

**Weber State University Student Association
Student Senate Minutes
Monday, September 24, 2007 - Amended**

Present: Senators - Jake Adams, Ibrahim Aldulijan, Stephanie Bellamy, Adam Berman, Ricardo Curletto, Mallory Dawson, Jared Diehl, R. Drew Durtschi, Ariana Escalante, John Hill, Michael Kofoed, Tyler Lathem, Spencer Nephi, Jake Peters, Bryce Radmall, Eric Randall, Brian Stauffer, Benjamin Taylor; Parliamentarian Meghan Froerer; Vice President Chris Bentley.

Excused: Veronica Ramirez, Todd Gilbert.

Ex Officio Members Present: Jake Beus, Nancy Collinwood, Jose Gomez, Jan Winniford.

Visitors: Bruce Bowen (Associate Provost for Enrollment Services), Jestina Clayton (*Signpost*), Debbie Cragun (Advisor to Non-traditional Student Senator), Brett Jones (Supreme Court Chief Justice), Jared Olsen (Supreme Court Associate Justice), Jessica Sims (WSU Student Association Diversity Vice President), Sarah Trescott (Advisor to Residence Hall Student Senator).

I. **Call to Order:** Chris Bentley, 1:30 p.m.

II. **Roll Call:** Jackie Edwards

III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Adam Berman

IV. **Moment of Silence**

V. **Welcome of/Self Introduction of Visitors:** Chris Bentley

VI. **Parliamentarian Review:** Megan Froerer - nothing new.

VII. **How Well Do You Know Your Senators?:** Chris Bentley

A. Ariana Escalante, introduced Adam Berman, Veterans Senator.

B. Senator Berman will report back on a Senator of his choice at the Senate meeting on Oct 1.

VIII. **Minutes/Agenda Approval:** Chris Bentley

A. Minutes

1. September 10 - two corrections:

a. Section X.G.4. Change "all were in favor except Senator Curletto" to "all were in favor except Senator Kofoed."

b. Section XI.B.2.c. Change Senator "Spencer" to "Nephi."

2. September 17 - one correction:

a. Section X.K.1. Change "members' attendance requirement to 80%" to "members' attendance requirement from 80% to voluntary."

3. Senator Kofoed made a motion to accept the minutes from September 10 and 17 meetings as amended; Senator Nephi seconded the motion; all were in favor.

B. Agenda -

1. Senator Adams made a motion to add himself/Weber Entrepreneurs to the agenda under Announcements; Senator Diehl seconded the motion; all were in favor.

2. Senator Aldulijan made a motion to add himself to the agenda under Announcements; the motion was seconded by Senator Hill; all were in favor.

3. Senator Kofoed made a motion to add moving his emphasis week to the agenda under Special Business; Senator Nephi seconded the motion; all were in favor.

4. Senator Hill made a motion to remove his emphasis week change (item d) from the agenda under Special Business; all were in favor.

5. Senator Diehl made a motion to add volleyball tournament to the agenda under Announcements; Senator Lathem seconded the motion; all were in favor.
6. Senator Kofoed made a motion to accept the agenda as amended; Senator Stauffer seconded the motion; all were in favor.

IX. Announcements

A. Events of the Week: Jake Beus

1. Davis Campus Chat & Chew, tomorrow, 4:30-5:30 pm.
2. Sep 26, Wednesday, Non-trad Student Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
3. Honors Issues Forum, noon, "Healthy Environment, Healthy Business."
4. Saturday, Sep 29, Bread & Soup Night, fund raiser for YCC, \$2, 5:30 p.m., Swenson Gym, west end, outside.

B. Non-traditional Emphasis Week: Ricardo Curletto

1. Bowling Night, 5-9 p.m., Hilltop Lanes; it's free, so there's no reason not to come.
2. Tuesday, 6 p.m. or Thursday, 7 p.m., "Road to 850 - How to Improve your Credit," here in the Union Building.
3. Thursday, workshop on organizing your resume.

C. Weber Entrepreneurs Events: Jake Adams

1. Solomon Center workshop for kids to learn to snowboard, September 27, \$5 to get in, tons of events (distributed flyers).
2. In conjunction with top investors of Utah, speed-dating type of thing to pitch innovative business ideas to top investors, October 24, DATC (distributed flyers).

D. Announcement: Ibrahim Abdulijan

1. October 4, Thursday, Ramadan, downstairs, 6:30 p.m.

E. Volleyball Tournament: Jared Diehl

1. On Saturday, Davis Campus is having a volleyball tournament; 4-6 players per team, each person on winning team gets \$25; let Senator Diehl know after Senate meeting if you'd like to be part of a Senate team.

X. Special Business

A. Academic Calendar: Dr. Bruce Bowen, Associate Provost for Enrollment Services

1. Task force looking into summer semester challenges resulted in proposal to change current calendar to tri-semesters with 14 weeks in each (two 7-week terms).
2. Dr. Bowen distributed handouts outlining instruction days, hours, minutes in each tri-semester and calendars showing actual dates proposed for May 2008 through April 2010.
3. Concerns identified:
 - a. Spring Break shortened to three days - semester ends a week earlier.
 - b. November Thanksgiving holiday - move fall break day from October to Wednesday before Thanksgiving to allow for a travel day.
 - c. Maybe align Spring Break with UEA..
4. Goals
 - a. Allows more days to submit grades
 - b. Allows flexibility for faculty contracts
 - c. Offset loss of two Spring Break days with spring semester end one week earlier
5. Concerns
 - a. Loss of Tuesday/Thursday teaching minutes - two whole class periods lost
 - b. Scheduling of labs and clinical experiences for majors
 - c. Would students only go to class 2-3 days in a given week and take the rest of the week off?
 - d. Administrative concerns
6. Questions by Senators
 - a. Senator Berman: Could the month of May be made available for study abroad programs and summer semester started in June? Answer: Participate in study abroad then enroll in second 7-week summer block.

- b. Senator Hill: Who would teach additional summer classes - more full-time tenured faculty or adjunct? Answer: Delicate balance - departmental/college decision. What makes WS great is students are taught by fulltime professors.
 7. Senator Dawson made a motion to end debate. Senate President Bentley announced that time was up, anyway. Dr. Bowen asked anyone to contact him at extension 7302 (his direct phone line) with further input/concerns.
- B. Ballot Vote for Eric Randall and Bryce Radmall:** Chris Bentley
1. Voting was done by ballot for Eric Randall, Asian/Pacific Islander Senator, and for Bryce Radmall, Science Senator.
 2. Results of the ballot voting were as follows; 16 in favor (unanimous) for each.
- C. Swearing in of Bryce Radmall:** Brett Jones
1. Brett Jones, Chief Justice of Supreme Court swore in newly voted in Science Senator Bryce Radmall.
- D. Swearing in of Eric Randall:** Brett Jones
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- E. Residence Hall Charter Ratification:** Michael Kofoed
1. Following changes were made to charter:
 - a. Two organizations representing residence halls - Residence Halls Association and Area Council - were combined - Residence Hall Area Council Association.
 - b. Everyone was given the right for input and vote.
 - c. Membership structure only requires one person from each building.
 - d. Married housing was added as one group that needed to be represented.
 - e. Under Officers, RHA President and Senator will be co-chairs; dropped chair and hall representatives; added area coordinator and marketing director and deleted responsibilities.
 - f. Under voting rules changed to "a simple majority of those present will exist."
 - g. Added points 2 and 3 to allow senator to vote his own view in Senate meeting; resolutions made in area council are not binding on senator in senate meeting.
 2. Senator Aldulijan asked whether international students were represented in the Area Council. Senator Kofoed explained that representatives to the Council come from each building.
 3. Senator Kofoed made a motion to ratify the charter as amended; Senator Dawson called for consensus; there were no objections.
- F. Hispanic Area Council Charter Ratification:** Chris Bentley
1. Vice President Bentley explained that Senator Ramirez was not in Senate today but with a friend whose son was killed on Friday.
 2. Senator Berman made a motion to extend ratification of the Hispanic Area Council Charter one more week; Senator Latham called for consensus; there were no objections.
- G. Davis Campus Area Council Charter Ratification:** Jared Diehl
1. Removed all references to the department.
 2. Took out reference to Senator Durtschi.
 3. Cut charter about in half,
 4. Senator Diehl made a motion to ratify the charter as amended; Senator Dawson called for consensus; there were no objections.
- H. Arts & Humanities Area Council Charter Ratification:** Ben Taylor
1. Historian duties were updated - in charge of budget and financial records.
 2. Marketing Director position was added.
 3. Senator Taylor made a motion to ratify the charter as amended; Senator Randall seconded the motion; Senator Latham called for consensus; there were no objections.
- I. Applied Science & Technology Area Council Charter Ratification:** Brian Stauffer
1. No changes were proposed.
 2. Senator Stauffer made a motion for continued confidence in the current charter; Senator Taylor seconded the motion; Senator Adams called for consensus; all were in favor.
- J. Health Professions Area Council Charter Ratification:** Drew Durtschi
1. Marketing Director position was added.
 2. Senator Durtschi made a motion to ratify the charter as amended; Senator Latham seconded the motion; Senator Adams called for consensus; there were no objections.

K. International Student Area Council Charter Ratification: Ibrahim Aldulijan

1. A few minor changes were made in duties and responsibilities.
2. Senator Aldulijan made a motion to ratify the charter as amended; Senator Hill seconded the motion; Senator Adams called for consensus; there were no objections.

L. Move Residence Halls Emphasis Week: Michael Kofoed

1. Senator Kofoed just took the senator job and is trying to rebuild the organization.
2. Want to use the emphasis week as a marketing week.
3. Senator Kofoed made a motion to move Residence Halls Emphasis Week from the sixth week of the semester to week 14.
4. Senator Kofoed's intention is to write legislation to permanently move the emphasis week to the last part of Spring Semester and is looking for a senator who would be willing to switch with him. The change he is requesting now will buy time for him to prepare a decent emphasis week and, hopefully, find someone who is willing to trade with him for later in the year.
5. Senator Berman seconded Senator Kofoed's motion; Senator Lathem called for consensus, and there were no objections.

XI. New Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Elections Reform Committee: Michael Kofoed

- a. Committee met last week and brainstormed problems from past and discussed possible ways to solve them.
- b. Assignment for this week was to read bylaws regarding elections and make notes.
- c. No one outside Senate has been invited yet. Trying to create a firm foundation for the committee first.
- d. Jake Beus will get contact information for Marya Wall to Senator Kofoed.

2. Student Affairs Committee - Parallel Parking

- a. Senator Bellamy finally found out who was on committee. Committee will meet today.
- b. Parallel parking question has been on agenda for three weeks; needs to be resolved.

3. Environmental Initiatives Committee: John Hill

- a. Goal to be carbon neutral campus.
- b. Working on ways to be more energy efficient - new buildings will be (i.e., CE building).
- c. Promoting public transit.
- d. Exploring ways to make Weber State cleaner - what can be done at grass roots level.

4. Parking Committee: Ariana Escalante, Ricardo Curletto (Senator Curletto spoke)

- a. Dean Hill needed more space for shop cars.
- b. Going to introduce five reserved spaces for hybrid cars.
- c. Considering additional parking lot for carpool cars.

B. Issues Forum - Senator Peters made a motion to open Issues Forum, Senator Lathem seconded the motion, all were in favor.

1. Issue: Food service hours and cost (Senator Peters)

- a. Students living on-campus in Promontory Tower don't feel that there's any place for them to eat at dinner time, but they had to purchase meal plans.
- b. Food service staff in Promontory not able to articulate food availability.
- c. Invite Bill Masulo to meeting with residents for open dialogue.
- d. Invite Bill Masulo to Vice President Winniford's student leader lunch.
- e. Bill Masulo has agreed to put more copies of the food service information brochure at Promontory Tower and at the Information Booth.

2. Issue: Math Department dean's "head on a platter." Referred to Vice President Winniford; under purview of Provost Michael Vaughn, she will pass the issue on to him.

3. Issue: GMAT Test Prep Class (Senator Diehl)

- a. After paying initial fee, should have 3-year window, if pay for additional materials, to access on-line.
- b. Vice President Winniford will follow up with Leslie Loeffel, Davis Testing Center, for clarification of the problem.

4. **Issue: Space in new Union for Diversity Groups** (Senator Nephi)
 - a. Three departments (students and faculty) want to know why they were not included with space in the Union Building.
 - b. Nancy Collinwood commented that when the Student Service Center was built, those departments were given top billing for that building - special areas were created specifically for those departments. So, when this building was programmed, space for those groups was not even mentioned. Areas previously housed in the Union will move back once the east side of the building is completed, but none of the amenities will be taken away from the Student Service Center when the other side of the building opens. Nancy said she would be happy to bring copies of the plans and would help Senator Nephi get more information.
5. Senator Escalante made a motion to close Issues Forum; Senator Lathem called for consensus; there were no objections.

XII. Parliamentarian Comments

- A. **Editing Agenda** - Making so many additions and changes to the agenda in Senate is abuse; changes should be made ahead of time by contacting the Senate secretary.
- B. **Point or Order** - Calling for point of order is more appropriate is a senator does not agree with a decision of the chair. If the agenda is not followed, it is appropriate to call for the "order of the day," or if too much time is being taken with something.

XIII. Ex Officio Comments

A. Chris Bentley

1. **Committee Reports** - Vice President Bentley added a couple of committee reports to the agenda because he heard that the committees had met. Anytime a committee has met, they are required to report to Senate on that meeting so the information can be passed on down to area councils. Please contact Chris to be added to the agenda.
2. **Agenda** - Chris will leave a blank agenda in the Student Involvement & Leadership office so it's available for senators to write in items.
3. **Senate Secretary** - Chris Nehring will be taking over for Jackie Edwards as Senate Secretary next Monday. He was unable to attend today, but has been attending Senate as a visitor several times.
4. **Legislation** - if anyone needs help drafting legislation, let Chris or Jose know. Remember the steps to get legislation on the agenda:
 - a. Send legislation to Chris first so he can identify which committee it needs to go to.
 - b. Send legislation to committee. The committee has one week to look the legislation over (the committee is encouraged to meet sooner to speed up the process).
 - c. Committee talks with sponsor.
 - d. Legislation sent back to sponsor.
 - e. Legislation sent to Chris, Jose and Tyler. They have 48 hours to send back to sponsor for changes.
 - f. After changes made, send to Jose for final numbering.
 - g. Getting support of committee behind legislation will help make it even more solid.
5. **Non-trad Emphasis Week** - this week is Non-trad Emphasis Week - an excellent way to ensure other senators support your events would be to support the Non-trad events. Senators are required to attend two WSUSA events, and this could go toward fulfilling that requirement.
6. **Wait to be Recognized** - Senators don't always wait to be recognized. It would help the meeting run smoother and help the secretary keep track, too. Also, please stand.
7. **Town Hall Meeting** - Chris commented about today's Town Hall Meeting. A few more people attended; some issues were gathered. He wished more senators could have been there but appreciated those who stopped by. Requested all who are available noon to 1 p.m. to please be at the next meetings. Will assign next Town Hall Meetings to Committees:
 - a. October meeting - Academic Affairs Committee
 - b. November meeting - Campus Affairs Committee
 - c. No December meeting

- d. January meeting - Student Affairs
- e. February meeting - Internal Affairs

If you need help scheduling the Atrium, ordering food, special accommodations, etc., please contact Woodie in the Scheduling office. Chris thinks the Atrium is already scheduled for the last Monday of the month.

- 8. **ASGA Conference** - Wednesday through Sunday, Jose, Chris and several Senators will be attending the ASGA Conference in Washington, D.C. Chris has cell phone, so please call; will also take lap top and will check e-mail.
- 9. **Madonna Hales, PR & Marketing**
 - a. Was here at 7 a.m., hoping Marketing Directors would be here to help, but no one showed up. She put up 200 flyers advertising today's Town Hall Meeting.
 - b. Please impress upon Marketing Directors the importance of their positions.
 - c. Senators Adams commented that he didn't have enough time to inform his Marketing Director when he received notice from Madonna. Also, most of the buildings do not want flyers in the bathrooms. Need to ask the building secretaries where it's appropriate to place the advertisements. Chris will make sure this information is brought up in Executive Meeting.
- 10. **Davis Campus Senate Meeting** - Senate meeting at Davis Campus will be on October 8, first floor conference room. Meeting time will be 2:00 p.m. to accommodate Vice President Winniford's luncheon that day.

B. Jose Gomez

- 1. **Diversity Conference** - next Friday and Saturday - Friday evening the keynote speaker will be doing a special reception at Davis campus.
- 2. **Convocation** - October 5, put on your calendar SuChin Pak, convocation speaker, Wattis Building Lecture Hall, 1:00 p.m.
- 3. **General Assembly**, October 4, noon.
- 4. **ASGA Conference** - Will have internet access while out of town. If you are working on bills, please still e-mail them. Those going to ASGA should meet for five minutes after Senate to give Jose emergency contact information.
- 5. **Charters** - reminder to please get digital and paper copies of updated charters to Jackie Edwards.
- 6. **Area Council/Office Hours** - Jose asked everyone to put their information on area council meetings, office hours on the list he passed around.

C. Jake Beus

- 1. Jake would like a copy of the list Jose is having the senators create with Area Council meeting times.

D. Jan Winniford

- 1. Expressed appreciation to senators for bringing issues/concerns. People don't have all the information/data, but typically, a lot of thought goes into making decisions. Will continue to educate senators on what goes into making the decisions. Encouraged senators to continue to bring issues.

XIV. Adjournment: Senator Latham made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Senator Berman called for consensus; there were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.