

Minutes for Senate 8/31/12

Devin: Call to order.

Executive order to allow senators without affidavit to vote due to influx of senators without affidavits.

Introductions of each person in the room including senators, advisors, executive team, and visitors.

Devin: General structure of USG. Told structure: explained judicial board and told about senate. Told how every senator must be required to be a part of a committee. Gave short history of USG. Place of senate meetings and time then explained how committee meeting times will vary according to when the committee chair will want to hold committee meetings. Described how he would hold workshops. Went over rules of order, list of motions, and how to get something listed as an emergency

Devin: Presentation of Positive Incentive plan (see attached PowerPoint).

Presentation of Legislation:

Bill 03-12: Events Committee

- Tony Greco: This committee will be for social interaction to get name of USG out there. Read legislation.
- Ben Judge: Each committee has in the past had an executive liaison will these committees have one?
- Tony Greco: Yes as soon as the schedules get finalized we will assign a committee to each executive team member.
- Chris Gault: Will we partner with organizations other than SAPB?
- Tony Greco: Yes. SAPB is just explicitly stated because they are our campus' programming board.

Bill 04-12: Social Justice Committee

- Tony Greco: Different from DP in the fact that it will just focus on social justice and advocacy issues on a campus level. Read Bill.
- Ben Judge: In the past we have had campus accessibility which was included in many issues such as this before now. Do we want to incorporate that as well?
- David Willard: I move to incorporate campus accessibility into this committee.
- Ben Judge: I second.
- Devin Bready: Move and Seconded.
- Ben Judge: Clarified what campus accessibility was and the issues it dealt with.
- Devin Bready: It's time to vote. We will normally have voting cards but I did not make them this time. If you could write down your name, your vote, and your organization. This will be so we can track your voting record.

- Chris Gault: What is the future of using the voting cards?
- Devin Bready: To track your voting record normally I will have them printed up but I did not have them this time.
- Ben Judge: What do we write?
- Devin Bready: Your name, your vote, and your organization.
- Renice Kenney: Are we amending the bill?
- Ben Judge: Yes.
- Renice Kenney: Where at?
- David: Move line 12.
- Ben Judge: It is easier to add brackets so that we don' have to add new lines. Amends line 13 to add accessibility.
- Devin Bready: Call to vote.
- In favor: 28 senators.
- Opposed: 1 senator.
- Abstaining: 2 senators.
- Devin Bready: Motion Passes.
- Chris Gault: Will there be any discussion next week?
- David: I move to table discussion until next week.

Bill 5-12 Health & Wellness Committee

- Tony Greco: The Health and Wellness committee will address the health and wellness issues on campus. They will address such issues as the issues with Chick-fil-a and Barnes and nobles and other things.
- Alan Hancock: Are you aware that there is a Smoking advisory committee how will this differ.
- Jon McCain: Yes we are aware I am on the advisory committee.
- Tony Greco.: We will facilitate discourse on this.
- Mitchell: What do you hope to accomplish? These things are social justice issues why should they not be in the Social Justice Committee?
- Tony Greco: Well these are just one more thing that the two committees can come together on.
- Chris Gault: Point of Information what is the controversy?
- Tony Greco: I just choose the word controversy to describe the situation.
- Chirrs Gault: Well I feel that that is more of a social Justice issue. I move to strike line 14.
- Alan Hancock: I second.
- Devin Bready: Move to vote.
- 2 nos.
- 20 in favor
- 0 abstentions.
- Devin Bready: Line 14 struck from bill.

- David Willard: Point of Information. Because they are bills don't we have to wait two weeks to vote?
- Tony Greco: No last year there were bills that were passed in one week.

Bill 6-12: Dissolve CRC

- Tony Greco: This is a bill to dissolve the Constitutional Revision Committee. Revising the committee and getting everything update is everyone's job not just a committee. That is why we want to dissolve the committee.
- Chris Gault: Just so everyone knows I volunteered to chair this committee and put people on it. So the committee would not go without a chair.
- Tony Greco: Just so everyone knows you do not volunteer for a chair position.
- Alan Hancock: Have we ever thought of changing the constitution to bylaws so they are easier to change?
- Andrew Davis: That seems like more executive action item and part of the constitution. We have a lot to do in senate that can go to the judicial.
- Mary Ankenbruck: If you don't have committee especially for the constitution then everyone can feel like their voice is being heard and that way they can join any committee they want then have to focus on constitutional revisions.
- Chris Gault: Having a committee doesn't stop anyone from having their voice heard. It just helps people do better. It will teach them how to do things more specifically and better. Plus there is nothing saying that you can join two committees.
- Mary Ankenbruck: Who will teach them? Some people have very specific views on how things should be done.
- Andrew Engle: How active was the committee?
- Tony Greco: Not too active. It has varied from year to year. I wrote this bill because I felt it would be best to not have this committee.
- David Willard: I move to table discussion until next week.
- Second
- Bindu: If we take this committee away and it turns out we need it is there any way we can bring it back?
- Tony Greco: Yes.
- Bindu: Why don't we do that then? If we take it away and then it turns out we need it then we can bring it back.
- Devin Bready: Move to vote.
 - o All in favor.

Bill 07-12 Safety Committees

- Devin Bready: Thought that safety and violence was a worthwhile issue that needed to be looked at. Address any safety concerns.

- Alan Hancock: Do we know who is responsible for lights on campus?
- Devin Bready: I do not know?
- Andrew Davis: Campus facility is in charge of it.
- Ben Judge: Much like parking Vice Chancellor Rhodes is in charge of information. Point of information what committees are staying?
- Tony Greco: PRC and Elections
- Dean Spratt: Just wanted to point out that there is a word missing. We may want to ask what our mission statement is. How do we judge improvements? Double-check mission statement in committee.
- Abby Drum: We need to put something in there about giving safety information to students because there are students who don't know about self-defense or other things.

Discussion of Budget

- Cole Johnson
 - o Introduced him.
 - o I don't have to be a background person if you have any questions feel free to come to me.
- Discussion of chair stipends. Says that if someone quits they will have to pay stipend back.
- Dean Spratt: What happens if resolution doesn't pass to dissolve committee?
- Cole Johnson: Have to discuss with TOu.
- Mary ANkenbruck: Since we voted to take away campus accessibility will it go towards general fund?
- Cole Johnson: We will probably put it back towards social action.
- Discussion of travel and transport.
 - o Pay for incoming executives to go to the conference. Cole summarizes numbers.
- David Willard: In the past couple of years chairs have not been stipend why are they being stipend now.
- Cole Johnson: This happened because we didn't go to Florida for the conference.
- Ben Judge: Are there going to be guidelines for the committee chairs?
- Tony Greco: Student Government is moving office we will be given own office with gpsg to keep office open we need staffing. We will have specific contract.
- Discussion of Programs and events
 - o Cole Johnson summarizes numbers
- Discussion of Senate, Director, and Committee funds
 - o Cole Johnson summarizes numbers
- Office Supplies and Printing
 - o Cole Johnson summarizes numbers
- Miscellaneous
 - o Cole Johnson Summarizes numbers
 - o Scholarships

- 2012,2013 and a reconciliation from 2011
 - UN flags
 - Action items
- Unallocated
 - Cole Johnson: This gives the budget leeway that it hasn't had in the past.
- Ben Judge: Move to close floor and vote on budget.
- Andrew Davis: Second.
- Devin: call to vote.
- 4 no's
- 25 in favor
- 0 abstaining.

Discussion of Secretary

- Devin Bready: In the spring Kiran Gill was elected unfortunately she had to resign due to personal reasons so the executive board nominated Hannah Muldoon as interim secretary. SO now we are opening the floor for nominations.
- Jon McCain: I nominate Hannah Muldoon for Secretary.
- Mary Ankenbruck: Second.
- Hannah Muldoon: Accept.
- David Willard: I move to nominate Chris Gault.
- Matthew Kappus: I second.
- Devin Bready: We can discuss now or wait.
- Hannah Muldoon: I can discuss now it is up to Chris.
- Chris Gault: I said I'd like to wait.
- Devin Bready: We will wait until next week to discuss.

Justice Applicants

- Lauren Schommer
 - Introduction
 - Questions From Senators
 - Abby Drumm: You said you're the chapter president of your sorority I know that is a large time commitment how will you be able to make a time commitment to that?
 - Lauren Schommer: I have a very detailed planner and am very organized and I can make time.
 - Devin: Call to vote
 - In favor: 23
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstaining: 4
 - Lauren is appointed as Justice
- Justin Lee

- Introduction
- Questions from senators
 - Mary Ankenbruck: DO you have time to do this with everything else you do?
 - Justin Lee: Yes I am very flexible. I left a budget meeting early to come here and be a part of this discussion.
 - Devin Bready: Anyone else? Okay. Justin if you could please leave the room.
 - Mary Ankenbruck: Point of information. What do we do if a justice steps down?
 - Devin Bready: We have to appoint someone else to fill that role.
 - Dean Spratt: I want you all to remember the fact that USG doesn't have to be made up of traditional college students. It can involve nontraditional students also.
 - Devin Bready: Call to vote
 - In favor: 25
 - Against: 0
 - Abstaining: 1
 - Devin Bready: Justin Lee approved.
- Greg Paris
 - Introduction
 - Questions from Senators
 - Maria Harlan: How do you manage your time?
 - Greg Paris: I am good with time management.
 - Devin Bready: Call to vote.
 - In Favor: 25
 - Opposed: 1
 - Abstaining: 2
 - Devin Bready: Greg Paris approved

Devin Bready: Open forum

- Tony Greco: Everyone needs to come and talk to the chair of the committee they want to be a part of and everyone interested in becoming committee chairs come sign up.
- Jon McCain: Everyone needs to make sure they fill out their affidavits and advisor form?
- Ben Judge: Where are they?
- Andrew Davis: They are on the USG website homepage.
- Alan Hancock: If could tell when senate will run long so we can plan accordingly and pay attention to the fact that everyone has other time commitments.
- Ben Judge: Regatta will be September 22nd and I expected everyone to be there.
- Chris Gault: I move to adjourn.
- David Willard: Second
- Devin Bready: Meeting Adjourned.

