

Call to Order: Kristina Rather called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

Attendance: Andrew Janz(NV), Kristina Rather(NV), Peter Lindbeck(NV), Matt Ryan(NV), Nathan Lovaas, Jenna Kasch, Jeff Brown, Emily Cimino, Megan Loghry, Diana Heredia, Eric Rodriguez, Ashli McClary

Point Totals: Ashli McClary 2pts up for review, Emily Cimino 3pts up for review

Guest: Josie Madrigal, Roxeanne Hark, Bryon Kamp, Bryce Dias, Ron Noble, Dr. Colnic, Dr. Steve Filling, Dr. John Sarraille

Approval of Agenda:

Motion (Lindbeck) to approve the Agenda for November 18, 2008. Emily Cimino motioned to add Discussion Item C "Elections Code" Motion to approve the Agenda was seconded (Cimino) and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion (Janz) to approve the minutes from November 4, 2008. Seconded (Heredia) and passed unanimously.

Announcements & Presentations:

Nathan Lovas entered at 5:05

- A. Emily Cimino – There will be a forum on the homeless shelter from 1-4. She also presented a powerpoint presentation on the waste that plastic bags contribute to this earth
- B. Sean Newland – Lap Swim Data (paper passed around) – we are paying out more than we are actually making.

Emily Cimino left at 5:10

Emily Cimino left at 5:11

- C. Nathan is planning to start a compost program.

Open Forum:

- A. Dr. Filling and Dr. Sarraille are here to discuss the budget cuts and are happy to announce that all the classes that were planning on being cut will not be cut. Thursday morning at 10 - 11:30 in MSR 130 the Provost is holding an open forum and they feel that it is important that students and faculty show up. It is stressed that if, as leaders, we should attend this open forum.

Peter Lindbeck at 5:30

Peter Lindbeck returned at 5:31

Action Items:

- a. Bryce Dias (Janz) – Andrew Janz and B. Dias have not had time to discuss Bryce’s actual term because he serves on the USU board as well. Would like to table this item until they can discuss the term. Motion (Janz) to table this item until further notice. Seconded (Heredia) and motion passes unanimously.

Discussion:

- a. Account Changes (Ryan) – These are the changes to the budget to cover the deficit from the welcome back concert. The amount shown is the amount being taking from each line item.

Bryon Kamp entered at 5:32

- b. Josie Madrigal (Rather) – Interested in the Senator of Diversity position. She was invoved in High School and would like to get more involved in school. This is the first reading of Ms. Madrigal and she will be voted on at the next meeting.

Diana Heredia left at 5:44

Diana Heredia returned at 5:45

- c. Elections Code: There are 3 changes to the code that we would like to discuss.
 - a. 2.3.4.3 – Striking “Administrative Assistant” from the current for the new to read “The Vice Chair will be responsible for taking minutes and attendance....”

- b. 7.2.4 – Striking “hand or machine”
- c. 7.2.5 – Method to count the ballots should be at the discretion of the election committee

The Elections Committee will take this back to their next meeting, and this discussion will continue at a later time. Peter Lindbeck would like to table this discussion until next week. Motion (Lindbeck) to table this until next week. Seconded (Rather) and the motion passes unananimously

Andrew Janz left at 5:52

Andrew Janz returned at 5:53

Nathan Lovaas left at 5:57

Senator Reports:

- a. Senator, College of Natural Sciences: Vacant
- b. Senator, College of Health & Human Sciences: Vacant
- c. Senator, College of Humanities & Social Sciences: Ashli McClary - No Report
- d. Senator, College of Business: Jeff Brown – met with the chair yesterday. The chair would like to have a social with the chairs and presidents of the clubs in that college to discuss what is going on. In the next coming weeks can the senate directory be updated.
- e. Senator, Undergraduate Students: Megan Loghry – Has a couple of meetings coming up (Student Success, Senior Gift Committee)
- f. Senator, Graduate Students: Vacant
- g. Senator. Athletics: Jenna Kasch – Gotten some of the surveys back. Peter is going to help sort the surveys. Emily suggest using SPSS to sort them. Not all surveys are in yet, expecting the rest a week from today.
- h. Senator, Student Organizations: Diana Heredia – No Report
- i. Senator, Environmental: Emily Cimino – Collected all of the petitions for sustainability for Sodexo. Received over 400. Working with Andrew to set up a recycling position on campus

- j. Senator, At-Large:
 - a. Nathan Lovaas - Absent
 - b. Eric Rodriguez - will be attending FBAC committee meeting and Student Success Committee

Executive Reports:

- a. President: Andrew Janz – Has been working on UBAC situation. Also working on recycling proposal. Had a discussion today in Budget committee to figure out where to get the money.
- b. Vice President, Internal: Kristina Rather – Will be meeting with Bryon about Retreat. Retreat will be local and the final date will be given soon. Went to Career Services Committee. Senate Fleece Sweaters are in. Come to my office after the meeting to get your sweater.
- c. Vice President, External: Peter Lindbeck – UEPC report overview. Budget cut let will be sent to the Gov expressing that we do not agree with the mid year cut. CFA is on campus having students sign the letter and they will be faxing/mailing it out. There is a proposal for state wide impaction meaning that some students will be denied access to the CSU system, he received this email from a member on CSSA. Has a meeting with Dr. Shirvani to discuss the signs in downtown Turlock. Wants to know about the Skateboarding policy and if it has been changed. There is a Science and Religion Forum in C201, and the Lecture on Sustainability at 6 on Thursday. CSSA met with the AS presidents on Friday in Northridge to discuss that almost all campuses have pulled out to not pay dues to CSSA at this moment. Discussion went on about representational voting.
- d. Vice President, Finance: Matt Ryan – Approached by Alyssa Arogan. She proposed turning the Budget committee into more of an organization for students. So the committee members wouldn't be just senators but members from student organizations.

Other Reports:

- a. Executive Director: Byron Kamp – Thanks to all that participated with the Food Focus Groups. The Board of Directors did approve

500,000 from there reserve for the renovations of the Union. Talking with the interim VP of Finance of Business they have come to the conclusion that because of People soft they are having problems and dilemmas in that area, but by Thanksgiving break they hope to be up and running. By the first meeting in December we should have financials available. Tomorrow is the USU open house from 12-2 and wear red

- b. Assistant Director: Cesar Rumayor – Absent
- c. Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Colnic – Good job dealing with complex issues. The budget situation is concerning the faculty members the most. Ag lecture on Thursday night. Wednesday at 1pm the former US ambassador is giving a talk – look on homepage for further information.
- d. Dean of Students: Ron Noble – AHAWK committee – looking at the alcohol policy. They are looking over it and trying to change if things need to be changed. Trying to make it not so strict. Also looking into the housing policy to make sure that the university policy and the housing policy are in line with each other. There is a new Health Educator, Hilary.

Jenna Kasch left at 6:45

Eric Rodriguez left at 6:45

Jenna Kasch returned at 6:47

Standing Committees:

- a. Elections: looking into on-line elections. There is a meeting tomorrow at 4pm in the Stanislaus room. We are also looking into voting at the colleges not just in one place.

Andrew Janz left at 6:50

- b. Budget: Should have budget next week to vote on the recycling
- c. Rules: When points are announced please keep in mind that if you have 6 points to come see the rules committee

Closing Comments:

Please attend the open forum. There is a meeting next week on 11/25.

Motion (Lindbeck) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Heredia) and passed unanimously at 6:54pm.