Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Minutes for Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 4:30 pm
Zoom Meeting
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Senator Supple called the Committee on Government Operations meeting to order on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 4:30 pm via Zoom Conference Call.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Senator Supple, Senator Franzen, Senator Regante, Senator Stanfill, Senator Stoddard, Senator Zulo

A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

4. MINUTES

There were no minutes approved at the time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at the time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. S.B.88 – An Act to Amend the SAS to Include Written Reports as a Requirement

- **Motion from Senator Stoddard:** Motion to favorably recommend S.B.88 – An Act to Amend the SAS to Include Written Reports as a Requirement.
  Seconded by: Senator Regante.

- Senator Ramirez delivered a presentation explaining the piece of legislation and how it is to make the minutes more convenient for secretaries.

- **Question from Senator Franzen:** Asked if this bill would create more work for the secretaries or if some responsibilities would be dispersed.
  - **Response from Senator Ramirez:** Answered that the chair of the committee would be in charge and then would give the reports to the secretaries.

- **Question from Senator Stoddard:** Asked what the vision was for this legislation.
  - **Response from Senator Ramirez:** Answered that the person who gives a report is responsible to give a written version to the speaker or chair member so it can be given to the secretary.

- **Question from Senator Zulo:** Asked there was a certain format that will be needed for the report.
  - **Response from Senator Ramirez:** Answered that there was no specific format and that it is to be more convenient for the secretaries.

- **Question from Senator Stanfill:** Asked if bullet points would be alright for the written report and recommended putting the specifics in the legislation.
  - **Response from Senator Ramirez:** Answered that it just needs to have enough information to be clear to the secretaries. She explained she did not explicitly detail how to write these reports because there was no specific way outlined to give a report.

- **Question from Senator Stoddard:** Asked if this legislation would result in committees not doing reports because it is more work.
  - **Response from Senator Ramirez:** Answered that reports are already required and that she is hopeful the upcoming members of the sessions are willing to help their peers, and that these written reports also allow for more preparedness.

- **Question from Senator Stanfill:** Pointed out that the legislation also includes positions that don't give reports or do in public comment, so she asked for clarification.
  - **Response from Senator Ramirez:** Answered that addressing public comment would not be necessary but this legislation makes it easier for longer reports for the secretaries.

  - Senator Franzen recommended listing the speaker or head chair as accountable for the written reports, so it does not get put on the secretary. Senator Ramirez agreed with Senator Franzen and mentioned that it would be put on whoever is the head of the meeting.

  - Senator Stanfill highlighted problems she saw in this legislation, she had concerns that there were specific details lacking from the legislation. Senator Ramirez discussed that the different issues she highlighted would be up to the communication between the heads of the meetings. She also mentioned that she believed this would be an important structure for secretaries.

- **Vote:** 0 in favor, 5 against, 0 abstained.

- **Resolved:** Motion failed.

b. Senator Reports

- Senator Supple reported that she had been working on the awards banquet and was excited to celebrate the session with the committee.

- Senator Stanfill reported different events she had attended and different legislation that she had been working on. She described some of the upcoming legislations the committee will see. She continued to report on different workshops and petitions she had been working on.

- Senator Zulo reported his outreach he had conducted and detailed students he had talked to. He discussed other outreach he had done and discussed the details.

- Senator Stoddard reported that he had been trying to get in touch with President Sandoval and described why he was trying to get in touch with him regarding sending a represented for the graduation ceremony.

- Senator Franzen reported that she had some resolutions that were going to be heard in Senate and then detailed that she had met with the Dean of the College and what they had discussed.

- Senator Regante reported on different outreach details she had done and questions she had answered.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Senator Supple

- Senator Supple discussed that there would be a meeting the following week and urged the committee to put anything completed in the Legacy Box.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Senator Supple adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm via Zoom Conference Call.