Student Senate Minutes

4nth Meeting, 98th Session

5:15 P.M., Thursday, March 15th, 2018

Senate Chambers, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Miller called the 4th meeting of the 98th session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:15pm.

II. Roll Call

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

Excused:

Absent: Simpson

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve last meeting’s minutes was moved by Senator Webb and Seconded by Senator Schneider. Motion Passes 19:0:0.

IV. Presidential Remarks

President McReynolds welcomed all to the 4th meeting of the 98th session of Emporia State University Associated Student Government. President McReynolds shared the Students’ Advisory Committee Advocacy on Gannon v. Kansas. President McReynolds stated that SAC proposed an amicus curiae brief to the Kansas Supreme Court to ensure that drastic cuts are not made to the Kansas Board of Regents Funding. President McReynolds wanted to thank all students that were present at both the Town Hall and the Q&A with Allison Garrett, and she will sit on the committee that will work with the sexual assault task force. President McReynolds wanted to thank the Fiscal Affairs Committee for their diligent work on allocations. President McReynolds ended Presidential Remarks.

V. Vice Presidential Remarks

Vice President Miller welcome all to the 4th meeting of the 98th session of Emporia State University Associated Student Government. Vice President Miller stated that Senate was given Nitty Gritty Dirt Dash flyers to spread the word about the event. Vice President Miller stated that ASG is still working on hosting a mental health program for the first week in April. Vice President Miller passed out the notecards for voting of Senator of the Month. Vice President Miller ended Vice Presidential Remarks.

VI. Guest Remarks

Senator McAllister moved to grant speaking privileges, which was then seconded by Senator Orrange. Motion passes 20:0:0. Lillian Lingenfelter is a Operations Coordinator with AmeriCorps VISTA and Communities in Schools. Lingenfelter started telling students a story about a typical student that participates in Communities in Schools. Lingenfelter stated that Communities in Schools is the largest program for students in the United States. Lingenfelter then told the same story with the changes that Communities in Schools would allow this student to participate. Lingenfelter stated the Communities in Schools is focused in Walnut Elementary here in Emporia.Lingenfelter stated that 58% of students in the Emporia Area participate in free or reduced lunch. Lingenfelter stated that through Communities in Schools they are able to prevent students from dropping out or being expelled or suspended. Lingenfelter stated that there are three different tears of Communities and Schools, 1st - Full School Services, 2nd - Specific group targeting experiences, 3rd - Case Management Services. Lingenfelter stated that each sight of Communities in Schools is very unique and tailored to the students that are enrolled in the program. Lingenfelter said that the site coordinators can perform services from providing school supplies to aiding students in applying for college. Lingenfelter said that students can come to school with great teachers, but they will not be able to learn in these situations. Lingenfelter brought a rubbermaid tote to Senate to fill up the tote with clothes, bathroom items, school supplies, non perishable food items, and anything else that can help out the students in the Emporia area. Lingenfelter stated that there are some events that are coming up including the end of the year celebration and marathon next February. Vice President Miller ended guest remarks.

VII. Committee Reports

Fiscal Affairs – Senator Marten

Sen. Marten stated that the next step for allocations has been sent out, and the bill is on first readings today, and the meeting for that will be March 29th, 2018.

Senate Operations – Senator Webb

Sen. Webb said that SO committee has been working on the RSO policy and that bill will be on first readings in April. RSOs that are wanting to start RSOs that they have 2 weeks to have that bill done by then.

Campus and Community Relations – Senator Williams

Sen. Williams said that the CCR committee has planned an ASG social for April 5th, 7pm, in the Preston Family Room.

Diversity and Inclusion – Senator Perez-Lebron

Sen. Perez-Lebron said that the D&I committee has a few bills on first readings and general order today.

Treasurer – Drake Rapue

Treasurer Rapue reported that the ASG Operating budget has a balance of $17,380 and the Allocations/Club budget has a balance of $108,312.46.

Legislative Director/Election Commissioner - Christina Brunton

LD Brunton reported that this year is going to be the year for Midterm Elections, on November 6th, 2018. All seats will be open again this year for re election.

EC Brunton stated the results of the election:

The 2018 Spring Associated Student Government election was held March 6th – 8th. The results were posted in the CSI according to the Election Regulations and also sent out as a Hornet Announcement.

The total number of tickets for the position of President and Vice-President were two; however one ticket was withdrawn on March 6th. The positions of President and Vice-President were filled by a majority vote.

The total number of candidates for Senatorial positions was eight. There was one candidate that was written-in. That brings the total number of Senators accepting the position to nine. Within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, three seats were filled. Within the Teachers College, two seats were filled. Within the School of Business, three seats were filled, one of them being a write-in candidate. Within the Graduate School, one seat was filled.

This is the sixth year in which students voted through Hornet Life. An email was sent to every eligible voter. This is the first year that the elections have taken place prior to Spring Break. This year the total number of votes were 552.

Social media was utilized to promote the election as well as flyers and postcards that were placed in the Memorial Union, Science Hall, Cremer Hall, Roosevelt, Butcher Education Center, and Visser Hall, as well as handouts to RSOs. There were voting booths set up in the Memorial Union, Main Street and William Allen White Library.

Overall, this election season has been successful and I thank the members of the Senate, The Student Body, and the candidates for their contribution to its success.

VIII. First Readings

SB 18031 Reserve Fund Request for Alpha Kappa Delta

Originator: Cherrie Crisp

Sponsor: Senator Marten

Committee Vote: 4:0:0

Sen. Marten moves to drop SB 18031 to general order, which was seconded by Sen. Webb. Motion passes 20:0:0.

SB 18032 Reserve Fund Request for American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Chapter

Originator: Savannah Bender

Sponsor: Senator Lund

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

Sen. Marten moved to drop SB 18032 to general order, which was seconded by Sen. Goetzinger. Motion passes 20:0:0.

SB 18033 Allocations for Fiscal Year 2019

Originator: Fiscal Affairs Committee

Sponsor: Sen. Marten

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

SR 18012 Resolution of Demands Upon the Administration of ESU

Originator: Gage Simpson

Sponsor: Sen. Ratzlaff

Committee Vote: 4:0:1

Sen. Simpson moved to drop SR 18012 to general order, which was seconded by Sen. Ratzlaff . Motion passes 20:0:0.

SR 18013 Resolution in Remembrance of Paul Edwards

Originator: Megan McReynolds and Jacob Miller

Sponsor: Sen. Webb

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

Sen. Webb moved to drop SR 18013 to general order, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0.

IX. General Order

SB 18030 Reserve Fund Request for Marine Biology Club

Originator: Olivia Wilkerson

Sponsor: Sen. Marten

Committee Vote: 4:0:1

Sen. Marten moved to pick up sponsorship of SB 18030, instead of Sen. Wathke. This motion was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges, which was seconded by Sen. Gilmore. Olivia Wilkerson is representing Marine Biology Club. Wilkerson stated the Marine Biology Club will be working with Sea Turtle Inc. to care for injured sea turtles, this is Marine Biology Clubs 4th trip to Sea Turtle Inc. Sen. Marten moved to call to question, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Motion passes 20:0:0. SB 18030 passes 20:0:0.

SB 18031 Reserve Fund Request for Alpha Kappa Delta

Originator: Cherrie Crisp

Sponsor: Senator Marten

Committee Vote: 4:0:0

Sen. Marten moved to pass 18031 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Orrange. Sen. Marten moved to grant speaking privileges, which was seconded by Sen. Sadique. Alpha Kappa Delta is asking for allocations for a conference for an Sociology Conference. AKD will be working with other sociology honor societies at this conference. Sen. Marten called SB 18031 to question, which was seconded by Sen. Gilmore. Motion passes 20:0:0. SB 18031 passes 20:0:0.

SB 18032 Reserve Fund Request for American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Chapter

Originator: Savannah Bender

Sponsor: Senator Lund

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

Sen. Lund moved that this bill passes favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Marten moved to table SB 18032 to the next meeting, which was seconded by Sen. McAllister. Motion passes 20:0:0. Bill was tabled to the next meeting.

SR 18009 Resolution to condemn ESU Action in Regards to Sexual Assault

Originator: Caylie Ratzlaff

Sponsor: Sen. Gilmore

Committee Vote: 4:0:1

Sen. Gilmore moved to pass SR 18009 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Ratzlaff. Sen. Motion passes 19:0:0. Sen. Ratzlaff stated, “As we sit here and begin to discuss a resolution or two about a serious topic on campus, I want to make some introductory remarks that Sen. Wathke made at last meeting. First and foremost, Me Too. Second, our arguments should not be based on whether or not we feel this actually happened. Three, how we personally view the issue.” Continuing on, Sen. Ratzlaff stated that “we” can not continue to silence the victims that are involved in these awful crimes and that we must take the time to go over the discussion that is covered in this resolution. She discussed Sen. Wathke’s points from last meeting. Sen. McAllister wanted to see if her other senators felt, like she did, that having two resolutions on this issue that “basically say the same thing” was necessary. Sen. Ratzlaff stated that both of the resolutions are different. Sen. Sadique said that he was not able to attend the second town hall, but Farhan said that to his knowledge the protocol was followed correct. COS Sawyer Barragan wanted to remind Senate that the policies and procedures were supposed to be followed by the University and it is so much bigger than ASG. Sen. Lund said that he felt that the ASG resolution should not use the term “termination of professor”. Sen. Webb moved to make a textual amendment to strike the phrase “the advisor and”. This amendment was seconded by Sen. Marten. This motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Goetzinger moved to make textually amend “the bulletin (...) whereas the emporia gazette” to “The Bulletin (...) whereas the Emporia Gazette”, due to both of those being names of media. Which was seconded by Sen. Webb. Motion passes 20:0:0. LD Brunton stated that for an idea, if Senate agrees that calling for the removal of a faculty member, to add “call for the implementation of a task force, made up of both faculty and students, whose purpose is to review Emporia State University’s policy regarding sexual harassment and assault in accordance with the mindset of creating a safe and positive environment for current and future hornets.” This was moved by Sen. Abdel-Jawad and seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Goetzinger moved to insert the word “international” after the word “female” in the first whereas statement. This was seconded by Sen. Simpson. Next, the “n” in Nondisclosure, should be Capitalized. Motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Goetzinger moved to add the phrase “whereas the Title IX investigation led by Ray Lauber, Director of Human Resources and Affirmative Action and Title IX coordinator, found a preponderance of evidence that Brian Schrader sexually harassed an undergraduate student from South Korea.” as the third whereas statement. This motion was seconded as Sen. Ratzlaff. Motion Passes 20:0:0. President McReynolds wanted to remind Senate that they can ask question and debate the amendment if wanted. Sen. Marten asked if there was a difference in our policy between Sexual Assault or Sexual Harassment. LD Brunton said that this was the Sexual Harassment clause that was violated. Sen. Goetzinger moved to change “sexual assault” to “sexual harassment” everywhere in the policy, which was seconded by Sen. Marten. Motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Goetzinger moved to insert the word “policy” in the third “be if further resolved” after the word “sexual harassment”. This was seconded by Sen. Schneider, and the motion passes 20:0:0. Sen. Simpson shared his story about Sexual Assault and Violence.

Sen. Marten calles SB 18009 to question, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Motion passes 19:0:1. President McReynolds stated the amendments that were voted on. SR 18009 passes by these votes (9:2:9).

Yea:

Sen. Ratzlaff

Sen. Abdel-Jawad

Sen. Goetzinger

Sen. Gilmore

Sen. Perez-Lebron

Sen. Orrange

Sen. Wank

Sen. Schneider

Sen. Simpson

Nae:

Sen. Sadique

Sen. Lund

Obs.:

Sen. Marten

Sen. Oelschlager

Sen. B. Williams

Sen. Todd

Sen. McAllister

Sen. Webb

Sen. Nweke

Sen. A. Williams

Sen. Okonkwo

SR 18010 Resolution to recognize Women's History Month

Originator: Caylie Ratzlaff

Sponsor: Sen. Gilmore

Committee Vote: 4:0:1

Sen. Gilmore moved to pass SR 18010 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Webb. Sen. Webb moved to pass this bill unanimously. SR 18010 passes unanimously.

Sen. McAllister moved to move SR 18013 to next item, which was seconded by Sen. Webb.

SR 18013 Resolution in Remembrance of Paul Edwards

Originator: Megan McReynolds and Jacob Miller

Sponsor: Sen. Webb

Committee Vote: 5:0:0

Sen. Webb moved to pass SR 18013 unanimously, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. SR 18012 passes unanimously.

SR 18011 Resolution in Condolence to the Victims

Originator: Victoria Goetzinger

Sponsor: Sen. Jorgensen

Committee Vote: 4:0:0

Sen. Schneider moved to pick up sponsorship of SR 18011, instead of Sen. Jorgensen. This motion was seconded by Sen. Goetzinger. Sen. Schneider moved to pass SR 18011 favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Sen. McAllister stated her condolences and thoughts on the recent shootings in the United States. Sen. McAllister voiced her opinions of this resolution specifically speaking about her views on conceal carry and how that policy has actually made KU more safe as far as numbers of reported crimes. Sen. McAllister moved to strike lines 10-13, which was seconded by Sen. Todd. Motion fails 4:10:6. Sen. Simpson stated his views on the argument that cars kill people, that guns kill people. Sen. McAllister came back to Sen. Simpson that stated gun safety training was required for all gun carriers are required to take a gun safety course. Sen. Goetzinger wanted to argue that the lines must stay in the resolution, because research finds that the more guns that exist, the more likely gun violence is to happen. Sen. Sadique said that ASG should unanimously condemn what happened in Parkland and that it is important to those survivors to grieve and act. Sen. Todd wanted to strike the lines that were proposed by Sen. McAllister. Sen. Todd argued that this was a mental health issue, not a gun issue. Sen. Perez-Lebron stated that she agrees that his resolution should support the survivors. President McReynolds stated that a bill is currently being debated in the house, with two amendments to lower the gun owner age to 18, and allowed for concealed carry on college campuses. Sen. Ratzlaff stated her opinion on guns meaning more safety. LD Brunton stated that Sen. McAllister mentioned that the KS bill passed the house, but did not pass other governing bodies passing. She then suggested that ESU follows SAC’s stance for Campus control of concealed carry. Sen. Lund asked for a point of verification to see who ASG would be sending this legislation too. Sen. Goetzinger stated that this resolution will be sent to the media. Sen. Ratzlaff wanted to remind all of Senate that their job as senators is to support all students at ESU regardless of personal political views. Sen. McAllister wanted to discuss to a couple of her constituents about concealed carry on campus. Sen. Marten stated her view on concealed carry. Chief of Staff Barragan wanted to remind Senate that the survivors go so much farther than just the students. This resolution is so much more than just a political ideology, because “if this was your little brother or sister’s school, you would be for more gun control too.” Sen. Simpson moved to end the debate. Which was seconded by Sen. Sadique. Sen. McAllister moved to remove the amendment from the floor. Which was seconded by Sen. Marten. The amendment which failed 8:11:0. SR 18011 was called to question by Sen. Simpson and seconded by Sen. Perez-Lebron. Motion passes 19:0:0. SR 18011 passes 11:7:1.

SR 18012 Resolution of Demands Upon the Administration of ESU

Originator: Gage Simpson

Sponsor: Sen. Ratzlaff

Committee Vote: 4:0:1

Sen. Ratzlaff moves that SR 18012 passes favorably, which was seconded by Sen. Simpson. Sen. Simpson moved to add a textual amendment on the second page that stated “the eighth demand that we review and command a policy for removal of tenured faculty.”. Sen. Orrange seconded the amendment. Motion passes 18:0:0. Sen. Perez-Lebron called Sr 18012 to question, which was seconded by Sen. Gilmore. Motion passes 18:0:0. SR 18012 passes 10:3:5.

X. Third Readings

18030 - 20:0:0

18031 - 20:0:0

18032 - Tabled to next meeting

18009 - 9:2:9 Failed

18010 - Passes Unanimously

18011 - 11:7:1

18012 - 10:3:5 favorable

18013 - Passed Unanimously

XI. Good of the University

Senator Simpson moved the open discussion and Senator Abdel-Jawad seconded the motion.

Allocation meeting is next meeting, and it will be held in VH 118 at 5:15pm.

Have a great spring break!

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

XII. Final Roll Call

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

Excused:

Absent: McAllister

XII. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn the 4th meeting of the 98th session by Senator Gilmore, seconded by Senator Nweke. Motion passes 18:0:0.