



**Emporia State University**  
**Associated Student Government**  
Student Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

- There were 14 Senators present for roll call.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- No minutes to approve

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW SENATORS**

- Senator Kayden Smith got appointed and sworn into office.
- 13-0-0

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS**

- Senator Kimble moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator Rojas seconded.
- President's chat (campus sustainability/ green practices);
  - Senator Banks said to make posters
  - Senator Izibili said to have a green day
  - Senator Rojas said to do something on earth day
- Re-organization of the Senate
- Indigenous land Acknowledgement

**VICE PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS**

- Opioid overdose training next week
- Higher Education Sign ups
- Don't forget to do your office hours
- Town Hall with President Hush cancelled
- New Social Chair (Senator Farnsworth)
- Interview ongoing for Senators, Chief of staff and Election Commissioner)

**GUEST REMARKS**

- There were no guest speakers

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Fiscal Affairs, Senator Ramirez
  - Reserve Fund Request for Men of Excellence and Sister Circle
  - Deadline for Allocation packets to be turned in in February

- Senate Operations, Senator Valverde
  - Working on All Things RSO event
  - Sorting through service hours
- Campus & Community Relations, Senator Rojas
  - RSO Spotlight (Thrive)
  - Employer Appreciation Month in March
  - Online Event planning
- Diversity and Inclusion, Senator Yaseen
  - Restocked menstrual products this week
  - Training to start on Monday

#### **CABINET REPORTS**

- President Pro Tempore, Banks
  - Coffee with a Cup on Thursday
- Chief of Staff
  - There is not a Chief of Staff for now.
- Business Affairs Director, Okonkwo
  - Love your Campus Mini Grants update
- Legislative Director, B. Arif
  - Higher Education Day update
  - Contacting Legislatives
  - Training for Higher Education Day in Washburn on the 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Legislation
- Social Chair, Farnsworth
  - Working on ideas for the Senate to know each other better (trivia night)

#### **FIRST READINGS**

- SB 24014: Reserve Fund Request Men of Excellence
  - Originator: fiscal affairs
  - Sponsor: Senator Valdez- Saravia
  - Committee Vote: 3-0-0
  - Senator Valdez-Saravia moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Ramirez seconded.
    - 14-0-0
- SB 24015: Reserve Fund Request Sister Circle
  - Originator: Fiscal affairs Committee
  - Sponsor: Senator Valdez-Saravia
  - Committee Vote: 3-0-0
  - Senator Valdez-Saravia moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Noor seconded.
    - 14-0-0
- SB 24016: Recognition of Art History Association
  - Originator: Katherine Iselin
  - Sponsor: Senator Valverde
  - Committee Vote: 6-0-0

- SR 24026: Recognition Of THRIVE as the first RSO spotlight
  - Originator: CCR Committee
  - Sponsor: Senator Lance
  - Committee Vote: 4-0-0
  - Senator Lance moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Rojas seconded.
    - 14-0-0

## **GENERAL ORDER**

- SB 24012: Amendment to the Election Regulations
  - Senator Valverde moved to pass the bill favorably. Senator Yaseen seconded.
  - Discussion:
    - Legislative Director B.Arif
      - Senator Ramirez moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator Banks seconded.
      - Timeline used to work on the project and open to questions and comments.
  - Senator Noor oved to call the bill to question. Senator Ramirez seconded.
  - Passed/Failed 14-0-0
- SR 24014: Reserve Fund Request Men of Excellence
  - Senator Valdez-Saravia moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Noor seconded.
  - Discussion:
    - Coby Smith
      - Senator Banks moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator Izibili seconded.
      - Big Twelve as a workshop and career fair that focuses on what it means to be a black scholar in the real world.
  - Senator Izibili moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Ramirez seconded.
  - Passed/Failed 14-0-0
- SB 24015: Reserve Fund Request Sister Circle
  - Senator Valdez-Saravia moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Valverde seconded.
  - Discussion:
    - Cellina Guidry:
      - Senator Banks moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator Izibili seconded.
      - Big 12 as a black leadership workshop
      - Senator Ramirez made a comment to why Men of Excellence and sister Circle received the same amount.
  - Senator Banks moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Smith seconded.
  - Passed/Failed 14-0-0
- SR 24026: Recognition of Thrive as the first RSO spotlight
  - Senator Lance moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Banks seconded.
  - Discussion:
    - Senator Banks

- Stated that THRIVE was the reason that the hornet central was figured out
- Senator Ramirez moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Valdez-Saravia seconded.
- Passed/Failed 14-0-0

### **THIRD READINGS**

- SB 24012: Amendment to the Election Regulations
  - Passed/Failed 14-0-0
- SB 24014: Reserve Fund Request Men of Excellence
  - Passed/Failed 14-0-0
- SR 24015: Reserve Fund Request Sister Circle
  - Passed/Failed 14-0-0
- SR 24026: Recognition of THRIVE as the first RSO Spotlight
  - Passed/Failed 14-0-0

### **GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY**

- Motion to open the Good of the University was made by Senator Noor and seconded by Senator Glidwell.
  - President Dawson offered free meal by the Methodist Campus Ministries.
    - Training for Higher Education Day and form deadline.
  - Senator Kimble stated that Sigma Sigma Sigma are recruiting members and invited everyone to the Church of Christ for Free Skaty Friday
  - Senator Ramirez asked if anyone was interested in being the fiscal affairs chair. reach out to President Sophia and Vice-president Camila.
  - Senator Smith invited people to join the sociology honors society.
  - Senator Banks talked about an entrepreneurship challenge.
  - Azwad talked about Founders Day and a scholarship opportunity.
  - Cass talked about financial aid packaging and encouraged students to take care of themselves.
  - Teachers College Senator application. Sophia and Camilla will be tabling in Visser hall
- Motion to close the Good of the University was made by Senator Kimble and seconded by Senator Izibili.

### **FINAL ROLL CALL**

- There were 14 Senators present for the final roll.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Senator Ramirez moved to adjourn at pm until February 18 at 5:15 pm in the Senate Chambers. Senator Kimble seconded.
  - Motion passed 14-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_, Chief of Staff*