Student Senate Minutes

1st Meeting, 98th Session

5:15 P.M., Thursday, January 25th, 2018

Senate Chambers, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Miller called the 1st meeting of the 98th session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:15pm. The 98th session was moved to open by Senator Nweke and seconded by Senator Webb. Motion passes 21:0:0

II. Roll Call

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

Excused:

Absent:

III. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

IV. Presidential Remarks

President McReynolds welcomed all to the 1st meeting of the 98th session of Emporia State University Associated Student Government. President McReynolds welcome all of the returning and new senators back to the 98th session. President McReynolds reminded that the Senators have power to impact the student body exponentially. President McReynolds informed Senate that the meeting for ASG for next year is at 5pm on February 5th in the Preston Family Room. President McReynolds stated that Christina Brunton will be serving ASG as both the Election Commissioner and Legislative Director. President McReynolds reminded Senate about the Non-Activities vote, and it will be talked about in a meeting with Faculty Senate. President McReynolds announced the new Senators to be appointed. Sen. Marten moved to approve these appointments, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. The following people were appointed: Camille Abdel-Jawad, LAS, Nick Whatke, At-Large, Victoria Goetzinger, LAS, Farhan Sadique, School Business, and Fabian Wank, School of Business. Motion passes 21:0:0. Advisor Katie Brady read the oath of the new Senators. President McReynolds ended Presidential Remarks.

V. Vice Presidential Remarks

Vice President Miller welcome all to the 1st meeting of the 98th session of Emporia State University Associated Student Government. Vice President Miller welcomed the new Senators to ASG. Vice President Miller reminded that Senators about emailing RSOs. Vice President Miller reminded Senate about All Things RSO next Thursday, February 1st from 5pm - 6pm. Vice President Miller encouraged Senate to reach out to each senators respective Student Organizations. Vice President Miller ended vice presidential remarks.

VI. Guest Remarks

Senator Webb moved to grant speaking privileges, which was then seconded by Senator Schneider. Motion passes 21:0:0. Kelly Heine, the guest speaker for this meeting. Heine is the new director of marketing for Marketing and Media Relations. Kelly stated her point of coming to speak to Senate today about the students opinions on the Marketing and Media Relations aspects of ESU. Kelly proceeded to ask the Senators opinions on the current marketing of Emporia State. Senator Ratzlaff stated that because she came from Emporia, she has found that a lot of students that are from the Emporia area struggle to come to ESU because the university has always been in their backyard. Heine questioned if that those students that come from Emporia High School are wanting to leave Emporia to move away from home or if those students feel that there is a perception about ESU that Marketing and Media could fix. Senator Ratzlaff then stated that she felt that students do generally do not want to attend the smaller university. She feels that people think that there are not as many opportunities at Emporia State that larger universities. Senator Marten stated that Marketing and Media Relations should focus on the things that make ESU attractive to potential students like flat rate tuition, low cost of attendance, and small class sizes. Vice President Miller ended guest remarks.

VII. Committee Reports

Fiscal Affairs – Senator Marten

Sen. Marten reminded everyone that Allocation Forms are open. Sen. Marten reminded Senators to remind their RSO’s about allocations. Sen. Marten said that applications for allocations are coming in, which is exciting!

Senate Operations – Senator Webb

Sen. Webb stated that we have a bill and resolution on first readings this week. Sen. Webb wanted to remind anyone about any ideas with Senate and its operations to let him know.

Campus and Community Relations – Senator Williams

Sen. Williams said that CCR will be planning a social event for ASG here in the coming weeks as well as community service projects.

Diversity and Inclusion – Senator Perez-Lebron

Sen. Perez-Lebron stated that D&I will be working with Diversity Student Programs.

Treasurer – Drake Rapue

Treasurer Rapue stated that our current budget for RSOs which is at $155,590, and spent $24,120. The ASG budget (operation) is at $24,050.

Legislative Director / Election Communiser- Christina Brunton

LD Brunton stated that Higher Education day is coming up on Feb. 6&7. ASG has had one person drop, please contact her if you are interested in participating.

EC Brunton stated that the first meeting for the 2018 elections will be held on Feb. 5th at 5pm in the Preston Family Room. This meeting is required for people to get the names on the ballot.

VIII. First Readings

SB 18028 - Name Change for Black Writer’s Club

Orginiator:

Sponsor: Sen. Webb

Committee Vote: 4:0:0

SR 18008 - Resolution in Celebration of ESU Founder’s Day

Originator: Megan McReynolds

Sponsor: Sen. Webb

Committee Vote: 6:0:0

Sen. Webb moved to drop this resolution to General Order, which was seconded by Sen. . Motion passes

IX. General Order

No bills on general order.

X. Third Readings

No bills on third readings.  
XI. Good of the University

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

Community Service Opportunity on March 3rd with the Debate Competition.

Free Sketti Friday 11am - 1pm at the Student Christian Center

MLK week going on with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office

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

XII. Final Roll Call

Present:, Marten, Oelschlaeger, Ratzlaff, Abdel-Jawad, Goetzinger, Gilmore, Perez-Lebron, Todd, McAllister, Orrange, Sadique, Wank, Webb, Nweke, Wathke, Williams, Lund, Okonkwo, Schneider, Simpson.

Excused: Jorgenson

Absent:

XII. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the 1st meeting of the 98th session by Senator Webb, seconded by Senator Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0.