# Committee on Civic Engagement

**Senate of the Associated Students 85th Session**

**Minutes for October 25th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Joe Crowley Student Union, Graduate Student Lounge**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Flangas called the meeting of the Committee on Civic Engagement to order on October 25th at 10:04 AM.

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Flangas and senators Billman, Bussman, Kuykendall were present

Senators Compton, Lee, Smith, and Tool were absent excused

1. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

1. MINUTES
   1. The committee will consider the approval of the minutes from October 5th, 2017. The committee will discuss the minutes from October 5th, 2017 may choose to amend or edit the minutes. Upon conclusion of the discussion the committee may choose to approve the minutes.
2. OLD BUSINESS
   1. 100 Hour Challenge Update

Contact with the Admissions office – assignment of who will work on this project for Summer 18, and Fall 2018. The project will consist of working on getting early registration for those who complete the 100 challenge and marketing this during Orientation. nothing

* 1. Science Fair Update

Chair Flangas will give an update of the event planning for the Science Fair. Each senator will talk about the organization(s) they have contacted, discussing who is interested, etc. and the committee will set goals for who else to contact and when to get commitments by. (Deadline: December 10th for confirmation). Nothing

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Bill on Required Community Service Hours
   1. Senator Kuykendall will lead the discussion – looking at the concerns and potential plan for community service requirement.

Chair Flangas said they would discuss this even though they didn’t have qorum.

Senator Kuykendall said they had to find out how many hours they wanted, the timeframe to complete the minutes, and how to update the senate points. He thought that his opinion would be to make it one hour every two weeks within the pay period that way it was an easy way to understand and you can write it in with the other hours you do, such as outreach. It would be recorded through the chair of civic engagement. They would probably have to include within the SAS that the chair monitors Give Pulse. For hours outside of Givepulse they would have to fil with Chris Partridge to get it approved. There were a lot of moving parts but it wasn’t difficult. If it is based on a two-week period it eliminates the issue of senators who are appointed late. But it won’t carry over so you can’t do many hours in one day. For points, he needed to talk with Hannah and Andrea. He thought there was a mathematical way to determine the point increase.

Chair Flangas said with the one hour every two weeks is that they have to volunteer regularly. Two hours in a month makes sense. She liked the fluidity but it would be difficult. It would be easier for people to fulfill two hours a month. When they miss office hours they get a third of a point, so maybe that kind of a system.

Senator Bussman said the average community service event is several hours long, like five or six hours. He thought it was restraining people and giving them more work.

Chair Flangas said in requesting the hours with Chris, there was probably a timelapse before it was logged on Givepulse. If it was due every two weeks it might have a lag with Chris. They didn’t want to make his job harder. She recommended talking to him about making a form for senators so they don’t have to take up his time and have to amend points

Senator Bussman said it would be cool if all of senate went to Habitat for Humanity for an event. It would be cool if Civic Engagement scheduled events each semester which would eliminate the requirement of an hour every week, and then the onus would be on the chair to make sure everyone was engaged.

Chair Flangas said she liked that the committee would be creating things for students. The SAS could reflect that to plan an event.

Senator Bussman said she could make sure it was on Givepulse

Senator Kuykendall said should they write that in the SAS as a duty of the chair to schedule events

Chair Flangas said three per semester. She would include a clause to alleviate the stress on senators and to encourage them to do events.

Senator Kuykendall said about the bill, he agreed with the fact that it would be difficult to do an hour every two weeks. That would increase the number of events you have to go out to seek and you would try to find short events. Should they do it semseterly or per month? He thought there should be accountability. Scheduling events was great but people don’t have to show up

Chair Flangas said they still had to log hours. That was an opportunity to get hours. These are opportunities for them. He recommended a monthly basis because it was easier for people and does include accountability throughout their term. IF you miss a month you get points

Senator Kuykendall said if you are a newly elected or approved senator, he didn’t know if this would extend to other boards, but would they get a one month grace period to get accustomed

Chair Flangas said that was up to his discretion but that was a good. There was a large adjustment to becoming a senator.

Senator Bussman said they could split the hour requirement into the first part of spring semester and two halves of spring semester and then the remaining spring. If a senator comes in during one of those they wouldn’t be required to fulfill that.

Chair Flangas said she recommended not the two weekly one. It’s hard to casually find an hour to do each week. Two or one hours per month. She just wanted to promote civic engagement. Maybe write it and bring it to the senate body.

Senator Billman said he agreed with not doing the hour every two weeks because it would be a hassle. Doing the one month one would be better because if someone comes in they have some time to be excused to get back into it.

Senator Bussman said that would be easier for the secretaries too

Chair Flangas said they could create a sheet to leave in the binder and you have to log in in Givepulse to use. She recommended talking to Chris Partridge to make it streamline.

Senator Bussman said would she put those sheets in the binder

Chair Flangas said yes

Senator Kuykendall said if it was every four weeks, would they do two hours every two weeks. You can do that in one event.

Chair Flangas said it was up to him but she thought that was doable.

Senator Kuykendall said then they would have to do points. He will see what Andrea says. He will ask Chris Partridge how that would affect him.

Chair Flangas said building into the SAS a requirement that the chair submits points within a certain amount of time to keep the chair accountable for documenting the points.

Senator Bussman said if they just figure out how many two week sessions there are in a senate session and then figure out how many allowable points there are based on how many you can lose, if there are 15 two week sessions within a normal senate session, and you get one missed point through office hours, then divide that up among all the civic engagement sessions and add that to the points for censure

Senator Kuykendall asked if he would like to cosponsor this bill

Senator Bussman said yes

Senator Kuykendall said these would be within the senate rules so they could suspend it over summer.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT\*

Senator Kuykendall said what if they had a service challenge over the summer

Chair Flangas said they should put that in the legacy binder to prompt people to be more engaged and create an incentive for the retreat. She would love that.

Senator Bussman said would that be like silver paw over the summer

Chair Flangas said yes and that would be a good way to preface Silver Paw. They could put it in the legacy binder and she could suggest it to the next chair.

Senator Kuykendall said what are they doing for Nevada Reading Week

Chair Flangas said they were planning the science fair first, hopefully before November. She would reach out to schools in December and in January they would ask for books. It falls in March so they will do the planning in late December as soon as they finish planning the science fair. They will push senators for that one.

Senator Bussman said the 100 hour challenge should give you priority enrollment

Chair Flangas said they can’t do that this semester because some people already have enrollment access. The 100 hour challenge is fulfilled near the end of the semester so they can talk to administration by next year. They need to see who gives allowance for early registration. Last year only three students completed the 100 hour challenge so it’s not that much, but if they get that done they can advertise over orientation.

Senator Bussman said yes

Chair Flangas said they were having another meeting next Friday. They need to get stuff planned.

1. ADJOURNMENT  
   Chair Flangas adjourned the meeting of the Committee on Civic Engagement at 10:27 am.
2. NOTES.

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