Student Senate Minutes

2nd Meeting, 98th Session

5:15 P.M., Thursday, February 8th, 2017

Senate Chambers, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Miller called the 2nd meeting of the 98th session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:15pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Marten, Oelschlaeger, Ratzlaff, Abdel-Jawad, Goetzinger, Todd, McAllister, Orrange, Sadique, Wank, Webb, Nweke, Wathke, Williams, Lund, Okonkwo, Jorgenson, Schneider,

Excused: Gilmore, Perez-Lebron, Simpson

Absent:

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve last meeting’s minutes was moved by Senator Webb and Seconded by Senator Nweke. Motion Passes 16:0:0

IV. Presidential Remarks

President McReynolds welcomed all to the meeting of the 98th session of Emporia State University Associated Student Government. President McReynolds wanted to thank all of the people that attended State Higher Education Day in Senate. President McReynolds stated that SAC is working with a attorney at the KU Law School, to write a bill to the Board of Regents regarding funding to Higher Education. President McReynolds informed Senate on the update on the Non-Activites Week bill that will be on General Order this week in Faculty Senate. President McReynolds recommended the following students for appointment: Ariana Williams (At-Large), and Brettany Williams (Teachers College). Senator Sadique moved to approve the appointments, which was seconded by Senator Orrange. The motion passes 17:0:0. Advisor Dean of Students Lynn Hobson then read the oath of office. 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 Associated Student Government. Vice President Miller wanted to remind Senate that office hours should be getting completed. Vice President Miller passed out notecards to vote for Senator of the Month. Vice President Miller ended Guest Remarks.

VI. Guest Remarks

Senator McAllister moved to grant speaking privileges, which was then seconded by Senator Sadique. Motion passes 20:0:0. Diana Kuhlmann is the Vice President of Administration and Finance as well as the chairman of the committee for Tuition and Fees at Emporia State University. Kuhlmann is brining the conversation to the table on how the ASG fees affect the students and how the fees fit into the entire budget ideals. Kuhlmann handed out three separate handouts to Senate. The amount of money that comes for consideration into ASG as allocations, operating budget, and other money comes out of ASG. Kuhlmann stated that the subtotal for ASG would increase 5% to the amount of the fees for ASG. Kuhlmann stated that in the example that was handed out, shows that only a 5% increase to the ASG fee increases only 0.78% overall to the ESU tuition and fees budget. Kuhlman stated that back in 2014, the technology fee was proposed at $10 per credit hour. Kuhlmann stated that they current value of any amount that was proposed value was capped. Kuhlmann stated that this $10 fee has slowly but surely been increased to reach that $10 increase. Kuhlmann than moved to example two. Kuhlmann showed the hypothetical increases to the committee. Hypothetically, this would make the entire increase to the full time activity fee would increase by 4.37%. Kuhlmann wanted to show Senate how the actions of the Student Senate directly impact the costs of the student increase to student fees and tuition. Kuhlmann moved to example three, a actually tuition and fees proposal to the Board of Regents. The overall increases work move to 2.83% increase to this year’s tuition and fees. Kuhlmann opened the floor for questions from the Student Senate. Senator Sadique asked what the actual proposed increase to the student fees. Kuhlmann stated that the proposals for the student’s fees have not yet been discussed, but will begin around the beginning of March. Kuhlmann stated that each year, the board of regents and the legislature set the percentage increase caps. Vice President Miller ended guest remarks.

VII. Committee Reports

Fiscal Affairs – Senator Marten

Sen. Marten wanted to remind everyone that allocation forms are due next Wednesday, with only 6 days left to the RSOs.

Senate Operations – Senator Webb

Sen. Webb stated that there is one potential RSO on first readings today, First Generation Student Organization. Sen. Webb said that Senate Ops committee is currently reviewing the RSO policies.

Campus and Community Relations – Senator Williams

Sen. Williams stated that the CCR committee has planned a social event on February 15th from 7-8pm at the Flint Hills Bowling Alley. Sen. Williams also stated that the next WDYWW will be about the free legal counseling and the USA Today Subscription.

Diversity and Inclusion – Senator Perez-Lebron

No report.

Treasurer – Drake Rapue

Treasurer Rapue stated that our current budgets are at $23,368 and RSO’s have $122,013.

Legislative Director / Election Commissioner - Christina Brunton

LD Brunton stated that Higher Education Day went great! Thank you to everyone for participating.

EC Brunton stated that if anyone is still interested in running for a position in ASG next year, please meeting with EC Brunton. EC Brunton stated that petitions for elections are due on Feb. 23rd.

VIII. First Readings

SB 18029 - Recognition of First Generation Student Organization

Originator - Shelby Marten

Sponsor - Senator McAllister

Committee Vote - 4:0:0

IX. General Order

SB 18028 - Name Change for Black Writer’s Club

Originator - Ralvell Rodgers II

Sponsor - Senator Webb

Committee Vote - 4:0:0

Senator Webb moved to table SB 18028 to the February 22nd, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Marten. The motion passes 17:0:0. SB 18028 was tabled to 2/22/18.

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

Originator: Megan McReynolds

Sponsor - Senator Webb

Committee Vote - 6:0:0

Senator Webb move to pass SR 18008 favorably. The motion was seconded by Senator Marten . Senator Wathke moved to call SR 18008 to question, which was seconded by Senator Sadique . The motion passes 18:0:0. SR 18008 passes unanimously.

X. Third Readings

SR 18008 - Passed Unanimously.

XI. Good of the University

Senator Wathke moved the open discussion and Senator Goetzinger seconded the motion.

Next Friday is ESU’s Founder’s Day, Founder’s Day Lunch will be in Webb Hall.

ESU Ambassadors are selling Spirit T-Shirts in the Union on Feb. 14th - 15th

Blue Key and ESU Ambassadors will be selling I<3ESU shirts in the union from 10-1pm.

Moved to close discussion by Senator Marten, seconded by Senator Abdel-Jawad. Motion Passes 18:0:0.

XII. Final Roll Call

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

Excused: Gilmore, Perez-Lebron, Simpson

Absent:

XII. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the 2nd meeting of the 98th session by Senator Webb, seconded by Senator Goe. Motion passes 18:0:0.