nigro at 620-342-0598. She then announced that there are Homecoming advertisement posters in each Senators mailbox, and asked that the Senators please hang it up to help publicize Homecoming events.

Legislative Director- Jonathan Krueger

Legislative Director Krueger stated the progress that has been made on deferred maintenance as a down payment that has been made by the Kansas Legislature granting ESU funding for several projects. Over 2 million dollars have been allocated to come to campus to improve structural elements and to move out of the rut that deferred maintenance has placed on the university. Legislative Director Krueger thanked President George for her work on this issue over the past 2 years and stated that it is great that this is beginning to fruition. Ask a Politician is still progressing and emails to RSO's will be sent out before the beginning of next week to set up for the Meet 'n' Greet. The first VIP guest has RSVP'd and there are two more Democratic members of the Legislature who will be RSVP'ing over the course of the next two days bringing the total number of members of the panel to 8; 4 Democrats and 4 Republicans. Legislative Director Krueger will also be putting out advertising and publicity within the next 2 weeks to prepare for the event on November 5. Legislative Director Krueger thanked those who have donated time to the project thus far and is looking forward to the evening of the fifth.

President Pro-Tempore- Senator Schulte

Senator Schulte explained the purpose of President Pro Tempore to cover any questions that arise in meeting about parliamentary procedure and go over things that happened in previous meeting that may have caused confusion or need clarification for the Senate. And speaking of, Senator Schulte proceeded to address attendance within the Senate. While ASG meetings are open, please refrain from getting up and walking around or leaving unless a Senator absolutely has to. Otherwise, people might miss part of meeting, whether it's voting on legislation of information needed to properly form an opinion on the bill or resolution. Also, at every meeting Senate must have quorum to conduct any business which is a two-thirds majority of the Senate and at this point is 17 Senators. And while it may not seem like a lot, if absences are not used only have to, the possibility of not meeting quorum can happen and almost did last year. Just a reminder that each Senator has only two unexcused absences for the entire year as per the Attendance Policy that was ratified at the second meeting. This unexcused absence applies both to the general ASG meetings and committee meetings. What unexcused means is that a Senator has not

given written notification to either the Vice President or their committee chair as to why he/she will not be able to attend. She then reminded that quorum must be present for meeting to go on.

First Readings

SB 08017 was to be sponsored by Senator Deaton, he was not present; Senator McHenry picked up sponsorship. SB 08017 “Recognition Of The Challenge” was read in full by Senator McHenry. SB 08018 “Recognition Of The Rugby Club” was read in full by Senator Southard. SB 08019 “Recognition Of Alpha Phi Alpha” was read in full by Senator Sadler. SB 08020 “Reserve Fund Request For Phi Delta Theta” was read in full by Senator Fitzsimmons. SB 08021 “Reserve Fund Request For Black Student Union” was read in full by Senator Blaufuss. SB 08022 “Rescinding Student Organizations” was read in full by Senator Schulte. Senator Sadler moved to make a friendly amendment to change the committee vote to 5-0-0, and Senator Schulte accepted. Senator Schulte moved to make a textual amendment to strike: Christian Student Center, Instructional Technology Student Association, Society of Physics Students, Sociology Club, Order of Omega, Campus Crusade for Christ, Lambda Pi Eta, Alpha and Omega, Kappa Delta Pi, Sigma Pi Sigma, and Sigma Tau Delta from the rescintion list, and it was seconded by Senator Smarsh. Voted on and passed 23-0-1. Senator Schulte textual amendment to also strike Alpha Phi Omega and it was seconded by Senator Miller. It was voted on and passed favorably 23-0-1. SB 08023 “Recognition Of Up Til Dawn” was read in full by Senator Sadler. Senator Schulte moved to make a friendly amendment to change the committee vote to 5-0-0, and Senator Sadler accepted. Senator Sadler made a friendly amendment to put an apostrophe on Til in the title and accepted it. SB 08024 “Recognition Of GAMMA” was read in full by Senator Deaton. Senator Sadler moved to make a friendly amendment to change the committee vote to 5-0-0, Senator Deaton accepted. Senator McHenry moved to make a friendly amendment to add a space in the title, and Senator Deaton accepted. SB 08025 “Recognition Of The Emporia State University Student Chapter Of Amnesty International” was read in full by Senator Youngers.

VII. General Order

Senator McGinnis moved to take SB 08003 off the table, seconded by Senator Boczek. It was voted on and passed favorable 24-0-0. SB 08003 was summarized by Senator Parker and he moved to pass favorably. It was seconded by Senator Smith. Senator Blaufuss asked for representation in the gallery. Naoko Ishizuka responded. Senator Blaufuss moved to grant her speaking privileges and Senator Youngers seconded. Senator Sadler asked what Sakura was, and she explained what Sakura’s purpose was. Senator Meyerhoff asked what they hope to present to the school, and Naoko explained the event. Senator Blaufuss moved to call to question and it was seconded by Senator Rivers. It was voted on a passed 24-0-0. SB 08012 “Revisions To Student Senate Rules Of Procedure” was summarized by Senator McHenry, moved to pass favorably. It was seconded by Senator Meyerhoff. Senator Blaufuss asked Senator Schulte about the Decorum and Debate section. Senator Schulte explained the answer is in Article 4 Section 3. Senator Meyerhoff questioned Article 6 Section 3.1 and 4.1. Senator Schulte said that she needs to make a correction. Senator McGinnis moved to make a

textual amendment to strike “particular identifying” from Article 2 Section 2.1; “one time request” from Article 2 Section 7; “or any member of the Senate may call them to order” from Article 4 section 3.1; “or any member of the Senate may call them to order” from Article 6 Section 4.1, and it was seconded by Senator Fitzsimmons. It was voted on and passed favorably 24-0-0. Senator Parker made a friendly amendment to capitalize the “e” in Executive Assistant in Article 1 Section 1.21, and Senator Deaton approved. Senator Parker moved to make a friendly amendment and capitalize the “e” and the “a” in Executive Assistant in Article 1 Section 1.8, and Senator Deaton seconded. Senator Darling questioned the term “he” and Senator Schulte clarified that she followed Roberts Rules of Order. Senator Meyerhoff asked a question about “chair” or “chairperson”, and Senator Schulte clarified the word choice. Senator Padgett pointed out that in Article 1 Section 2.1 “senate” was not capitalized. Senator Schulte explained that it depends on the circumstance as to when senate is capitalized or not capitalized. Senator McGinnis moved to call to question and it was seconded by Senator Miller. It was voted on a passed favorably 24-0-0. SB 08013 “Revisions To Recognition Of Student Organizations Policy” was summarized by Senator Southard, moved to pass favorably. It was seconded by Senator Kuhlmann. Senator Meyerhoff pointed out the change in Article 6 Section 1, and asked about the change in RSO community service requirements. Senator Schulte explained the reasoning behind the change. Senator Sadler asked that RSOs be held responsible for at least one hour of community service in their first year. Senator Schulte explained that new RSOs are already facing a lot, and that was the reason in giving them a break the first year. Senator Sadler moved to make a textual amendment Article 6 Section 1.2 to make RSO recognized in the second legislative session to be held responsible for one hour of community service, Senator Southard approved. It was voted on and failed 10-10-4. Senator Parker moved to make a textual amendment to Article 6 Section 1.2 to change “2.11” to “1.21”, and it was seconded by Senator Darling. Senator Hadley moved to make a textual amendment to Article 6 Section 4 to strike “its”, and it was seconded by Senator Meyerhoff. It was voted on and passed favorably 24-0-0. Senator McGinnis moved to call to question, seconded by Senator McHenry. It was voted on and passed favorably 24-0-0. SB 08014 “Revisions To Emporia State University Student Code Of Conduct” was summarized by Senator McHenry, moved to pass favorably, and seconded by Senator Sadler. Senator Schulte requested that all questions be forwarded to Dr. Williams. Senator Schulte moved to grant Dr. Williams speaking privileges and it was seconded by Senator Kuhlmann. Senator Blaufuss questioned Complaints #2 under Conduct Process and asked why there wasn’t a set year deadline. Dr. Williams explained that students may come back with a complaint several years later, and he felt it necessary to keep options open to students and Alumni. Senator Meyerhoff questioned Interim Suspension, and Dr. Williams explained that each student’s case differs and the time frame is laid out accordingly. Senator Hadley asked about point 2 sub point d under Pre-Hearing Procedures, and questioned the privacy/safety issue of witnesses names being known. Dr. Williams said the names would be released as part of the hearing, not for purpose of getting the accused in trouble. Senator Blaufuss asked how the process would work, and Dr. Williams said the recommendation will be sent directly and the accused will find out after the fact. Senator Meyerhoff questioned point 6 under Pre-Hearing Procedures where students are forced to be a witness when called

upon. Dr. Williams explained that “Yes” that is necessary. Senator Meyerhoff questioned why there was no opt out option for testifying. Dr. Williams explained that based on society and court systems, that is how it usually works. Senator Smith questioned the names of witnesses be given out, and Dr. Williams said it was in order to build the case. Senator Meyerhoff said that witnesses should have the option to not testify legally. Dr. Williams said that could be looked in to. Senator Padgett agreed with Senator Meyerhoff, and that a sub point may be needed in which you could be anonymous or testify through paper. Dr. Williams asked Senate to think about if you are an accused and there are witnesses and they were going to collaborate your innocence; what would you want as defense? Dr. Williams stressed that He said, She said is difficult to use in courts. Senator McGinnis explained another scenario, and Senator Padgett stressed that the option of being anonymous is important. Senator Sadler asked about accountability of anonymous information. Senator Meyerhoff stressed that she felt an opt-out option should be added to protect the university. Senator Schulte recommended that the legality be sent to a lawyer, and Dr. Williams said it has already been through a lawyer. Senator Smith questioned what Senator Meyerhoff meant by a family opting out. Senator Meyerhoff tried to explain herself again. Dr. Williams said that he might recommend adding “and at the discretion of the conduct officer” to point 2 sub point d under Pre-Hearing Procedures. Senator Sadler moved to make a textual amendment to add “and at the discretion of the conduct officer” to point 2 sub point d under Pre-Hearing Procedures, and it was seconded by Senator Miller. It was voted on and passed 20-2-1. Senator Miller moved to call to question. Senator Kuhlmann objected. Senator Miller withdrew. Senator Kuhlmann questioned the use of past disciplinary records. Dr. Williams explained when those would be taken into consideration. Senator Darling asked if the conduct coordinator will have to contact witnesses before information is handed out. Dr. Williams said that by that point in the case the information would already be out, and explained the process of the hearings. Senator Sadler moved to call to question and seconded by Senator Jordan. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-1. SB 08015 “Reserve Fund Request For RA Council” was summarized by Senator Parker, moved to pass favorably, and seconded by Senator Miller. Senator McHenry asked for representation in the gallery and moved to grant Drew Jahr speaking privileges. It was seconded by Senator Darling. Senator McGinnis asked for details about the trip and what they hoped to gain from the conference. Drew Jahr explained the conference would help the Resident Assistants grow, and learn how to host a conference next year. Senator Schulte asked Senator McGinnis if any caps were put on the bill, and Senator McGinnis said “Yes’ for lodging. Senator Hadley pointed out that Senate doesn’t have a lot of money to give away. Senator Sadler asked how many Resident Assistants have been invited to attend, and if it is necessary for eight to go. Drew Jarh said that none of the Resident Assistants knew if they were attending yet but the fewest he would like would be six. Senator Meyerhoff asked Senator McGinnis if the committee discussed any other options. Senator McGinnis explained they didn’t know the reserve fund balance at the time, so they hadn’t discussed other options. Senator Darling asked Senator McGinnis about the mileage price, and Senator McGinnis explained. Senator Sadler asked when this event was brought up, and Senator McHenry asked if they had any other funding available. Senator Miller asked about busing. Senator Smith asked if they had done any fund raising and Drew Jarh replied “No”.

Senator Smith then asked if fewer people could attend and still bring back information on how to run a conference. He replied that option could be looked into. Senator McHenry moved that all money requests be stricken besides registration. It was seconded by Senator Darling. Senator McHenry withdrew her motion after an objection by Senator Padgett. Senator Padgett suggested looking at several options before making a decision. Senator Meyerhoff objected the objection. Senator Meyerhoff withdrew her objection. It was voted on and passed favorably 20-0-2. Senator Foster questioned the hotel price. Senator McGinnis moved to make a textual amendment to change lodging to \$90.00 a night, for a total of \$360.00 for lodging. It was seconded by Senator Foster. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0. Senator Meyerhoff questioned if the \$500 could be used for registration purposes. Senator McGinnis asked for Mary Shively to be granted speaking privileges. It was seconded by Senator Miller. Mary Shively explained what the restrictions on the money would be. Senator McGinnis said this could not be recommitted. Senator McGinnis moved to make a textual amendment to four people, and change the total allocation to \$928.00. It was seconded by Senator Padgett. It was voted on a passed favorably 20-2-0. Senator McHenry asked if the RA Council had asked for help from any other sources. Drew Jarh replied that students are unwilling to pay to attend. Senator Hadley asked if two rooms and the 12 passenger van were still necessary. Senator McGinnis moved to make the following textual amendments: mileage total \$318.96, lodging total \$180, and final total \$623.96. It was seconded by Senator McHenry, and voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0. Senator Meyerhoff moved to call to question. Senator McGinnis objected. McGinnis moved to pass unfavorably, seconded by Senator Miller. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0.

VIII. Third Readings

Vice President Hadley summarized the evening's decisions and vote counts as follows: SB 08003 "Reserve Fund Request For Sakura" passed 24-0-0; SB 08012 "Revisions To Student Senate Rules Of Procedure" passed 24-0-0; SB 08013 "Revisions To Recognition Of Student Organizations Policy" passed 24-0-0; SB 08014 "Revisions To Emporia State University Student Code Of Conduct" passed 22-0-1; and SB 08015 "Reserve Fund Request For RA Council" passed unfavorably 22-0-0.

IX. Good of the University

Dr. Williams explained why the RA withdrew their bill. He commended Senate on questioning the bills so well. He reminded Senators that the Watering Hole is at 11:30 on Saturday October 6th. He also thanked the Senators for scrutinizing the Student Code Of Conduct, for it shows good work by Senators. Dr. Williams ended by congratulating the Senate on an excellent job at meeting. President George announced that SWARM applications are out, and encouraged everyone to apply; especially men. At 10:30am on Saturday October 6th the Black Hole will start, and ASG is encouraged to attend and mingle with their fellow ESU students. She apologized that she failed to mention her veto on SB 08009. Vice President Hadley asked if there were any objections to President Georges veto. Senator Smarsh announced that on October 12, Phi Delta Theta will be having an auction as a fundraiser. Senator Meyerhoff moved to close Good of the

University, and it was seconded by Senator Lane. It was voted on and passed favorably 21-0-0.

X. Final Roll Call

Present: Boczek, Darling, Deaton, Foster, Hadley, Irby, Jordan, Kuhlmann, Lane, McGinnis, McHenry, Meyerhoff, Miller, Padgett, Parker, Rivers, Sadler, Smarsh, Smith, Southard, Youngers

Excused: Fitzsimmons, Schulte

Absent: Blaufuss,

XI. Adjournment

Senator McGinnis moved to adjourn and was seconded by Senator Padgett. Those in favor: all. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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