

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 84th Session

Minutes for Friday, September 23, 2016 at 3:00 pm

Presidents Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Jordan called the Committee Meeting of Government Operations to order on September 23rd at 3:07 on the 3rd floor of the Student Union in the Presidents Conference Room. Presiding Secretary, Brooke Hansen.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Duvall, Jacoby, Jordan, Macaballug , and T Jackson were present

Senator Bond was absent excused.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

T Jackson motioned to approve the minutes for September 16th, 2016 through unanimous consent.

The motion carried

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senator Updates on SAS Projects

Senator Jordan was not present last meeting and wanted updates from the Senators on how their SAS and scholarships assignment was coming along. Senator Jordan opened the floor for a discussion on any updates for their assignment.

Senator T Jackson mentioned that he was looking through the SAS and the ASUN website the day before, to cross reference the scholarship he had been assigned, and noticed some discrepancies especially with the GPA requirements. Senator T Jackson said that on the website he read the GPA being a 2.5 to be eligible for his assigned scholarship, whereas in the SAS it reads 2.75 as the required GPA. Senator T Jackson noticed that the difference in the GPA requirements was the main problem that he found for this assignment.

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Senator Macaballug mentioned that he can across the same problems as Senator T Jackson. Senator Macaballug noticed that on the website it specifies that the scholarship is reserved for undergraduates, whereas the SAS fails to state whether or not that Macaballug's assigned scholarship is for undergraduates or both undergraduates and graduates.

Senator T Jackson responded to Senator Macaballug's statement. Senator T Jackson said that he was unsure about whether or not the scholarships are directed at just undergraduates or both undergraduates and graduates, however in the SAS and on the ASUN website it does say that the students applying for a scholarship has to be a member of the association. Senator T Jackson proceeded to say that he doesn't believe that graduate students are members of the association; however that graduate students are members of the graduate association, not ASUN. Senator T Jackson noted that his knowledge on this subject is very limited and asked for others to join in the conversation to give some insight.

Senator Jordan asked Senator Jacoby if he had anything to say about his findings on his assigned scholarship.

Senator Jacoby said he sent an email to the financial aid office to set up a meeting to take everything that was discussed to the office to double check what was being said at the Government Operations meeting.

Senator Smith said that he came across the same findings in his scholarship that Senator T Jackson and Macaballug had found in their assigned scholarships. Senator Smith found that the GPA under the General Student Scholarship was not constant with the website and the SAS.

Senator Duvall noticed the same issue that Senators T Jackson, Macaballug, and Smith were having. Senator Duvall said that she emailed the Office of Financial Aid, however they did not respond back. Senator Duvall mentioned that she believes that it will be a long process to set up a meeting with the Financial Aid Office.

Senator Jordan mentioned that he has a phone number of someone to talk to for more information about the scholarships. Senator Jordan said that he doesn't want each Senator calling the Office of Financial Aid one by one, so he assigned one person with all of title 13. Senator Jordan said that, that one person who is assigned with title 13 should go to the office in person to find out which GPA is correct and any other information that is relevant.

At this time, Senator Jordan asked whether Senator Duvall or Senator Jacoby would like to take title 13 of the SAS.

Senator Jacoby offered to be in charge of title 13 of the SAS.

Senator Jordan said that he would be giving Senator Jacoby the correct contact information for Senator Jacoby's assignment.

Senator Jordan said that he will talk with Dr. Beattie about the scholarship discrepancies. Senator Jordan said that he did talk with Dr. Beattie about room for new scholarships. Senator Jordan mentioned that Dr. Beattie

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said that there are currently no scholarships for first generation students. Senator Jordan said that the Senators can find another angle for a new scholarship, and that if they do have one in mind to talk to the Office of Financial Aid about the requirements for a new scholarship, and what the scholarship should be named.

Senator Smith mentioned that he had met with the Dean of the College of Business and the Dean pointed out that two percent of students at URN are studying abroad while other colleges have about 15-20 percent of students studying abroad. Senator Smith said that he wanted to look into scholarships for studying abroad to help with affordability of the program.

Senator Jordan responded by saying that there was an opportunity for a scholarship through something similar that USAC does. Senator Jordan mentioned that it would also be good to look into more options for studying abroad and how we can provide more availability for people to study abroad.

Senator Jackson went back on his point about the different between ASUN and the Graduate Student Association. Senator Jackson said the he double checked and found that ASUN is made up of every undergraduate student. Senator T Jackson went on to ask what the scholarship in the 83rd session that passes through was.

Senator Duvall responded by saying that in the 83rd session there were funds that were allocated for a program that involved students in science and engineering studying abroad to do research in foreign countries.

Senator Jordan recapped on the fact that Senator Jacoby is in charge of title 13 of the SAS and is to look over any discrepancies and that Senators should think of new scholarships that they would like to see added to the SAS, specifically for 1st generation students and studying abroad.

Senator Jordan said, to Senator Jacoby, that he will be asking for an update on his findings on scholarships and title 13 of the SAS.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to address at this time.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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