

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 86th Session
Minutes for Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 at 9 A.M
Rita Laden Senate Chambers on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator McKinney called the Committee on Government Operations meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Rita Laden Senate Chambers on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Frida Urena.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senators Burton, Collins, Green, and McKinney were present.

Senator Ahmed was absent excused.

Senator Wilday was absent unexcused.

A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

4. **MINUTES**

Senator McKinney moved to approve the minutes from October 3, 2018.

Senator Burton approved.

No dissent. Motion passed.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **S.B.R. 86- A Binding Resolution to Update the Rules of the Senate**

Senator McKinney explained that the binding resolution was to strike the gender pronouns from the Rules of the Senate. He also wanted to strike line items ten and eleven on the first page, then 1 and two from the second page.

Senator McKinney said that he spoke to James about changing the lines and James said they did not need to be changed since the language was fine.

Senator Burton moved to amend S.B.R 86 and to amend the line items ten and eleven on the first page, then one and two on the second page.

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Senator Green seconded the motion.

No discussion. The amendment carried.

Senator McKinney then sought approval of the legislation as a whole.

Senator Burton moved to favorably recommend.

Senator Green seconded.

No discussion. S.B.R 86 was favorably recommended.

b. S.B. 86- An Act to Amend the Duties of the Parliamentarian

Senator Burton explained that the act was to add more to the role of parliamentarian. It is to be a precedent for the role in the future.

Senator Burton said that Senator McKinney suggested to make the parliamentarian an elected position. Senator Burton said it would not be necessary since you either know the parliamentarian procedures or you don't and it was up to the Speaker to find out. He added that parliamentarian should remain an appointed position.

Senator McKinney said the position should be elected by the Senate body. Some Speakers might not know who knows parliamentarian procedure if they have to appoint someone right away. It will also give Senators more time to run for the position and learn Robert's Rules of Order.

Senator Burton asked what change Senator McKinney's idea about one person running against the other.

Senator McKinney asked for the other senators' opinions on whether or not the position of parliamentarian should be appointed or elected.

Senator Collins said she agrees with Senator McKinney in that the position should be elected. The speaker should not have to appoint someone right away, whereas with elections, everyone has a say.

Senator Collins asked if appointed vs elected was a part of the act.

Senators McKinney and Burton said no, but that they can add it.

Senator Green said he saw both sides. Either way, parliamentarian is still going to be trained.

Senator McKinney said if they cannot come to an agreement as a committee body, they can just bring up the act to the Senate body.

Senator Burton moved to table the act until they can discuss it further.

Senator Collins seconded.

The act was tabled to the next meeting unanimously by the committee body.

c. Senator Updates

Senator McKinney said they have until next Wednesday to contact liaison positions.

Senator Collins said she contacted the judicial branch. Chief Justice Groesbeck was the only one who responded after a follow up email. Groesbeck said they spoke over the summer and had nothing to change and there was still nothing to change. Senator Collins said she is going to have a meeting with Groesbeck to further discuss..

There were no further senator updates.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator McKinney adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.