

Committee on Budget & Finance

Senate of the Associated Students 93rd Session

Minutes – May 5th, 2025 at 2 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chair in the Frankie Sue Del Papa Conference Room.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Land acknowledgment was read, recognizing the N'umu, Washoe, N'ui, and N'uwu peoples.
- Appreciation expressed for the opportunity to live and learn on their traditional homelands.

3. ROLL CALL

- Senator Palmer – excused
- Senator Packard – excused
- Senator Moss – present
- Senator McAndrews – present
- Senator Lucchesi – excused
- Senator Hoang – present
- Senator Barrus – present
- Senator Miceli – present
- Quorum confirmed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

- Emma Doty gave a public comment, raising concerns about proposed cuts to the Emergency Fund, citing high demand and student basic needs (food, housing, tuition).
- Encouraged the committee to prioritize basic needs funding given fiscal constraints.
- Expressed appreciation for the committee's work and support for the budget, wishing the committee good luck.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- No minutes available for adoption.

6. REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

- No reports were given.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Committee Vice Chair
- - Nominations: Senator Hoang and Senator Barrus.
- - Presentations:
 - • Senator Hoang emphasized knowledge of Robert's Rules, Senate experience, and goals for transparency.
 - • Senator Barrus highlighted leadership roles, prior budget administration experience, and focus on accountability.
- - Debate and discussion held among senators.
- - Vote Result: Senator Barrus elected Vice Chair.
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- b. S.B. 93 – An Act to Approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026
- - President presented FY 2026 budget proposal.
- - Key points:
 - • Budget began in deficit; over \$200,000 in cuts made.
 - • Causes: declining enrollment, depletion of COVID-era surpluses, return to standard ASUN budget constraints.
 - • Cuts distributed across areas to minimize impact.
 - • Consultations held with department directors and stakeholders.
 - • Rollover from canceled ASUN concert cushioned some reductions.
 - • Notable Adjustments:
 - - 7% operational cut to Student Media.
 - - Milton Glick Initiatives funded at FY24 start levels.
 - - Government Affairs reduced due to non-election, non-legislative year.
 - - Clubs & Orgs funding increased by \$27,000 (total \$200,000).
 - - Emphasis placed on stretching dollars further, staying mission-oriented, and supporting students despite challenges.

8. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- No new business considered.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT (INFORMATION ONLY)

- No further public comments given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned (time not explicitly stated in transcript).