

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 82nd Session

Minutes for Wednesday, October 29th, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

President's Conference Room, ASUN Center for Student Engagement

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Brooke called the meeting for the Committee on Government Operations to order at 8:13 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 in the President's Conference Room in the ASUN Center for Student Engagement.

Presiding secretary Jordanna Payne.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Andrew, Brooke, Crook, Hood, and Stewart were present.

Senator Ramirez was absent-excused.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. S.B. 81- A Bill to Modify Title II of the SAS

Senator Crook motioned to amend by substitution the two page document with the five page document, an addendum presented at the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Crook discussed that she wrote the legislation to make sure that all officers are approved by Senate as well as to clean up the end of Title II where Unity and Traditions are still defined as separate departments.

Senator Brooke stated that he purposefully left out taking charge of Orientation as a duty of the Vice President. It is implied that they are the one's responsible for it, but he wasn't sure if it was explicitly listed as a responsibility of the Vice President anywhere. He asked the committee for their opinion on the matter.

The committee decided to add an explicit statement to the Vice President's duties.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Senator Andrew motioned to approve S.B. 81- A Bill to Modify Title II of the SAS.

Senator Crook seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously with the result that S.B. 81- A Bill to Modify Title II of the SAS was passed.

b. Senator Reports

Senator Hood stated that he would have a report that night regarding the Attorney General's opinion about how they are changing the constitution and the process she thinks they should follow to change how the Speaker is elected.

No other senators had any reports at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of Titles VIII, IX, X, and XI of the SAS

Review of Title VIII-

Senator Stewart asked if in section 2 of Chapter 8.01 the "presiding officer of the Senate" was supposed to be the Speaker.

Speaker Fabbi responded that the Speaker is the presiding officer of the Senate.

Senator Crook asked if the Speaker could administer oaths to all officers and not just officers of the Senate, since Speaker Fabbi had been administering oaths to everyone.

Senator Stewart stated that some of the oaths include a "without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion" clause, however that clause isn't in the oaths for the President or Justices.

Senator Brooke stated that was something he would like to make uniform.

Senator Crook stated that for the Chief Justice it states, "in addition to other oaths required by law," so she was wondering if those other oaths covered that clause, but that clause would still be missing from the President's oath.

Senator Brooke stated he definitely wanted to make that clearer.

Review of Title IX-

The committee didn't have any changes to make because Title IX is in the SAS to ensure compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Review of Title X-

The committee had no changes to make to Title X.

Review of Title XI-

Senator Crook asked about consolidating other sections of the SAS under this Title that fit here better because they are agreements with ASUN and outside entities.

Senator Stewart stated that Chapter 11.03 doesn't actually seem to have any content.

b. Senator Assignments

Each Senator was assigned to review and analyze Titles XII, XIII, and XIV of the SAS for adjustments or improvements.

Senator Andrew stated that going over Title XIII of the SAS might be redundant since the Academics committee is currently going over Title XIII.

Senator Brooke changed the assignment to Titles XII and XIV.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the committee, Senator Brooke adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.