Student Senate Minutes

2st Meeting, 97th Session

5:15 P.M., Thursday, September 14th, 2017

Senate Chambers, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Miller called the 2nd meeting of the 97th session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:15pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: DeWalt, Marten, Oelschlaeger, Pitchford, Ratzlaff, Gilmore, Perez-Lebron, Towner, Velazquez, Brunton, Orrange, Smith, Webb, Sadique, Lund, Okonkwo, Schneider, Simpson

Excused:

Absent: Nweke

Senator Marten moved to open the 97th session of the Associated Student Government. The motion was seconded by Senator Gilmore and passed 19-0-0.

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator Marten moved to approve the 08/31/17 minutes, seconded by Senator Gilmore. The minute approval passed 20:0:0.

IV. Presidential Remarks

President McReynolds welcomed all the senators to the second meeting of the 97th session of Emporia State University’s Associated Student Government. President McReynolds named a senator for approval of appointment. Sen. DeWalt moved to approve the appointments, Sen. Marten seconded. Appointment is voted on and passed 20:0:0 to approve the appointment of Elle Jorgenson – freshman. Advisor to ASG Katie Brady read the oath of ASG and swore in the senators. President McReynolds ended presidential remarks. President McReynolds wanted to thank all of the senators and staff members that attended to the retreat. President McReynolds wanted to account different types of office hour opportunities that would be able to be picked up by senators. The main point of this discussion was to talk about the senators abilities to write bills and resolutions, which can directly affect the student body or their respective colleges. President McReynolds wanted to offer assistance in the area of educating senators on their rights to speak as well as how to motion. Finally, President McReynolds discussed the main topics of the upcoming KBOR meeting, where Emporia State University will be sending President McReynolds, Sen. Perez-Lebron, and LD Stanley. President McReynolds ended presidential remarks.

V. Vice Presidential Remarks

Vice President Miller welcome all the senators to the second meeting of the 97th session of Emporia State University’s Associated Student Government. Vice President Miller wanted to thank all of the senators and staff members that attend retreat. Vice President Miller reminded senators and staff about headshots being taken tomorrow from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm in Marketing and Media Relations in the basement of Plumb Hall. Vice President Miller reminded senators about emailing himself and the chief of staff about completion of office hours. Vice President Miller decided that attendance to this week’s senate meeting would count as an office hour for this week. Vice President Miller wanted to welcome all of the outside speakers at today’s meeting. Vice President Miller ended Vice Presidential Remarks.

VI. Guest Remarks

Sen. Sadique moved to grant speaking privileges, which was then seconded by Sen. Towner. Ray Lauber, CPM, the first guest to speak at ASG, talked briefly about his role as ESU’s director of Human Resources. Lauber discussed HR’s goals to not only recruit profession staff to Emporia State University, but also to continue to provide a “strong backbone” to employee here at ESU. Lauber also wanted to express that ESU HR’s department is continually committed to enforcing Title 9 to the best of their abilities. Lauder then discussed the roll of HR on campus with students in senate. Vice President Miller ended guest remarks.

VII. Committee Reports

Fiscal Affairs (Sen. Marten) – Sen. Marten discussed that FA committee would be having their first meeting this week. Sen. Marten stated that she has been working on the policy for reserve fund requests, as well as the line item policy for organizing or departments requesting to become a line item.

Senate Operations (Sen. Webb) – Sen. Webb has been meeting with the other SO committee members to continue to push along bills through Senate. The SO committee is also currently reviewing the ASG constitution as well.

Campus and Community Relations (Sen. Brunton) – Sen. Brunton wanted her committee members to check their emails regarding their first committee meeting. Sen. Brunton passed out Nitty Gritty Tie Dye run and Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus fliers.

Diversity and Inclusion (Sen. Perez-Lebron) – Sen. Perez-Lebron wanted to welcome all the new senators to ASG. Sen. Perez-Lebron stated that the D&I committee had been working on completing their committee constitution.

Treasurer (Drake Rapue) – Treasure Rapue stated that he finished working with the Union accountant, Nicole Mock, on the RSO Allocation budget. Treasure Rapue also stated that he completed the reserve fund request forms.

Legislative Director (Nickolas Stanley) –LD Stanley wanted to remind Senate about constitution day, as well as the Kansas Governor Race.

VIII. First Readings

SB 18005: Recognition of ESU Dance Club

Originator: Tiffany Sanders; Abby Brown

Sponsor: Senator Todd

Committee Vote: Passed 3:0:0

SB 18006: Re-Recognition of ESU Soccer Club

Originator: Faras Yedder

Sponsor: Senator Okonkwo

Committee Vote: Passed 3:0:0

SB 18007: Recognition of Emporia State University Ukulele Society

Originator: Ashely Freiermuth

Sponsor: Senator Oelschlaeger

Committee Vote: Passed 5:0:0

SB 18008: Re-Recognition of ESU Collegiate Republicans

Originators: Grayce McAllister

Sponsor: Senator Todd

Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:1

SB 18009: Re-Recognition of Sigma Alpha Lambda

Originators: Megan Hilbish

Sponsor: Senator McAllister

Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:1

Sen. Webb moved to make a textual amendment to SB 18009. Sen. Marten seconded the motion. The amendment changed every “Sigma Kappa Lambda” to “Sigma Alpha Lambda”. Motion passes 23:0:0.

SB 18010: Revisions of the Student Senate Attendance Policy

Originators: Michael Webb

Sponsor: Senator Oelschlaeger

Committee Vote: Passed 5:0:0

IX. General Order

SB 18001: Recognition of Black Writers Club

Originator: Ravell Rogers

Sponsor: Sen. Webb

SO Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

Sen. Webb moved to pass SB 18001 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. DeWalt. Sen. Perez-Lebron moved to grant speaking privileges to Ravell Rogers; Sen. Sadique seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18001. Ravell Rogers stated that the purpose of Black Writers Club is to allow for a safe environment for writers of color to be able to write in a collective space. The Black Writers Club wants to hold conferences in the future that are allowing to creating and inspiring writings of color. Sen. Marten moved to call the SB 18001 to question, and Sen. Nweke seconded that motion. SB 18001 was passed 23:0:0.

SB 18002: Recognition of Vegan and Vegetarian Club of ESU

Originator: Chase Snider

Sponsor: Sen. Webb

SO Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

Sen. Webb moved to pass SB 18001 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges to Chase Snider; Sen. Velazquez seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18001. Chase Snider discussed the goals and ideas behind Vegan and Vegetarian Club at ESU, mainly discussing the ideas of hosting a Vegan bake sale on campus in order to open up the conversation about Vegan and Vegetarianism in Emporia. Also, Snider mentioned an idea about an “Ask-A-Vegetarian” booth, which would allow for the education of the campus and the local community about their cause. Sen. Webb moved to call SB 18002 to question, and Sen. Marten seconded the motion. SB 18002 passed 23:0:0.

SB 18003: Re-Recognition of H.A.L.O

Originator: Julissa Razo

Sponsor: Sen. Webb

SO Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

Sen. Webb moved to pass SB 18003 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Nweke. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges to Julissa Razo; Sen. Gilmore seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18003. Julissa Razo stated that H.A.L.O is a majority Hispanic organization that encourages leadership and grit to all of its members. HALO is a nation organization that will help with other multicultural organizations across campus to continue to educate as well as encourage the discussion about diversity and inclusion on ESU’s campus. Sen. Marten moved to call SB 18003 to question, and Sen. Brunton seconded the motion to call SB 18003 to question. SB 18003 passed 23:0:0.

SB 18004: Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Policy

Originators: Megan McReynolds and Jacob Miller

Sponsor: Sen. Marten

SO Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

Sen. Marten moved to pass SB 18004 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. DeWalt. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges to Megan McReynolds, Jacob Miller, and Brooke Bailey, Sen. McAllister seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator(s) and Bailey of SB 18004. Brooke Bailey, the head of the Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Taskforce introduced herself and gave a brief background on the history of the taskforce and the move to making Emporia State University Tobacco and Smoke Free. Bailey mentioned that ESU is the last of the Kansas Regent Universities to move to make campus Tobacco and Smoke Free. Bailey stated the Emporia State University was given a grant in the amount of $25,000 in order to help propel the project forward. Bailey stated that she has been working with the taskforce and faculty senate in order to help move this project forward. Bailey then opened the floor for questions. Sen. Sadique asked, “What happens when someone is smoking on campus?” Bailey replied that the soft implementation process will began with the awareness of how to remove smoking and tobacco from campus. January would be when the hard implementation would being. This policy is mainly for a culture shift at Emporia State University. Senator Lund asked if a survey was conducted on this topic, what will the results are / would be, and how do they affect the bill. Bailey stated that the student survey that was put out last school year said that over 70% of students that were polled were in favor of passing this bill. Sen. Ratzlaff then questioned what resources will be available for students to deal with withdraw and for students struggling with the transition from a smoke unavailable campus. Bailey stated that there would be a potential smoke EDU course tied in with alcohol EDU for incoming freshmen, as well as people will have the ability to pay for a nicotine replacement therapy. Senator Simpson then asked if the policy considered any freshmen responses from this year. Brooke Bailey then stated that every single student, faculty, and staff member could have completed the survey through their Gmail accounts last school year. There were approximately 1,300 responses, of those that were surveyed these results came from a “What Do You Want Wednesday” tabling that was done by the Associated Student Government. Sen. Ratzlaff then asked if E-cigarettes or any sort of vaping device would conflict with the tobacco and smoke free campus policy here at ESU. Also, she asked if those e-cigarette‘s have any conflicting information regarding student health, environment and the respect of others regarding this policy. Bailey replied that yes, both of those devices did affect their decision on the policy. As well, chewing tobacco was a large portion of the issue in regards to respect and damage to the University and University property. Legislative director Nicholas Stanley then questioned if the ESU senators would be here to pass the policy that would be best for students on campus as well as their constituents. He wanted to remind the Senate that they are the last regent university to implement this campus policy, and that this policy is inherent to progressing Emporia State University. Bailey did not comment. Next, Sen. Lund questioned if it was possible for the bill to go partially tobacco free? Bailey replied that due to the partnership in the Grant with this program, it would not be possible for the campus to go partially tobacco free. Sen. McAllister then asked if the faculty and staff members use tobacco and if so what the quantity of those numbers would be. Bailey replied that the number is not quantify that question because it is a violation of HR right. Sen. McAllister then followed up with how many people are going to be affected by the passing of this bill. Bailey then replied that that number is unknown, because it is a violation of people’s rights to ask them if they smoke or use tobacco. Sen. Ratzlaff then asked if non-tobacco e-cigarette usage was included in this bill. Baylee stated that by the grant it is required that it be included in this bill because it is impossible to know what is it being put in them (E-cigarettes), Therefore they are included in this bill. Sen. Web then asked if smoking in cars was going to be regulated as well. Bailey replied that yes, smoking in vehicles on campus would not be allowed through this tobacco free and smoke free bill. Sen. Ratzlaff then asked how the surrounding stores, merchants, and environment would be affected by making Emporia State University tobacco and smoke-free. Bailey responded the outsiders and surroundings of campus will be aware of the fact that many more people will be coming to their regions to smoke. Discussion of SB 18004 ended. Sen. Marten moved to call SB 18004 to question, and Sen. Perez-Lebron seconded the motion to call SB 18003 to question. Sen. Brunton moved to make a textual amendment to SB 18004. The textual amendment changed SB 18004 passed 23:0:0. Sen. Simpson moved to table SB 18004 to the next senate meeting, and this motion was seconded by Sen .Ratzlaff. The motion to table failed 8:13:1. Sen. Marten moved to pass SB 18004 favorably and the motion was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. SB 18004 passed 19:0:3.

X. Election of President Pro-Tempore

Vice President Miller opened the floor for nominations of the President Pro-Tempore. Sen Sadique nominated Sen. Smith, in which he accepted the nomination. Sen. Ratzlaff nominated Sen. Simpson, in which he accepted the nomination. Sen. Schneider nominated Sen. DeWalt, in which she accepted the nomination. Sen. Marten nominated Sen. Orrange, in which she accepted the nomination. Sen. Simpson won the election for President Pro-Tempore in a paper ballot.

XI. Third Readings

SB 18001: Passed 22:0:0

SB 18002: Passed 23:0:0

SB 18003: Passed 23:0:0

SB 18004: Passed 19:0:3

XII. Good of the University

The opening of good of the university was moved by Sen. Marten, and the motion was seconded by Sen. Sadique. Can the Bods will begin on Monday, October 4th. Homecoming shirt sale will begin selling soon. Alpha Kappa Lambda date night is happening tonight in Webb Hall. “Banned Books Week” is happen September 24th through September 30th. Granada Coffee Company is collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for victims of the recent hurricanes. Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off tonight in Kellogg Circle. Sen. Marten moved to close good of the university, and the motion was seconded by Sen. Nweke. The motion to close good of the university passed 21:0:0.

XII. Final Roll Call

Present: DeWalt, Marten, Oelschlaeger, Pitchford, Ratzlaff, Gilmore, Perez-Lebron, Towner, Velazquez, Todd, Brunton, Orrange, Smith, Webb, McAllister, Sadique, Williams, Lund, Okonkwo, Nweke, Schneider, Simpson, Jorgenson.

Excused:

Absent:

XII. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the second meeting of the 97th session by Sen. Marten, seconded by Sen. Gilmore. Motion passes 22:0:0.