



Emporia State University
Associated Student Government
Student Senate
Meeting Minutes
February 22nd, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

- Vice President Viorel called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- There were 15 Senators present for roll call.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SENATORS

- Senator Noor moved to grant the motion to appoint the new Senators. Senator McDonald seconded
 - Motion passed 15-0-0.
- Senator Cooper was sworn in to office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Senator Mosher moved to approve the minutes. Senator Glidewell seconded.
 - Motion passed 16-0-0.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

- Senator Kimble moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator McDonald seconded.
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

VICE PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

- Remider to all Senators to make sure they read their weekly emails and look regularly at the Teams Group chat
- My phone is broken so if you want to reach me, email me.

GUEST REMARKS

- *Lily Reynolds, President of ESU Ambassadors*
- Senator Lance moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator McDonald seconded.
 - ESU Ambassadors are going through a big switch and relaunching in the fall
 - We are going to rebrand from student ambassadors to alumni board
 - Our purpose and initiatives will pretty much remain the same, expect we are going to reestablished with alumni and students. Partnership with clearer lines.
 - We are going to be launching the Student Alumni Association
 - Prompt name: Forever Hornets
 - Open to all students, and it wants to help students to develop a relationship with the SAB and with the alumni at-large.
 - Slogan: Students today, alumni tomorrow.
 - Board:

- 30 members, all being leaders.
- Divided in 6 committees, 5 members per committee (look at the presentation to more detail)
- It is going to be membership based. Privileges:
 - Work ceremonies
 - Networking
 - Idea of annual membership
 - T-shirt
 - Month of scholarship give away
 - Senior appreciation
 - Webinars
 - Campus events
 - Connecting with the community and entities on campus.
- Discussion:
 - Vice President Viorel: What do students need to do to get admitted?
 - We are in a recruitment process now, and we are just looking for leaders and engaged to serve our purpose
 - President Dawson: I think giving the committee chairs a scholarship instead of having to pay to be a part of the group would be a good idea

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Fiscal Affairs – Senator Lesso
 - We have compound 55 allocations forms, and the timeline we have decided for allocations hearing is:
 - March 3rd, 11am – 7pm
 - March 5th, 5:30pm – 9:00pm
 - Email to are going out to RSOs
- Senate Operations – Senator Mosher
 - Majority of RSOs needed to attend, attended last week
 - Several RSOs are interested
 - We are going to be sending up checkups for RSOs next week
 - Community service hours
 - Other requirements reach out to Senator Mosher
- Campus and Community Relations – Senator Rojas
 - We have appointed Kayden Smith as Vice Chair
 - March – Employee Appreciation Month
 - February 29th, from 11am to 2pm: Cakes and cards for employees at Memorial Union
 - Spreadsheet to volunteer will be sent out
 - March 1st, from 12 to 2pm: Smores with the Staff
 - Please help and volunteer

- Vice President Viorel: This can count as your office hour if you help for one hour or as a required ASG event if you help for two.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Senator Yaseen
 - Last night was Dip into Diversity
 - We discussed: Antiharassment, Ethnic, Racial, Identity.
 - Thank Diversity Ambassadors for all their hard work.

CABINET REPORTS

- Chief of Staff – Prono
 - Reminder about completing your office hours and sending minutes of the committees' meetings.
 - Please let her know about absences with previous notice.
- Business Affairs Director – Okonkwo
 - Love your Campus Mini grants reminder.
- Legislative Director – Arif
 - I got all the legislation in time, thank you for that!
 - Social events coming up, be prepared people.
- Election Commissioner – Tate
 - I have 8 potential candidates so far
 - You have until February 29th to submit petitions.
 - Students can still meet with her to get the information to become candidates.
 - We have started the process of creating the Elections Portal with IT and Marketing.
 - When you send the forms, please include a brief description and headshots to put it on the Elections Portal.

FIRST READINGS

- SB 24017 Recognition of Clay Guild Club
 - Originator: Jennifer Holt
 - Sponsor: Senator Izibili
 - Committee Vote: 5-0-0
- SR 24031: A resolution recognizing February 20th as World Day of Social Justice.
 - Originator: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Yaseen
 - Committee Vote: 5-0-0
 - Senator Yaseen moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Mosher seconded.
 - Motion passes 16-0-0
- SR 24032: A resolution recognizing the International Day of Women & Girls in Science on February 11th at Emporia State University
 - Originator: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Hovious
 - Committee Vote: 6-0-0

- Senator Hovious moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Valdez Saravia seconded.
 - Motion passes 16-0-0
- SR 24033: A resolution recognizing & celebrating Black History Month.
 - Originator: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Banks
 - Committee Vote: 6-0-0
 - Senator Yaseen moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Smith seconded.
 - Motion passes 16-0-0
- SR 24034: A resolution recognizing pride as the third RSO spotlight for the 110th 7 Session
 - Originator: Campus and Community Relations Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Lance
 - Committee Vote: 6-0-0
 - Senator Lance moved to drop the bill to General Order. Senator Hovious seconded.
 - Motion passes 16-0-0

GENERAL ORDER

- SR 24028: A resolution remembering the life of Luis Tapia Hernandez
 - Originator: Vice President Viorel
 - Sponsor: Senator Yaseen
 - Committee Vote: 4-0-0
 - Senator Yaseen moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Lesson seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Senator Izibili moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator Kimble seconded.
 - Guest: Martin Okonkwo.
 - He was a friend of Luis who said thank you for putting this resolution for him and for recognizing him this way.
 - Senator Izibili
 - Luis was a classmate of mine. One thing I like about him is smile ...
He would be proud of what we are about to do.
 - Senator Izibili moved to pass to question. Senator Smith seconded
 - Passed 16-0-0
- SR 24030: Resolution supporting a first-year course (FYC) at Emporia State University
 - Originator: Nyk Robertson
 - Sponsor: Senator Mosher
 - Committee Vote: 4-0-0
 - Senator Mosher moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Kimble seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Senator Mosher: I have heard both complaints, but I also see the benefits of it. Some people see it as unnecessary, but that does not mean it is not beneficial.

- Senator Smith: For me, as a transfer student, it is a great idea, considering that I didn't know a lot about resources here on campus. Speaking from other transfer students, they feel it should be a requirement but a heavily recommended.
- Senator Kimble: I think this is important; and I recommend this course adds an RSO requirement to be in it to help them build soft skills and be involved on campus. I think it is something that should be passed.
- Senator McDonald: As someone who took this class. This one was one of my favorite classes. I am a strong advocate for this course.
- Senator Valdez Saravia: I think this course will also be important for international students because we don't know all the resources that we have.
- Senator Franz: How can we utilize this course to get students to get involved on campus? I am concerned about the RSOs involvement numbers.
- Senator Yaseen: The resolution lays down statistics toward increases of GPA, and other beneficial changes for the university. We should rely on that.
- Senator Franz moved to grant speaking privileges. Senator McDonald seconded.
- Nyk Robertson:
 - We would like to clarify some points
 - This course will be designed to be specifically more helpful to students, building a curriculum for that
 - A lot of research shows that being optional instead of requirement does not have the same impact on students.
 - Senator McDonald: You said that someone will come here to build the curriculum?
 - Yes, she is coming from Florida, starting on April 1st. She will have a lot of time to know the campus and development enough to build the curriculum based on our students
 - Senator Noor: how is this going to fit into Gen.Ed required courses?
 - Right now, it is in bucket 7, but we want to make it a university requirement.
 - Senator Kimble: How many classes will you offer?
 - Currently one professor will be teaching four classes, that depends on the enrollment number.
 - TRIO people will also be trained.
 - Senator Noor: Do you have substitutions?
 - We are working directly with those professors, and they will be ready for substitution.
 - Vice President Viorel: Will the student have to take the course in the first semester here?
 - First or second semester
 - Senator Smith: When is this going to be required?
 - It will not be required until 2025
- Senator Mosher moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Kimble seconded.
- Passed 15-0-0

- SR 24031: A resolution recognizing February 20th as World Day of Social Justice.
 - Originator: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Yaseen
 - Committee Vote: 5-0-1
 - Senator Yaseen moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Franz seconded.
 - No discussion
 - Senator Noor moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Valdez Saravia seconded.
 - Passed 15-0-0

- SR 24032: A recognizing the International Day of Women & Girls in Science on February 11th at Emporia State University.
 - Originator: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Hovious
 - Committee Vote: 6-0-0
 - Senator Hovious moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Valdez Saravia seconded.
 - Discussion
 - Senator Hovious: I think each of these resolutions discuss the importance of recognizing the contribution of woman to science. This would encourage everyone to research more about woman and especially black woman.
 - Senator Mosher moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Noor seconded.
 - Passed 12-0-3

- SR 24033: A resolution recognizing & celebrating Black History Month
 - Originator: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Banks
 - Committee Vote: 6-0-0
 - Senator Yaseen moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Lance seconded.
 - No discussion
 - Senator Kimble moved to call the resolution to question. Senator McDonald seconded.
 - Passed 15-0-0

- SR 24034: A resolution recognizing pride as the third RSO spotlight for the 110th session.
 - Originator: Campus and Community Relations Committee
 - Sponsor: Senator Lance
 - Committee Vote: 6-0-0
 - Senator Lance moved to pass the resolution favorably. Senator Rojas seconded.
 - No discussion
 - Senator Noor moved to call the resolution to question. Senator Kimble seconded.
 - Passed 15-0-0

THIRD READINGS

- SB 24028: A resolution remembering the life of Luis Tapia Hernandez
 - Passed 16-0-0
- SR 24030: Resolution supporting a first-year course (FYC) at Emporia State University
 - Passed 15-0-0
- SR 24031: A resolution recognizing February 20th 6 as World Day of Social Justice.
 - Passed 15-0-0
- SR 24032: A recognizing the International Day of Women & Girls in Science on February 11th at Emporia State University.
 - Passed 12-0-3
- SR 24033: A resolution recognizing & celebrating Black History Month
 - Passed 15-0-0
- SR 24034: A resolution recognizing pride as the third RSO spotlight for the 110th session.
 - Passed 15-0-0

GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Motion to open Good of the University was made by Senator Kimble and seconded by Senator Lance.
 - Senator Mosher: Event to raise money to LAS on 24th February at the fair ground. Live entertainment, guest speakers and more! No more tickets but you can still donate.
 - President Dawson: Breaking barriers conference registration opened up yesterday! Not so career focused, it will be more focused on networking, and uplifting yourself as a woman.
 - Volunteer opportunities in that event: ASG proctors for our panel groups.
 - Elections: you still have time, please reach out through election commissioner email.
 - Go to the Fashion show after the meeting!
 - Senator Valdez Saravia: International food festival, come and eat!
 - Senator Franz: thank you to all the people that donated last week to our event. We raised 1005\$
 - March 21st: Gama and Ata are hosting an event
 - Legislative director:
 - The rec center opens on Monday 26th
 - March 7th Lecture
 - Vice President Viorel: We are going to award the Senator of the Month award at our next meeting. Nominate your peers!
 - Senator Kimble: Sorority life, we are currently recruiting!
- Motion to close the Good of the University was made by Senator Mosher and seconded by Senator Noor.

FINAL ROLL CALL

- There were 15 Senators present for the final roll.

ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Lance moved to adjourn at 5:15 pm until February 22nd at 7:10 pm in the Senate Chambers. Senator Yaseen seconded.
 - Motion passed 15-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Constanza Prono, Chief of Staff