

Committee on Budget and Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 87th Session Minutes for
Monday, April 29th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Joe Crowley Student
Union-Presidents Conference Room

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Senator Prempeh called the meeting on Budget and Finance to order on Monday, April 29th at 10:03am in the Presidents Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of The Joe Crowley Student Union. Presiding Secretary, Morgan Zimmerman.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Senators Prempeh, Davenport, Murphy, Supple, and Watt were present.
Senator J. Hall was tardy excused.
Senator Veltre was absent excused.
A quorum was present.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

4. **MINUTES**

There are no minutes to be heard at this time.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Election of a Vice Chair**

The Committee will nominate and elect a Vice-Chair for the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Senator Murphy asked if they could nominate someone that is not present.

Senator Prempeh said he was not sure.

Senator Murphy said that Senator Veltre was interested in the Vice Chair position but he is not present.

Director Rodriguez said they could nominate him.

Senator Murphy moved to moved to nominate Senator Veltre.
Senator Murphy retracted his motion.

Director Rodriguez said they could nominate themselves and then be relieved of their duties when Senator Veltre can be in attendance.

Senator Prempeh said he would now be opening up nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Senator Supple nominated herself for the position of Vice Chair.

Senator Prempeh asked for any other nomination, seeing none the nominations for Vice Chair closed.

Senator Supple said at first she was considering being the Chair on Budget and

Finance but then she ended up being the Chair on Government Operations. She met with Senator Prempeh and Sandy and she knows what the budget means. As Vice Chair she would know how to run meetings and take over whenever necessary.

Senator Prempeh asked for questions and discussion.

Director Rodriguez said they should have some discussion.

Senator Murphy said she has expressed interest, and he thinks it is important that they have some discussion for transparency. He thinks she would do a good job.

Senator Watt said it would be temporary and she thinks Senator Supple could do it.

Senator Davenport agreed.

Senator Watt moved to elect Senator Supple for the position of Vice Chair on the Committee of Budget and Finance.

Senator Davenport seconded.

Motion carried.

Senator Prempeh said Senator Supple is now the Vice Chair on the Committee of Budget and Finance.

b. Committee Goals

The Committee will set future goals for the Committee to work on throughout the year.

Senator Prempeh said he would like to go around the room and discuss some of their committee goals.

Senator Supple said she thinks a big thing that they should talk about is the wolf shop, being that it is not contributing as much to the budget as they would hope, she thinks it should be a conversation.

Senator Davenport said if they could get more high profile faculty and staff to attend their meetings it could make a huge difference to the budget.

Senator Murphy said to go along with transparency he would like to explain the changes made to the budget at senate meetings.

Senator Watt entered the room at 11:11am

Director Rodriguez said it is their right and responsibility, and she has brought it up for a couple of years but they never have time to get to it. There are agreements that are still in place giving out money where there are not agreements in place, it would be a good idea for the committee to revisit the agreements.

7. 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.

Director Rodriguez asked if the budget is being passed through at this weeks senate meeting.

Senator Prempeh said not this week but next week.

Director Rodriguez asked when it would be forwarded to this body.

Senator Prempeh said that reminds him he wanted to bring up the potential conflict. They lost a week as compared to last year to get the budget approved. The best thing to do is to meet twice next week. He asked if there were any objections to that or conflicts, this budget does not require professional staff so they can we can do it after 4pm. He wants to meet next Monday at 11am and Tuesday at 4pm, not this Tuesday but next Tuesday.

Senator Supple confirmed May 6th at 11am, and Tuesday May 7th at 4pm.

Senator Murphy asked if they just needed to approve it before senate.

Senator Prempeh said this would be after, after they propose the budget there is a required two meetings.

Director Rodriguez confirmed the 13th and 14th.

Senator Davenport confirmed that is the week of finals.

Senator Supple confirmed they would not be meeting on the previously stated dates.

Senator Prempeh asked what the plans for the budget submission were.

Director Rodriguez said the president would be submitting this week.

Senator Prempeh confirmed that they budget does not have to be agenized if the president just hands it over. So they could meet on the 6th and 7th.

Senator Murphy asked if there was a senate meeting on Dead Day.

Director Rodriguez said historically yes.

Senator Prempeh asked for questions.

Senator Davenport said he has class on Tuesday until 4:15pm.

Senator Prempeh said it can be worked out but they can also meet at 5, 6, or 7.

Director Rodriguez said the CSE is open until 8pm but they can also keep it open later.

Senator Prempeh said they could always meet in one of the other rooms in the Joe.

Senator Supple said she would send out that information now. She could email Senator Veltre to fill out so it can be agenized, that way they can figure out potential times by tonight.

Senator Prempeh confirmed for the year.

Senator Rodriguez said there is a very good chance no meeting is necessary. The second meeting is in case questions arise. In all honesty the budget will not change much since there is not much money, but feel comfortable there is very good chance there will be no meeting, she encourages them to agenize in case.

Senator Prempeh said he would keep everyone updated, and asked for questions or any

further public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Prempeh adjourned the meeting at 11:18am.

9. NOTES.

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