Student Senate Minutes

3rd Meeting, 97th Session

5:15 P.M., Thursday, September 28th, 2017

Senate Chambers, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Miller called the 3rd 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, Webb, Nweke, Sadique, Williams, Lund, Okonkwo, Jorgenson, Schneider, Simpson.

Excused: Smith

Absent: Velazquez

Senator Marten moved to open the 97th session of the Associated Student Government. The motion was seconded by Senator Webb and passed 20-0-0.

III. Approval of Minutes

Sen. Webb moved to make an amendment to the 9-24-17 minutes. The motion was seconded by Sen. Marten. The amendment is a textual amendment that changes First Readings SB 18009. SB 18009 should read: Re-recognition of Sigma Alpha Lambda, Originator: Megan Hilbish, Sponsor: Senator McAllister. SB 18010 should read: Revisions of the Student Senate Attendance Policy, Originator: Michael Webb, Sponsor: Senator Oelschlaeger. Finally, when referencing the textual amendment to Sigma Alpha Lambda the bill number should be 18009, not 18010. Motion Passes 21:0:0. Motion to approve last meeting’s minutes was moved by Senator Sadique and Seconded by Senator Nweke. Motion Passes 21:0:0

IV. Presidential Remarks

President McReynolds welcomed all to the third meeting of the 97th session of Emporia State University’s Associated Student Government. President McReynolds wanted to thank all of the senators and staff members that attended that Town Hall Yesterday. February 10th, 2018 was selected as the date for Higher Ed Day, with more information to come. Can-The-Bods is coming up, and ESU has been victorious many times in the past, however the competition was tough last year. All food proceeds will go to Corky’s Cupboard. President McReynolds would like to name students to campus wide boards, names were to be published on the Emporia State University Website. President McReynolds stated that SR 18001 will be read on first readings today, but she wished that it would be dropped to general order. Motion to drop SR 18001 to general order post first readings was moved by Sen. DeWalt, and seconded by Sen. Marten. The motion passes 21:0:0

V. Vice Presidential Remarks

Vice President Miller welcome all to the third meeting of the 97th session of Emporia State University’s Associated Student Government. Vice President Miller began passing around a thank you note to Allison Garrett for hosting Senate’s post first meeting picnic. Vice President Miller wanted senators to ensure that potential RSO’s will be questioned correctly and thoroughly. Senator of the month for September was awarded to Sen. Perez-Lebron.

VI. Guest Remarks

Sen. Webb moved to grant speaking privileges, which was then seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 21:0:0. Lucas Moody, the director of S.O.S children’s department and outreach programs came to speak to senate. Moody came to the Associated Student Government’s meeting to discuss the role of S.O.S on Emporia State University’s campus and community. S.O.S wanted to put on an event that would allow for a large speaker to come to campus to speak on S.O.S. The speaker that will be coming will be a professor from UCSD, and he is an educator in both speech and sexual health – He will be speaking at 7:00pm on the 5th of October. Free goodies will be offered to students that are coming out to the program. Moody will plan on getting information to Advisor Katy Brady with information regarding the speaker that will be coming to campus. This conversation is something that S.O.S feels is a very important topic here on campus. Vice President Miller ended guest remarks.

VII. Committee Reports

Fiscal Affairs (Sen. Marten) – Sen. Marten wanted to inform the senate that reserve fund requests are being to come in, and it is very exciting!

Senate Operations (Sen. Webb) – Sen. Webb read through the revised Senate policy. Sen. Webb wanted to inform senate that the SO committee has been working to approve more potential RSOs. Sen. Webb informed Senate that the SO committee has been reviewing both the ASG Constitution and the ASG Policys. Sen. Webb also stated that the SO committee is working on changing election regulations.

Campus and Community Relations (Sen. Brunton) – Sen. Brunton passed around a signup sheet for WDYWW. Sen. Brunton reminded Senate that Can-The-Bods starts next Monday, Oct. 2nd. Sen. Brunton stated that every department and residence hall has received their boxes. Sen. Brunton said that the CCR committee is working on drafting a marketing plan for Can-The-Bods. Finally, Sen. Brunton stated that Adopt-A-Campus is coming along and that the CCR committee is excited to begin that program.

Diversity and Inclusion (Sen. Perez-Lebron) – Sen. Perez-Lebron informed senate that the D&I committee has drafted a constitution, and is looking forward to working with the SO committee to approve that committee constitution.

Treasurer (Drake Rapue) – Treasurer Rapue wanted to inform Senate that Homecoming shirts will be ready to sell on Monday! The design is done, and hopefully the website will be up Monday as well! Treasurer Rapue then passed out a tabling sign-up sheet for next week Monday - Thursday to sell homecoming shirts.

VIII. First Readings

 SB 18011: Reserve Fund Request of Pre-Law Club

 Originator: Allison Bill

 Sponsor: Senator Marten

 Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

 SB 18012: Reserve Fund Request of Freshman Residence Hall Council

 Originator: Maddy Duvall

 Sponsor: Senator Nweke

 Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

 SR 18001: Resolution in Remembrance of Brookelynn Smith

 Originator: Megan McReynolds and Jacob Miller

 Sponsor: Senator Brunton

 Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

 Sen. Brunton oved to move SR18001 to general order and Sen. Marten seconded the motion. Motion passes 21:0:0.

IX. General Order

 SB 18005: Recognition of ESU Dance Club

 Originator: Tiffany Sanders; Abby Brown

 Sponsor: Senator Todd

 Committee Vote: Passed 3:0:0

 Sen. Todd moved to pass SB 18005 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges to Abby Brown; Sen. Nweke seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18005. Abby Brown stated the ESU Dance Clubs role on Emporia State University is to allow any student to learn how to dance, practice dancing, or sharing choreography. Sen. Marten questioned how the ESU Dance Club would fulfill the 30-community service hour requirement. Brown answered that they would assist with 5k runs, and teaching community dance classes. Sen. Jorgenson asked if there would be plans to bring in choreographers to the club. Brown answered indeed so. Sen. Sadique asked where this dance club / lessons would be taught. Brown answered in the recreation center or in the dance studio in Roosevelt Hall. Sen. Marten called SB 18005 to question, seconded by Sen. Webb. Motion passes 21:0:0. SB 18005 passes 21:0:0

 SB 18006: Re-Recognition of ESU Soccer Club

 Originator: Faras Yedder

 Sponsor: Senator Okonkwo

 Committee Vote: Passed 3:0:0

 Sen. Okonkwo moved to pass SB 18006 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Sen. Webb moved to grant speaking privileges to Faras Yedder; Sen. Perez-Lebron seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18006. Yedder stated that the reason why the club was revoked was because of the lack of community service hours. Yedder stated that the Soccer Club would allow members of the student community to play soccer. Yedder stated that the community service hours would be fulfilled by working the 10k run coming up. Sen. Marten moved to call SB 18006 to question, this motion was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. SB 18006 passes 21:0:0.

 SB 18007: Recognition of Emporia State University Ukulele Society

 Originator: Ashely Freiermuth

 Sponsor: Senator Oelschlaeger

 Committee Vote: Passed 5:0:0

 Sen. Oelschlaeger moved to pass SB 18007 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges to Ashley Freirmuth; Sen. Webb seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18007. Abigail Brown was present to represent the ESU Ukulele Society. Brown stated that many students at ESU play and enjoy the Ukulele. This student organization would unite the Ukulele players at Emporia State University. Sen. Webb asked if people that hadn’t played the ukulele before, if those students would be able to join. Brown stated yes. Sen. Marten moved to call SB 18007 to question, Sen. Nweke seconded the motion. Motion Passes 21:0:0.

 SB 18008: Re-Recognition of ESU Collegiate Republicans

 Originators: Grayce McAllister

 Sponsor: Senator Todd

 Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:1

 Sen. Todd moved to pass SB 18008 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges to Megan Hilbish; Sen. Towner seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18008. Hilbish stated that the ESU Collegiate Republicans is a RSO that has worked to become an organization for multiple years. The ESU Collegiate Republicans has worked very closely with the Republicans of Lyon County to ensure that students. Sen. Williams asked what the goals are of this organization. Hilbish stated that this organization would educate the student body that is interested in the Republican Party. Sen. Gilmore questioned why this organization is being re-recognized. Hilbish stated that there was an issue with roster reporting through #HornetLife as well as through reregistering the organization for this next year. Sen. Towner asked how many members are interested in this organization. Hilbish stated that around ten students that are interested in joining this club. Sen. Sadique asked how this club planned on recruiting more members for this RSO. Hilbish stated that once they become an RSO, more members will be recruited. Sen. Webb moved to call SB 18008 to question and then was seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion Passes 20:0:1. SB 18008 Passes 19:0:2.

 SB 18009: Re-Recognition of Sigma Alpha Lambda

 Originators: Megan Hilbish

 Sponsor: Senator McAllister

 Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:1

 Sen. McAllister moved to pass SB 18009 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron . Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges to Megan Hilbish; Sen. Gilmore seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 18009. Megan Hilbish is the president of SAL honor society. Hilbish stated that SAL at ESU has been an RSO since 2008. SAL is an honor society that is based in any academic field can join the honor society, undergraduate and graduate. SAL is currently looking to become a local university chapter. SAL’s national office can hold the local university chapters accountable on the occurrence of the events and meetings. Sen. Ratzlaff questioned what the application process would look like. Hilbish stated that the process would be via email for the website link to become an official member. Sen. Sadique asked what kind of honor society SAL is. Hilbish stated that the honor society is an honor society for all majors and campus involvement. Sen. Marten moves the call SB18009 to question, second by Sen. Newke. Passed 21:0:0. SB 18009 passes 21:0:0.

 SB 18010: Revisions of the Student Senate Attendance Policy

 Originators: Michael Webb

 Sponsor: Senator Oelschlaeger

 Committee Vote: Passed 5:0:0

 Sen. Oelschlaeger moved to pass SB 18010 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Sadique. Sen. Gilmore moved to grant speaking privileges to Michael Webb; Sen. Simpson seconded the motion to grant speaking privileges to the originator of SB 180010. Sen. McAllister moved to call SB 18010 to question. Seconded by Sen. Brunton. Passes 21:0:0.

 SR 18001: Resolution in Remembrance of Brookelynn Smith

 Originator: Megan McReynolds and Jacob Miller

 Sponsor: Senator Brunton

 Committee Vote: Passed 4:0:0

 Sen. Brunton moved to pass SR 18001 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. SR 18001 passes 21:0:0.

X. Third Readings

 SB 18005 passes: 21:0:0

 SB 18006 passes: 21:0:0

 SB 18007 passes: 21:0:0

 SB 18008 passes: 19:0:2

 SB 18009 passes: 21:0:0

 SB 18010 passes: 21:0:0

 SR 18001 passes: 21:0:0

XI. Good of the University

Sen. Sadique and seconded by Sen. Gilmore seconded the motion. Black student Union will be putting on the Step Show 7pm in Albert Taylor Hall. Victoria Getsinger and Erin Dudke are speaking to ASG regarding the removal of the Leadership program here at Emporia State University. Dudke explained that the leadership program is housed underneath the teacher’s college, however in Spring of 2018, this program will be cut from the Teacher’s College. Dudke then presented an informational presentation regarding the Leadership Program. Dudke has conducted a survey of the student body with around 95% of respondents stating that the Leadership Program should continue. The efforts in saving this program include town halls, student body support, faculty and student senate, as well as comments on this program. Sen. Webb asked if when the faculty senate is discussing this issue. Dudke said October or November. Sen. Sadique stated that Dr. Stevens would lose his position if this program was removed? Dudke said yes. Sen. Perez-Lebron questioned if there was only one faculty member, Dudke stated yes. Sen. DeWalt wanted to thank Dudke for her efforts. Sen. Simpson asked how many students were enrolled in this program last year, and why does the provost’s office have the power to house this program. Dudke stated that a graph based on student enrollment is not with her. Dudke then stated that she knows that the teacher’s college is not going to fund the program, however the provost’s office is funding the program for this school year. Dudke stated this if this program is cut, all courses will be cut. Thus, causing students in portions of the program will lose hours. Advisor Brady questioned what the minor provides that cannot be provided through RSO’s or other opportunities. Dudke stated that this minor allows students to further learn this program. Chief of Staff Barragan asked what the funding of this minor will go to. Dudke stated that based on the conversations that have occurred between the teacher’s college and allies of the leadership program would not propose cuts from any program in order to fund this program. Sen. Gilmore said that many students appreciate the time and change that this minor makes. President McReynolds would like to mention as far as what it means to be a senator, etc. President McReynolds mentioned the staff changes of the Legislative Director.

Moved to close discussion by Sen. Marten, seconded by Sen. Simpson. Motion Passes 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.

Excused: Smith

Absent:

XII. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the 3rd meeting of the 97th session by Sen. Marten, seconded by Sen. McAllister. Motion passes 21:0:0.