Student Senate Minutes

6th Meeting, 97th Session

5:15 P.M., Thursday, November 16th, 2017

Senate Chambers, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Miller called the 6th meeting of the 97th session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:15pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: DeWalt, Marten, Oelschlaeger, Pitchford, Ratzlaff, Bailey, Gilmore, Perez-Lebron, McAllister, Orrange, Smith, Webb, Sadique, Nweke, Williams, Lund, Okonkwo, Jorgensen, Schneider, Simpson.

Excused:

Absent: Todd, Towner

Sen. Ratzlaff moved to add President Pro Tempore Simpson to Guest remarks. Which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve last meeting’s minutes was moved by Senator McAllister and Seconded by Senator Nweke. Motion Passes 20:0:0

IV. Presidential Remarks

President McReynolds welcomed all to the meeting of the 97th session of Emporia State University’s Associated Student Government. President McReynolds wanted to state how Can-The-Bods went this past Saturday. President McReynolds stated that Emporia State University raised 40,042 cans, and Washburn raised 44,208 cans. President McReynolds stated that yesterday LD Brunton, Sen. Perez-Lebron, and herself attended KBOR yesterday. President McReynolds said that 85% of respondents said that we needed an official “Dead Week”. President McReynolds stated that President McReynolds stated that Higher Ed leaders are excited for the work of the Diversity Committee at KBOR. President McReynolds presented Senate with the results of WDYWW results. President McReynolds stated at 91% of people said that they would utilize a “dead week” for studying for finals and catching up on homework. President McReynolds stated that our currently policy of “non-activities week” caused stress on about 90% of the respondents. President McReynolds stated at 93.1% of student respondents stated that professors on our campus should use canvas for their courses. President McReynolds wanted to give a thank you for Fiscal Affairs committee for all of their work on allocations. President McReynolds ended Presidential Remarks.

V. Vice Presidential Remarks

Vice President Miller welcome all to the meeting of the 97th session of Emporia State University’s Associated Student Government. Vice President Miller wanted to remind senators that headshots will be offered again tomorrow. Vice President Miller also handed out index cards for voting for Senator of the month for November. Vice President Miller ended Guest Remarks.

VI. Guest Remarks

Senator McAllister moved to grant speaking privileges, which was then seconded by Senator Perez-Lebron. Motion passes 20:0:0. Angela Wolgram serves Emporia State University as the Budget Director for all departments across campus. Wolgram wanted to thank Senate for allowing her to come to speak about the university budget. Wolgram wanted to talk about the 2018 FY operating budget for the University as well as the look forward of the State of Kansas. Wolgram presented Senate with the budget of the 2018 fiscal year budget, which is at $97,036,756. Wolgram explained where all of the money came of the $300,000+ increase in budget. Wolgram proceeded to present Senate with the explanation of the allocations of the money. Wolgram stated that ESU’s tuition increased from 2017 to 2018 on 2.7%. However, Wolgram stated that the enrollment numbers had to account in the budget for tuition as well. Wolgram stated that there have been multiple court cases regarding public education and how the State was able to fund the University. Wolgram stated that the legislature in Topeka will have to decide the amount of money which they will be able to fund k-12 education which will effect the university in the near future. Wolgram opened the floor for questions. Vice President Miller stated the Pro-tempore remarks would begun. Pro-Tempore Simpson stated that Associated Student Government that the voices of the Senators do matter. Pro-Tempore Simpson stated that he is thankful for senators and the work they have done for the student body. Vice President Miller ended guest remarks.

VII. Committee Reports

Fiscal Affairs – Senator Marten

Sen. Marten stated that FA committee is excited for allocation policy continuing to receive applications for allocations.

Senate Operations – Senator Webb

Sen. Webb stated the SO committee has worked diligently to review the senate policy. Sen. Webb stated that SO committee will continue to review these policies during the next session.

Campus and Community Relations – Senator Williams

Sen. Williams stated that the holiday party is on Dec. 7th at 5pm. Sen. Williams also wanted to invite Senate to participate in Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army Nov. 27, 29, & 30.

Diversity and Inclusion – Senator Perez-Lebron

Sen. Perez-Lebron stated that at KBOR in Wichita, Sen. Perez-Lebron was able to discuss with students at Wichita State University about Diversity and Inclusion problems and activities at Wichita State University.

Treasurer – Drake Rapue

Treasurer Rapue stated that ASG has spent $30,708.78 this academic year, with $182,681.21 remaining in the budget for the remaining of the school year.

Legislative Director - Christina Brunton

LD Brunton stated that KBOR went fantastic, that President McReynolds, Vice President Miller, Senator Perez-Lebron, and herself enjoyed talking to KBOR members about issues that are facing out students. LD Brunton would also like to remind Senate that Higher Education Day is February 6-7, 2018. LD Brunton stated that any students that are interested in participating are encouraged to apply through applications that can be found in the ASG Senator office.

VIII. First Readings

SB 18022 - Name Change for Freshman Residence Hall Council

Originator: Paul Frost

Sponsor: Senator Okonkwo

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

Sen. Webb moved to make an textual amendment for SB 18022. The textual amendment struck the phrase “Towers Activity Council” and change it to “Towers Complex Activity Council”, as well as the abrivation from “TAC” to “TCAC”. Motion to amend was seconded by Sen. Marten. Amendment passes 20:0:0.

SB 18023 - Recognition of Big Brother Blub

Originator: Jacob Miller and Emily Nelson

Sponsor: Senator Oelschlaeger

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

SB 18024 - Reserve Fund Request for ESU Philosophy Club

Originator: Daniel Rappard

Sponsor: Senator Lund

Committee Vote: 3:0:0

SB 18025 - Reserve Fund Request for Marine Biology Club

Originator: Olivia Wilkerson

Sponsor: Senator Marten

Committee Vote: 4:0:0

SB 18026 - Revisions to the Meetings of Student Senate

Originator: Sawyer Barragan

Sponsor: Senator Todd - Changed to Senator Webb

Committee Vote: 2:1:2

Sen. Webb moved to drop Sen. Todd from sponsorship, to pick it up himself, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Webb moved to drop SB 18026 to general order, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0.

SB 18027 - Revisions of the Rules of Procedures for Student Senate

Originator: Michael Webb

Sponsor: Senator McAllister

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

SR 18004 - A Resolution to Unify Support of DACA and Affected Students

Originator: Gage Simpson

Sponsor: Senator Perez-Lebron

Committee Vote: 5:01

SR 18005 - A Resolution in Support of Water Is Life and Native American Heritage

Originator: Caylie Ratzlaff

Sponsor: Senator Simpson

Committee Vote: 5:0:1

SR 18006 - A Resolution in Condolence with Recent Violence

Originator: Gage Simpson

Sponsor: Senator Ratzlaff

Committee Vote: 5:0:1

SR 18007 - A Resolution in Support of Non-Activities Week

Originator: Megan McReynolds and Jacob Miller

Sponsor: Senator DeWalt

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

IX. General Order

SR 18002 - A Resolution for Revisions of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Emporia State University

Originator: Michael Webb

Sponsor: Sen. Oelschlaeger

Committee Vote: 6:0:0

Sen. Oelschlaeger moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Sen. Ratzlaff stated that in the D&I committee discussed the potential problems that were discussed in the committee meeting. Below are the amendments made to the proposed policy:

Senator Simpson moved to amend Article 3 Section 2 2.4 which struck the word “Shall” and added the phrase “are encouraged to”. The motion was seconded was Sen. McAllister. The motion passes 20:0:0.

Senator Simpson moved to amend Article 2 Section 1.32 which struck “3.00” and added “2.85”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Ratzlaff. The motion passes 20:0:0.

Senator McAllister moved to amend Article 2 Section 4.5 which stuck “2.75” and added “2.85”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Okonkwo. The motion passes 19:0:1.

Senator Webb moved to amend Article 2 Section 7.41 which stuck “3.00” and added “2.85”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Marten. The motion passes 20:0:0.

Senator Simpson moved to amend Article 2 Section 2.2 which stuck “Senate” and added “To their respective committee”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Ratzlaff. Motion fails 0:19:1.

Senator Webb moved to amend Article 3 Section 3.1 which stuck “2.75” and added “2.65”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Simpson. The motion passes 20:0:0.

Other senators including Sen. Bailey, Perez-Lebron, DeWalt, Webb, McAllister, Marten, Schneider, Simpson, Smith, Chief of Staff Barragan, and President McReynolds discussed the changes in this Draft of the Constitution. Senator Marten moved to call SR 18002 to question, which was seconded by Senator Perez-Lebron. Motion Passes 20:0:0. SR 18002 passed Senate 20:0:0

SB 18018 - Reserve Fund Request for Cricket Club

Originator: MD. Ibrahim Kholil

Sponsor: Sen. Marten

Committee Vote: 3:0:0

Sen. Marten moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Orrange. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges, which was seconded as Sen. Orrange. MD. Ibrahim Kholil is currently serving as the vice president of the Cricket Club. Kholi stated that Cricket Club would utilize this reserve fund request for Publicity and Printing, as well as request for a speaker. Kholil opened the floor for questions. Sen. Okowko asked how many members Cricket Club has. Kholil stated at Cricket Club has 30 members. Sen. Sadique asked how many players are needed for playing Cricket. Sen. Bailey asked which universities in Kansas have a Cricket Club. Kholil stated that Emporia, Wichita, Kansas, and Missouri State have cricket clubs. Sen. McAllister moved to end discussion, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron to call SB 18018 to question. Motion passes 20:0:0. SB 18018 passes Student Senate 20:0:0.

SB 18019 - Reserve Fund Request for Muslim Students Association

Originator: MD. Ibrahim Kholil

Sponsor: Sen. Marten

Committee Vote: 3:0:0

Sen. Marten moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Sen. Webb moved to grant speaking privileges, which was seconded by Sen. Nweke. MD. Ibrahim Kholil is currently serving as MSA’s president. MSA has 60 members currently, and their role at the University is to help acclimate international muslim students to the United States. Kholil stated that the MSA will use the RFR for travel and registration for a conference, as well as requesting money to bring in a speaker to both MSA and to Emporia State University to discuss diversity and inclusion of Muslim students at Emporia State University. Sen. Marten asked what the conference MSA will be going on. Kholil stated that this conference will be with the national Islamic Society conference to discuss information and problems with inclusion of Muslims on campuses across the nation. Sen. Bailey asked if MSA would be applying for allocations, in which Sen. Marten called SB 18019 to question, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Motion passes 20:0:0. SB 18019 passes Student Senate 20:0:0.

SB 18025 - Reserve Fund Request for Marine Biology Club

Originator: Olivia Wilkerson

Sponsor: Senator Marten

Committee Vote: 4:0:0

Sen. Marten moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Orrange. Sen. Orrange moved to grant speaking privileges, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Olivia Wilkerson is the currently serving as the president of the Marine Biology Club. Wilkerson stated that the Marine Biology Club would use the RFR to plan a trip to Chicago to visit the Aquarium to study the marine life. Sen. Marten moved to call SB 18025 to question, which was seconded by Sen. Ratzlaff. Motion passes 20:0:0. SB 18025 passes Student Senate 20:0:0.

SR 18003 - A Resolution to Support a Paperless Associated Student Government

Originator: Brettany Williams

Sponsor: Sen. Ratzlaff

Committee Vote: 4:0:1

Senator Ratzlaff moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Bailey. Chief of Staff Barragan stated that just in paper for bills that were on first readings today was a large amount of paper. He highly encouraged the Senators to pass the bill favorably. Senator Simpson stated that if Associated Student Government had any way to give Senators to have laptop access. Senator Okownko asked if Emporia State University’s Associated Student Government had any sort of access of records of past administrations. Vice President Miller stated that the Legislative Summaries from past administrations are in the Senator's office. Sen. Bailey asked how much money this would save the Associated Student Government. President McReynolds stated that the cost of printing is in the thousands. Treasurer Drake stated that the printing and publicity allocation for ASG is $2,600 annually. Senator Marten asked how this would executed. Senator Ratzlaff suggested Google Drive to allow all members of Senate to read and edit all at the same time. Senator Bailey said that she would like this bill to pass favorably. Senator Bailey moved to call SR 18003 to question, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Motion passes 20:0:0. SR 18003 passes Senate 20:0:0.

SB 18020 - Associated Student Government Community Service Policy

Originator: Michael Webb

Sponsor: Sen. Jorgensen

Committee Vote: 6:0:0

Senator Jorgenson moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Senator Webb. Senator Ratzlaff began the discussing about the Community Service Policy by stating that Associated Student Government is not an RSO, ASG is the governing body of RSO. She stated that in the constitution of ASG, it stated that so. As ASG, we do community service everyday. Senator Bailey stated that community service can be considered in a wide range of things, including that what all senators are doing could be considered community service. Senator Webb stated that ASG is requiring all RSO’s to complete office hours, so he feels that we should be required to complete those hours as well. Senator Simpson asked Senator Webb about Article 2 Section 1 about how each committee / cabinet sub committee is required to complete 6 community service hours. Senator Marten asked if ASG sponsoring all of the events like the Nitty Gritty Races would count as community service. Senator Webb stated that it would count as the events are events that are put on by ASG. Senator McAllister asked if Associated Student Government was considered an RSO in the constitution. Senator Webb moved to grant speaking privileges to Advisor Lynn Hobson, which was seconded by Senator Perez-Lebron. Hobson stated that according to the constitution we are not, however, like Senator Webb had stated, in the past we put in a request for a reserve fund request for more funds for ASG for our budget for the fiscal year. She stated that the leadership of the University decided that Senate had to come from the reserve fund requests done by Senate. Senator Simpson asked Lynn Hobson if ASG is defined as an RSO, to which Lynn Hobson stated that it is not clear, however it is stated in different places. Senator Webb states that the RSO is considered the Associated Students and the ASG is the governing body for the RSO of the associated students. Chief of Staff Barragan stated that organizations can not be both an RSO and an Line Item. Senator McAllister moved to grant Treasurer Rapue speaking privileges, which was seconded by Senator Simpson. Treasurer Rapue questioned when the Associated Student Government became an RSO. Lynn Hobson stated that ASG has been an line item though the university since the beginning of her knowledge, but we are an organization. Senator Marten stated that the difference between a line time is taken straight from tuition and fees, and an RSO is taken from ASG’s budget. Lynn Hobson stated that line times include the union, health services, etc. and that those line items must run under that operating budget that they get from line items dollars. Senator Ratzlaff moved to table SB 18020 to next meeting, which was seconded by Senator Gilmore. Motion Passes 20:0:0

SB 18021 - Revisions to the Student Senate Committee Structure

Originator: Anan Perez-Lebron & Michael Webb

Sponsor: Sen. Okonkwo

Committee Vote: 6:0:0

Sen. Okonkwo moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Nweke. Senator Bailey moved to call SB 18021 to question, which was seconded by Senator Marten. The motion passes 20:0:0. SB 18021 passes Senate 20:0:0.

SB 18026 - Revisions to the Meetings of Student Senate

Originator: Sawyer Barragan

Sponsor: Senator Webb

Committee Vote: 2:1:2

Sen. Webb moved to pass this bill favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Senator Ratzlaff asked if the additional meetings would be excluded from the current attendance policy. Senator Webb stated that any Senate meeting falls under the attendance policy. Senator Simpson moved to grant Chief of Staff Barragan speaking privileges, which was seconded by Sen. Schneider. Chief of Staff Barragan stated that the main point of this bill was to make Senate meetings every Thursday to help allow Senate to complete more legislation. Senator Marten stated that at the appointment of the Senators, meetings were set in place. Senator Smith stated that committees meet on off thursday dates, which allow committee to create bills and resolutions. Senator Bailey stated that Faculty Senate only meets every other week, and that they have more legislation to pass. Senator Marten questioned if Senate is still going to have as much legislation during this next session as the current because she stated that this session was a “catch up from last year”, and she feels like we will have less legislation as we should be caught up. Senator Webb stated that this has to be a bill to make these dates official. He then stated that Senate is there for the Students, and things like becoming an RSO takes a while because of the amount to time that it takes to have meetings to approve the bills. Senator Bailey stated that Senate needs that time to talk to their constituents about bills and resolutions that are being passed. Senator Smith stated that the idea of efficiency in Senate as far as speed is not necessary considered “efficient”. Senator Okownko asked if previous administrations have made Senate meetings every week. Vice President Miller stated that no previous administration had made meetings every week. Senator Bailey stated that for example, in the past the President and Vice President of Student Senate have made statements on issues that have occurred in the news. Senator Webb stated that the President and Vice President have the right to call emergency Senate Meetings at their discretion. Senator McAllister moved to add “2018” to the end the dates, which was seconded by Senator Simpson. The motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Bailey moved to call SB 18026 to question, which was seconded by Senator Perez-Lebron. Motion passes 20:0:0 SB 18026 fails 0:19:1.

X. Third Readings

SR 18002 - 20:0:0

SR 18003 - 20:0:0

SB 18018 - 20:0:0

SB 18019 - 20:0:0

SB 18020 - Motion passes 20:0:0 to table to the next meeting of the Student Senate

SB 18021 - 20:0:0

SB 18026 - 0:19:1

XI. Good of the University

Senator Sadique moved the open discussion and Senator Okonkwo seconded the motion.

Tobacco Free Kickoff went a success

Free Sketti Friday 11-2

Sen. Webb shout out

Moved to close discussion by Senator Ratzlaff , seconded by Senator Marten. Motion Passes 20:0:0.

XII. Final Roll Call

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

Excused:

Absent: Todd, Towner,

XII. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the 3rd meeting of the 97th session by Senator Nweke , seconded by Senator Okonkwo . Motion passes 20:0:0.