

Associated Students of Southern Oregon University
Senate Minutes
Tuesday, March 13, 2007

II. Approval of Minutes approved, Sen. Purcell moved, Sen. Rotbart 2nded. Sens. Eggleston-Connor and Freeman abstained

III. Reports To Senate:

- a. Pres. Greig- please remember to reimburse Dir. Ayers for sweatshirt money. \$15
Pres. Cullinan has set up a program called Raider Reach-out to connect students, staff, faculty and community members who want to help recruit students to SOU with the avenues to do so. Check out the link on the SOU website, or stop by the admissions office to sign up to present to high school classes, speak to touring prospective students, or find out other ways to spread the word about SOU.
- b. Vice President Bradach – starting new project for next term – Ashland High School Leadership Link. More at next Senate meeting
- c. Dir. Teal – (handed out copies of report to Senate. See Dir. Teal for copies.) Date for last OUS budget hearing has changed. You will receive an email regarding the date in the next week. Student of the Day profiles of students at SOU are being published, circulated and sent to Oregon legislators as part of the campaign to bring more funding to Oregon colleges. If you or anyone you know is student who receives an Oregon Opportunity Grant or is part of the ASPIRE program, please connect them with Dir. Teal. SOU's goal is to highlight 15 students.
- d. Dir. Colley – ASSOU internships still available for next term, if interested, please let her know.
- e. Dir. Ayers – SFC has heard presentations from Athletics and SUAC, EAAC presents tomorrow. If you want to attend, 4pm SFC hearing emergency fee funding, and at 5pm EAAC. SFC deliberations will start either next week of beginning of Spring term. ASSOU budget went to EAAC, and will be considered by SFC along with all other EAAC recommendations during deliberations.
- f. Dir. Small – Ecological Symposium April 27th-28th. Went to Portland for OSOC Board Meeting which went well.
- f. Advocate Nylén – Smoking Forum was not as well attended as hoped but the discussion was good, and notes are being forwarded to Dean O'Bryon's office. She has enjoyed working with ASSOU.
- g. Pro-Tem Young – There will be a mandatory Senate Training on Tuesday, April 3, in Senate chambers from 6-8pm. Senate retreat date needs to be decided.

IV. Special Orders

- a. Gov. Affairs: Sen. Fox: LegCon was great. Sen. Fox attended lots of workshops including Communications. Also met with members of the House and Senate (Sen. Gordon Smith) to discuss Federal Aid to Higher Ed. GAC's Lobby Day debriefing the committee discussed what could be done better in future lobby days. Discussed Spring Campaigns coming up, more info next term.
- b. Communications: Sen. Sollars – Next term's community service project is the Staff/Faculty basketball game.
- c. Multicultural Ad-hoc Committee – OSCC club is in the final stages of forming. Habitat for Humanity relationship has been established, ask Drew if interested in participating. Tuition Equity is being endorsed by U of O official, which is good news.
- d. Admin & Finance Committee- looking for a student to fill Polly's vacated hours.
- e. Rules Committee – Sen. Tager: proposed changes to Rules – 1. Form an interim Pro-Tem position to step in if Pro-Tem is away. 2. Change office name of "Pro-Tem" to "Speaker of the House" to better reflect the similarity in role to the SoH in the Federal Government. 3. Removal of the requirement for Pro-Tem to sit on Rules Committee
Rules Comm. Meets at 3pm on Wednesdays, starting again next term, please come if you'd like to help.

V. New Business -Elections Committee, Sen. Purcell: We have a schedule for the Spring Election (see ASSOU office for hard-copy) 4/2 banners posted, 4/9 notice in Siskyou, 4/16 petition deadline for candidates, 4/19-4/20 presidential debates, 4/23-4/24 online voting, 4/25-4/26 paper voting. There is a chance that paper voting will be done away with for this election. Report on that at next Senate meeting.

VI. Open Forum

Megan Amort, student at large on EAAC committee, wanted to make herself available to answer any questions Senate members might have about the recent EAAC recommendation to defund OSPIRG this year. Sen. Rotbart objected to use of Open Forum for business or debate. Ms. Amort offered to answer questions if any. Alyssa of OSPIRG asked if Senate would consider forming a team for the Hunger Cleanup April 7th to

participate in community service on that day and/or help with fundraising. Goal is \$3000, half going to Peace House here in Ashland, half to National Hunger campaigns.

Tamara from OSA, lauded the work of ASSOU and spoke about the importance of the upcoming OUS budget hearing as the last opportunity to be heard on some pertinent higher-ed funding issues.

Senate to decide soon on dates for retreat at next meeting.

VII. Announcements -

-SOU Concert Choir performance this Sunday, 3/18 in the music recital hall at 3pm. Free for students.

-Sen. McCormack – beginning of Spring term OSOC will be starting new campaign for tuition equity, be prepared to jump in and help!

-Tomorrow night – WRC film presentation Iron Jawed Angels in the Meese Auditorium tomorrow night, 3/14 at 5:30pm

-Thursday night 3/15 House Concert at Brook's house, Mishkin's Ruby Warblers - \$10, and snacks provided.

-NASU is tabling raffle tix to raise \$ for the Powwow please support.

-Dean O'Bryon: events and Opportunity emails are well received. Be sure to forward announcements and events to Office of Student Affairs for inclusion in it.

-Sen Freeman: working on Federal campaign issues next term. Send Pell Grant, OOG and workstudy recipients her way, so she can coordinate letters to Fed legislators.