



ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Emporia State University
Associated Student Government

Student Senate
Meeting Minutes
09.28.2023

CALL TO ORDER

- Vice President Viorel called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- There were 20 Senators present for roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Senator Boatman moved to approve the minutes. Senator Ramirez seconded.
 - Motion passed 20-0-0.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

- Senator Mosher moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator Valdez Saravia seconded.
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

- Nominate President Pro Tempore.
 - Braxton Wright nominated himself.
 - Senator Yaseen nominated Senator Banks.
 - Senator Cole nominated Senator Kimble, she rejected.
- Senator of the Month
 - Senator Takahashi.
 - Senator Cole.
- Next Senate Meeting on Thursday, October 6th.
- October 9th is Dip into diversity.

GUEST REMARKS

- Brent Thomas, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Sheila Markowitz, Registrar.
- Senator Winfrey-Reed moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator Hovious seconded.
- *Brent Thomas*

- He introduced himself as a biologist who studied turtles. He explained joining Emporia State was his best decision. He used to be the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- As Provost, he started reorganizing Academic Affairs. They had town hall meetings, getting feedback from the community.
- In late April 2023, they announced the new structure.
- Provost Thomas explained what the programs looked like before the restructuring versus what they looked like after.
- All schools now have no departments.
- Senator Izibili asked the following questions:
 - Senator Izibili thanked Provost Thomas for the Presentation. He asked if there was a five- or ten-year plan.
 - Provost Thomas replied that they would watch 24/7 and make changes when problems arise.
 - Does this plan let a new Dean who comes into our school change stuff about their college to what they want?
 - Provost Thomas replied that they would be open to change and listen to suggestions.
 - How long do you think it will take for people to accept change?
 - Provost Thomas explained he already sees people responding to change and signs of greater collaboration. He already is seeing positive signs that people are changing.
- *Sheila Markowitz*
 - She has seen the change in majors and programs.
 - She explained how the changes affect students.
 - What changed?
 - The names of the schools.
 - The programs of student's degrees and majors.
 - They took all the courses to ensure they were mapped to the new majors.
 - What is a curriculum change- a change to your requirements or major.
 - If you change your major or add a minor, you must change your catalog.
 - Showed the process of how to change your curriculum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Fiscal Affairs, Senator Ramirez
 - The Line Items
 - They finished reviewing the forms.
 - Next week they will start the interview process.
 - The committee voted on the reserve fund request for the Wildlife and Fisheries club.
- Senate Operations, Senator Mosher
 - All things RSO wrapped yesterday
 - Only a handful had attended.
 - Thanked the committee.
 - They have been working on bills and RSO recognition.
- Campus & Community Relations, Senator Cole

- Thank you for coming to Music Bingo, it had a great turn out.
- Can the Bods is doing great.
- Stinger showdown sign up was opened on Monday.
 - If anyone can volunteer that would be great.
- Diversity and Inclusion, Senator Yaseen
 - Dip into diversity October 9th
 - Planning is nearly finished.

CABINET REPORTS

- Chief of Staff, Kadin Waterman
 - Homecoming Royalty nominees by ASG:
 - President Dawson
 - Senator Boatman
 - Senator Banks
- Business Affairs Director, Position Open
 - Executives will do interviews next week.
- Legislative Director, Arif
 - Voter Registration went great, had great donuts, and advocated for students to vote.
 - The first week of October is Voter Registration Week.
 - Slowly planning higher education day.
 - Working on a survey to learn what we are thinking about Higher Education Day.
 - Legislation is due Friday September 29th at 5 p.m. for the upcoming Senate meeting.
 - Remember the rules and refer to the constitution when writing Legislation.

FIRST READINGS

- SB 24004: RESERVE FUND REQUEST THE WILDLIFE AND FISHERY CLUB
 - Originator: Fiscal Affairs Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Bright
 - Committee Vote: 5-0-1
 - Senator Bright moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Mosher seconded.
 - 21-0-0
- SB 24005: RECOGNITION OF SPORTS LEADERSHIP AND RECREATION CLUB
 - Originator: Lamonte Mallette
 - Sponsor: Senator Valverde
 - Committee Vote: 5-0-1

GENERAL ORDER

- SB 24001: RESERVE FUND REQUEST ALLOTMENTS
 - Senator Miller moved to pass the bill favorably. Senator Wright seconded.
 - Senator Mosher moved to call the bill to question. Senator Boatman seconded.
 - Passed 22-0-0
- SR 24003: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CORKY CARES TRAINING
 - Senator Banks moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Izibili seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Senator Yaseen

- If you have any questions or concerns reach out.
 - Senator Ramirez moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Wright seconded.
 - Passed 21-0-0
- SB 24004: RESERVE FUND REQUEST THE WILDLIFE AND FISHERY CLUB
 - Senator Bright moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Valdez Saravia seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Vice President Viorel: does someone from the gallery wish to speak?
 - Senator Winfrey-Reed moved to grant speaking privileges to *Audrey, the President of Wildlife and Fisheries*. Senator Izibili seconded.
 - Chief of Staff Waterman asked: What made you want to go to this place?
 - Audrey explained their advisor has connections.
 - Senator Winfrey-Reed asked: Are these funds covering the entire trip, or will students still have to pay?
 - Audrey explained: The students only have to pay for their food or extra activities.
 - Senator Izibili asked: How many students are attending?
 - Audrey said: 7 Emporia Students.
 - Senator Banks moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Camacho seconded.
 - Passed 21-0-0

THIRD READINGS

- SB 24004: RESERVE FUND REQUEST THE WILDLIFE AND FISHERY CLUB
 - Passed 22-0-0
- SB 24001: RESERVE FUND REQUEST ALLOTMENTS
 - Passed/Failed 21-0-0
- SR 24003: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CORKY CARES TRAINING
 - Passed/Failed 21-0-0

GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Motion to open the Good of the University was made by Senator Boatman and seconded by Senator Cole.
 - Senator Winfrey-Reed
 - Sister club is putting on a prom, a single ticket is \$10, a pair ticket is \$15.
 - Senator Mosher
 - The Phi Delta Theta is raising money, any donations will help.
 - Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Alpha are doing the teeter totter. September 29th-30th. On the corner of East 12th and Cottonwood.
 - Senator Farnsworth explained they are raising money for SOS.
 - Senator Cole
 - Chi Omega is hosting a pickle ball tournament on October 29th.
 - Senator Valdez: Hispanic & Latin Food Fair on Monday from 11am-2pm on MU Mainstreet.
 - Vice President Viorel
 - Yes, come to the Hispanic & Latin Food Fair

- 5 countries: Bolivia, Mexico, Paraguay, Colombia and Brazil.
 - President Pro Tempore for 2023-2024 is Senator Banks.
- ASG Advisor, Shelly Gehrke
 - She is excited for this semester
 - There is energy all over campus
 - It's a great day to be a Hornet.
- Motion to close the Good of the University was made by Senator Ramirez seconded by Senator Mabkhout.

FINAL ROLL CALL

- There were 20 Senators present for the final roll.

ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Ramirez moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm until Thursday October 6th at 5:15 pm in the Senate Chambers. Senator Cole seconded.
 - Motion passed 20-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Kadin Waterman, Chief of Staff.