

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 84th Session

Minutes for Friday, November 18, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, Group Study Room 523

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Committee meeting for Government Operations was called to order on Friday November 18th at 3:04 pm in the Mathewson-ITG Knowledge Center in study room 523. Presiding Secretary, Brooke Hansen.

2. ROLL CALL

Senators Bond, Duvall, Feng, Jacoby, Jordan, Smith, T Jackson, and Taylor were present.

Senator Macaballug was absent excused.

Interns Mall, Alvarez, Thummel were Present.

Interns Canfield, Martinez, and Billman were absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

4. MINUTES

Senator Smith moved to approve the minutes for November 4th 2016 by unanimous consent.

Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senator Updates on SAS Projects

Senator Taylor gave his update on his SAS project and said that he had just finished his meeting with Doctor Mencing regarding the NSURJ in the SAS. Everything that is needed to be in the SAS that pertained to that topic is in the SAS, Senator Taylor said that he was just shinning up small details.

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Senator Duvall then gave her SAS update. Senator Duvall said that she had been writing a templet example how a new program would be organized if one were to start. The templet included establishment, mission statement, purpose director, officer, optional assistant director, and optional operations. Almost all programs had to have section 6, so that the programs can receive money, and then section 7, which, was a reservation of rights that were able to be modified at any time. Senator Duvall said that Brian Fidelibus wanted the senators to create this in order to clarify what each of his departments needed.

Intern Se walked into the room at 3:06 pm.

There were no more updates at this time.

b. **S.B 84- An Act to Amend Turbovote**

Senator T Jackson introduced the bill, “An Act to Amend Turbovote.”

Through meeting with Director Charles, Senator T Jackson and Director Charles came up with different changes to how Turbovote was written in the SAS, one change being how the funds were being appropriated. Senator T Jackson said that there were discrepancies with how the funds of Turbovote were being carried out opposed to how it is written in the SAS, so a change was made regarding that. Another change to the SAS regarding Turbovote, just in case they wanted to deviate from Turbovote and wanted to use other voter initiative to help the students, was that if there is a better option, it can be taken out without difficulty.

Senator Bond moved to approve Senate Bill 84, “An Act to Amend Turbovote.

T Jackson seconded the motion.

The floor was then open for discussion of the bill.

Senator H Jackson asked if on line four of the bill if “is” should be “has” appropriated the funds to purchase Turbo vote every fiscal year.

Senator Jordan asked if Senator H Jackson if the line was on page 2.

Senator H Jackson clarified that the line that needed to be corrected was line 5, not line 4.

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Senator T Jackson said that he believes that the line is correct the way it is.

Senator Jordan explained that Senator T Jackson was trying to say that the overall funds were being appropriated, for example, legislative affairs was appropriated a certain amount of funds for Turbovote.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

All senators were in favor of the bill.

Motion carried.

c. **S.B 84- An Act to Amend Title XIX: Subsidiary Employees**

Senator Macaballug was not present; therefore Senator Jacoby introduced the bill, “An Act to Amend Title XIX: Subsidiary Employees.”

Senator Jacoby said that he met with Amy Koeckes to and Brian Fidelibus to have a discussion about campus escort. Senator Jacoby said that the Bill is adding more of the positions that take place in ASUN to title 19 of the SAS. These positions include Assistant Director of Technology, Director of Pack Provisions, and any other possible positions that were created would then be added. Senator Jacoby explained that this bill would add more of the positions that are a part of the Center for Student Engagement for clarity.

Senator Jackson moved to recommend favorably Senate Bill 84, An Act to Amend Title XIX: Subsidiary Employees.

Senator Jacoby seconded the motion.

The floor was open for a discussion of the Bill.

Senator T Jackson asked if the different positions that were added were already positions within the Center for Student Engagement.

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Senator Jacoby said that he believes so and explained that the Special Projects, assistant director of technology, and director of pack provisions were the three that needed to be added. Amy Koeckes and Brian Fidelibus talked with Senator Jacoby, however they didn't go into detail about what those positions did.

Senator Feng said that title 20 of the SAS is ASUN Pack Provisions and asked why Senator Jacoby placed the Director of Pack Provisions under title 19 instead of leaving it under the current title.

Senator Jacoby did not have an answer and explained that he is only representing the bill and that Senator Macaballug was the one who wrote the Bill. Senator Jacoby recommended tabling the bill.

Senator Bond said that she knows that the director of Pack Provisions was edited and that she did the Pack Provisions amendments because the director of Pack Provisions was currently called the vice president of Pack Provisions in the SAS. Senator Bond explained that her amendment to the SAS would fix that so she recommended amending the bill to not have the director included, but also that it could be passed through Government Operations.

Senator Jordan said that there is concern as to why it was put in there in the first place, so Senator Jordan also recommended tabling the bill.

Senator T Jackson moved to table the Bill "An Act to Amend Title XIX: Subsidiary Employees" until the next meeting that Senator Macaballug was present.

Senator Feng seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

d. **S.B 84- An Act to Amend the Mahmoud "Mike" Hendi Public Service Award**

Senator Jacoby introduced the bill, "An Act to Amend the Mahmoud "Mike" Hendi Public Service Award."

Senator Jacoby said that this bill was brought to him by Dr. Beattie, and that he emailed Mrs. Hayes again for clarity. Senator Jacoby explained that it was a service award,

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however it was distributed as a scholarship and the difference was that an award can be used for anything and that there are no restrictions. An award would not necessarily have to go towards tuition or books. Senator Jacoby said that the Office of Financial Aid doesn't give out awards, however they wanted the money that was given to be used for scholastic intentions, making the "Mike" Hendi Public Service Award not accurate. Senator Jacoby said that anywhere it reads award, it would be changed to scholarship. In Senator Jacoby's addendum, it showed what the SAS would look like if the word award was to change to scholarship.

Senator T Jackson moved to recommend favorably to Senate, Senate Bill 84 "An Act to Amend the Mahmoud "Mike" Hendi Public Service Award"

Senator Jacoby seconded the motion.

The floor was open to a discussion of the bill.

Senator Duvall questioned the wording in the templet of addendum C.

Senator Jacoby said that was the templet used for every scholarship in the SAS, which was why Senator Jacoby didn't specifically change certain parts. Senator Jacoby said that in addendum C it said scholarship awards, and explained that if you put scholarship in front of the word award, then the money is used for scholastic purposes. The change of the SAS nearly came down to how it was worded.

Senator Feng said that in section 7, "Announcement of an Award" it says honor the best with a reception and asked Senator Jacoby if he was aware of what that was.

Senator Jacoby said that the award was also given a plaque, because a large part of the award was based on public service. That public service was not only rewarded with money however a plaque that recognizes that students' specific engagement to the community.

There was no future discussion of the bill at this time.

The bill was moved into a vote.

There were no negotiations to the bill.

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Motion carried. The bill was recommended favorably to Senate.

e. **S.B 84- An act to Amend Title XX of the SAS: ASUN Pack Provisions Program**

Senator Bond introduced the bill, “An act to Amend Title XX of the SAS: ASUN Pack Provisions Program”

Senator Bond said that she was confused on whether or not her bill was properly written. Senator Bond met with Pack Provisions and they had a lot they wanted to change because it is a new program. The way that the program was written in the SAS wasn't exactly the way the program planned on running it. Senator Bond sent an Addendum to Senator Jordan and when Senator Bond talked with the Assistant Director of Pack Provisions, she did not like that title 20 was called The ASUN Pack Provisions Program because the word program made it seem as if it was a program that ASUN adopted, and that will ASUN will eventually demolish. Senator Bond said that the name of the program should change to sound like the program is important and is going to stay, but because Senator Jacoby did an addendum changing the SAS line by line, Senator Bond was wondering if she had to do the same thing with her bill. Senator Bond recommended tabling the bill so that she can bring an addendum with her bill to the next meeting.

Senator Jordan asked Senator to repeat her last statement.

Senator Bond repeated that Senator Jacoby made an addendum making a line by line change to his bill. Senator Bond asked if she has to do the same thing if she only intended to change the name of title.

Senator Jordan said that she does not.

Senator Jacoby asked if the word program was found in other parts of the SAS.

Senator Bond said yes.

Senator Jacoby said that if he was her, he would make those changes.

To improve the meaning of the bill, Senator Bond suggested that the bill be tabled so not only would there be an addendum changing the title, but the parts of the SAS that mentioned programing.

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Senator Jacoby moved to table Senate Bill 84, “An act to Amend Title XX of the SAS: ASUN Pack Provisions Program.”

Senator T Jackson seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion on the motion.

Motion carried.

f. **S.B 84- An Act to Amend the Compensation Limits for Senators**

Senator Smith introduced the bill, “An Act to Amend the Compensation Limits for Senators.”

Senator Smith explained that the bill was adding in per semester wage limits to clarify the wage limits. The current SAS didn’t have wage limits, leaving the SAS open to interpretation. The bill would make sure that the Senators are compensated correctly, fairly and to create more transparency for the constituents.

Senator T Jackson moved to recommend favorably Senate Bill 84, “An Act to Amend the Compensation Limits for Senators.”

Senator Bond seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the Bill.

Motion carried.

g. **S.B 84- An Act to Amend Inkblot Marketing in the SAS**

Senator Smith introduced the bill, “An Act to Amend Inkblot Marketing in the SAS.”

After meeting with Director Moore Senator Feng found that in the SAS, Inkblot was currently referred to as Inkblot Marketing. Senator Feng said that Director’s Moore position read as Creative Director in the SAS and how she was referred to as Director of Marketing. Senator Feng said that for the purpose, in the SAS it states that it is to provide

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graphic design for promotional items and that Director Moore wanted to expand on that to read that instead of just graphic design they also engage in traditional, digital, and promotional marketing.

Senator T Jackson moved to recommend favorable Senate Bill 84, “An Act to Amend Inkblot Marketing in the SAS.”

Senator Feng seconded the motion.

There was no Discussion of the bill.

Motion carried.

Senator Jordan apologized for the mix up of agenda items C and E saying that that he would get taken care and that he would talk to Senator Bond and Macaballug to fix the issues.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Assignments

Senator Jordan said that there were only 3 titles left in the SAS to go over and after that they were going to move to Senate rules. Some of the Senators did not receive new assignments, including Senator Bond and Macaballug so that they can continue making corrections to their current SAS assignments.

Senator Jacoby was assigned title 25 of the SAS.

Senator Bond was to continue with her current assignment.

Senator T Jackson was assigned title 24 of the SAS, “Faculty of the year award.”

Senator Jordan asked Dr. Beattie who Senator T Jackson should talk to concerning his assigned SAS project.

Dr. Beattie said that Senator Jordan should talk to Academics.

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Senator Feng was assigned title 26 of the SAS, "Sustainable Nevada Initiative Fund."

Senator Jordan had Senator Duvall look over the senate rules, starting with rule number 1. Senator Jordan said that there should be no changes to the rules, because the Senate had already approved them. If Duvall had found something that was obviously wrong, then she should bring it up to Senator Jordan.

Senator Taylor was told to keep working on his NSURJ assignment.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.

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