

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, TEMPE
FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE ~ FIFTH REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 31, 2017
MINUTES

1. Opening Ceremonies

- a. Pledge led by Senator Spraezt

2. First Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

Senator Bianchi moves to amend the agenda to add SB 30 and SB 31 to first read

Seconded by Senator Briones

Senator Magel moves to approve the agenda

Seconded by Senator Sorgeloos

4. Call to the Audience

Princeton Review Presentation

- USG has a partnership with Princeton Review
- ASU is the only school in the country that pays for your test prep but you have to take the test within a year of utilizing the prep
- 4,000 students have participated in the program
- Live courses are offered at a high discount, online courses are available
- As long as you are currently attending ASU, you qualify for the free prep or discounted courses
- Pricing: MCAT is \$1600, GRE is \$650, LSAT is \$950, and GMAT is \$1050

Director of Sustainability Logan: Clubs can use Composting Bins to get extra appropriation funding, the top 3 clubs that use the most will get \$200 each at the end of the year

5. Officer and Administrative Reports:

- a. Senate President Breonn Peoples

Thank you for dressing up it makes my heart so happy that everyone is participating. The costume contest will be held at the end of the meeting. Senators and Interns don't forget to sign up for a one-on-one if you haven't already. Please be mindful of what you are saying and when you are it. Don't give the illusion to people not in the organization that something bigger is going on. Please discuss any issues with me during our one-on-one. Our November 28 meeting will now be on November 21. Please make sure that you are keeping in touch with your college councils and coalitions.

- b. USG President Brittany Benedict

Please get your students to go to the game this weekend. This past weekend was rough but we are expected to win on Saturday. The Council of Presidents is discussing introducing a flat rate for STI testing, increasing Health Services hours and looking into tele-health. Talk to your constituents and see how they feel about it.

c. VP of Policy Kelsey Wilson

Joey is working on a light rail and orbit survey. There will be a signup sheet posted on slack for tabling for voter registration.

d. VP of Services Lester Nnagbo

Tomorrow we have STI testing from 10:00am-3:00pm in MU La Paz. A student development panel will be happening in old main starting at 2:30 pm.

e. GPSA Representative

Not Present

f. University Senate Representative

Not Present

g. ASASU Coordinator Jaime Ingrisano

Our potluck today was a lot of fun, please dispose of anything you brought tomorrow (keeping zero-waste in mind). We are not out of consideration for a bowl game for football, Please support our team in their endeavour to participate in the bowl game.

h. Director for the Advancement of Student Initiatives Dan Ashlock

Lester lost the the competition to Javon but Director Ashlock felt that Lester's mac & cheese was in fact better and wants the recipe.

i. Standing Committee Reports

- Appropriations Chairs Caroline Kireopoulos and Allison Sorgeloos

There will be Appropriations Trainings on Nov 4, 17 and 18. Anyone is welcome to come, Senators and Interns are encouraged.

- Finance Chairs Elyse Kats and Kaycee Hightower

Approved 69% of applications and denied 24%. Looks like they will be running out of funds.

- Government Operations Chair Joseph Bianchi

Will be having an elections code meeting with the other campuses on Saturday at the Downtown Campus at 10:00 am in the Starbucks. Interns, this would be a great event for you to attend.

- University Affairs Chairs Dylan Kerr and Joseph Briones

Senator Esparza and Senator Briones are working on getting paperless receipts. Trying to push gender neutral bathrooms in the library while the library is under construction.

Coordinator Ingrisano: Believes that gender neutral bathrooms are already being implemented in any new construction projects.

Senator Kerr: Met with the Herberger Council to discuss designing White House sets. Want to create a combined event with RHA and PAB and get student input on current campus/country issues.

j. Council of Coalitions

Trans Sensitivity Training will be on Nov 17, a panel from 9-10:30 for faculty and staff from 10:30-12:30 there will be a panel for the trans student community and afterwards there will be a lunch open to anyone.

Senator Kats: Womyn's Coalition, HerStory month is in March. There is a general body meeting next Thursday but the room hasn't been chosen yet.

6. First Read Legislation

A. *SB 29: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Student Alumni Association for the annual UCLA Turnabout Trip*

- a. *Brought to the floor by Senator Sorgeloos*
- b. *Moved to Second Read by Senator Sorgeloos*
- c. *Seconded by Senator Kireopoulos*

B. *SB 30: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Unified Society of South Asians for the Diwali Formal*

- a. *Brought to the floor by Senator Bianchi*
- b. *Moved to Second Read by Senator Bianchi*
- c. *Seconded by Senator Susarla*

C. *SB 31: A Resolution in support of the Undergraduate Student Government Tempe's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and advocacy of students to ensure the protection and safety of all students, specifically Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students enrolled at Arizona State University.*

- a. *Brought to the floor by Senator Bianchi*
- b. *Moved to Second Read by Senator Bianchi*
- c. *Seconded by Senator Susarla*

7. Second Read Legislation

A. ***SB 29: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Student Alumni Association for the annual UCLA Turnabout Trip***

- a. *Senator Sorgeloos yields her time to the Student Alumni Association*
- b. *Student Alumni Association: The turnaround trip is a 24 hour trip that departs ASU 11 hours before gametime. All of the students tailgate at the alumni association's tailgate. Immediately after the game, the students come back to Arizona. The trip creates lasting friendships, it is open to all ASU students. The amount of appropriations that are being requested is \$24,155. The price increased from last year because the cost of game day tickets increased.*
- c. *Senator Briones: Have you considered group pricing?*
- d. *SAA: They will look into that*
- e. *Senator Sorgeloos: They were approved for about \$16,000*
- f. *Senator Chew: Did they use all of their funds last year?*
- g. *Senator Sorgeloos: Yes*
- h. *Senator Briones: Thinks it is unwise to pass this right now given that they haven't considered group tickets.*
- i. *Senator Chew: Yields her time to Chief of Staff - Are you looking at the ASU section for the game? Because Senator Briones is looking at the wrong location.*
- j. *Coordinator Ingrisano: The ticket price is set for the ASU section, those are the only tickets we would be able to purchase.*
- k. *Senator Briones: It doesn't make sense to purchase \$85 tickets when we could allow more people to go at \$39. They haven't even looked into this option.*
- l. *Coordinator Ingrisano: They have looked into group ticketing prices and weren't allowed to get tickets other than the \$85 ones.*
- m. *Senator Spraeztz: ASU does the same thing for other schools and they don't allow group pricings for the away side.*
- n. *Senator Hightower: Have you considered other ways to fundraise for the event?*
- o. *SAA: The Alumni Association is paying for student tailgate tickets*
- p. *Senator Bianchi: Believes that the club has done their research. Calls this bill to question.*
- q. *Bill passes 14:3:3*

B. ***SB 30: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Unified Society of South Asians for the Diwali Formal***

- a. *Senator Bianchi yields his time to Unified Society of South Asians*
- b. *USSA: Requesting funding for their event on Nov 3. Diwali is the Festival of Lights in India. It is a Hindu holiday but everyone is welcome to come and celebrate. ASU has the largest Indian community in the nation. The event increases cultural awareness for people who don't know about the festival. The*

event is off-campus because the STPV was booked but the event is right off campus. This event is a fundraiser for Andaaz and USSA. Fundraising is essential for Andaaz. Diwali is all about music, they requested \$550 but were approved only \$355. They need a DJ that can balance the mixture of Western music with Indian cultural music. They requested \$600 for food but were only approved \$300. They requested \$100 for tea lights but were approved \$0. They requested \$200 for a photographer but were only approved \$100. This is a big event so a photographer that understands that is very important. Asking for the \$695 difference that they weren't approved for.

- c. Senator Gimenez: Why can't you use the ticket sales to fund this event?*
- d. USSA: This event is a fundraiser for all of our out of state competitions*
- e. Senator Chew: Have you considered travel funding?*
- f. USSA: We've applied multiple times and weren't approved*
- g. Coordinator Ingrisano: We provide a large amount to the Sports Club Association, \$240,000 so Sports Clubs can't come to USG for additional money unless things are directly on campus helping ASU students. Only time we have made an exception is when a sports club goes to a national championship that they didn't originally plan for*
- h. Senator Sorgeloos: What events are USSA requesting funding for?*
- i. USSA: Don't usually get funding for off campus events*
- j. Senator Sorgeloos: What is your anticipated attendance?*
- k. USSA: Have sold 30 tickets so far but expecting most of their ticket sales to happen on Thursday and Friday*
- l. Senator Magel: Do you have any other funding sources besides USG?/*
- m. USSA: No*
- n. Senator Magel: How many people can this venue hold?*
- o. USSA: Expecting about 200 people, 150 people attended a few years prior*
- p. Senator Kieropolous: Decorations can't be funded and that part of the budget was initially denied because it was listed as decorations*
- q. Senator Wong: When did you start looking for Venues?*
- r. USSA: Started looking in August*
- s. Senator Magel: Line item 6 says fliers for the event, you already have fliers?*
- t. Coordinator Ingrisano: Reminder that the STPV is supposed to be for students and not for corporate groups. Students are able to book out up to 1 year in advance.*
- u. Senator Kieropolous: USSA has historically received funding for everything they requested except applications that had time issues.*
- v. Senator Chew: What's the precedence for funding club fundraisers?*
- w. Senator Kieropolous: We would be very hesitant to fund a fundraiser.*

- x. Senator Spraeetz: *I'm not comfortable giving you funds to host a fundraiser.*
- y. Senator Susarla: *Why didn't you collaborate with Jhankar?*
- z. USSA: *This is a separate event.*
- aa. Senator Susarla: *Do the participants pay their travel?*
- bb. USSA: *Yes, dancers pay their own travel fees.*
- cc. Senator Sorgeloos: *We can fund the event with stipulations. We can decide to move forward with this bill and fund it fully given that you don't charge a ticket price.*
- dd. USSA: *Have been doing a lot of charity events and free on campus events so haven't been able to fundraise*
- ee. Senator Wong: *Point of Clarification- We aren't able to fund equipment or decorations.*
- ff. VP Wilson: *Have you guys already sold tickets for this event? The reason why the sports team is trying to generate a profit because they aren't able to get around the stipulations already set. What precedent does funding this club set?*
- gg. Senator Bianchi: *You have a choice to accept what appropriations has already funded you or choose to have it fully funded without ticket sales.*
- hh. VP Nngabo: *You can ask for donations at the event*
- ii. Senator Okinyi: *Wouldn't we be compromising the rules of appropriations by allowing them to utilize the money already funded with the purpose of fundraising*
- jj. Coordinator Ingrisano: *That isn't a hard set rule, just a guideline the committee uses.*
- kk. Senator Bianchi calls this bill to question
- ll. Coordinator Ingrisano: *Once a club fundraises, ASU can't decide how those funds are spent.*
- mm. Senator Bianchi rescinds his motion
- nn. Senator Bianchi calls for a strawpoll. Option A: *Fully funding with no fundraising* Option B: *Letting the budget go as is with fundraising* Option C: *Fund them partially and allow them to continue fundraising*
- oo. Senate President: *Just because you make a decision with this club doesn't mean you have to make future decisions in the same way*
- pp. Straw Poll Results: *Option A-17, Option B-0, Option C-4*
- qq. USSA: *Going to withdraw the bill, thank you for spending the time willing to listen to what we wanted.*
- rr. Senator Briones motions to table indefinitely
- ss. Senator Susarla seconded

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and safety of all students, specifically Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students enrolled at Arizona State University.

- a. Senator Kats: All of the other campuses have passed this bill correct?*
- b. Senator Bianchi: Yes, we passed this bill last year*
- c. Senator Bianchi moves to call this bill to question*
- d. Seconded by Senator Heffner*
- e. Senator Bianchi moves to vote by acclamation*
- f. Seconded by Senator Heffner*

8. Open Forum

Senator Susarla feels that there is a barrier between International Clubs and Senators

Senator Bakeman: Do you have evidence that either the club leaders were international students? Because if not that is a very big generalization to make and we need to be very careful about that.

Senator Wong: Appropriations meets with the clubs before they come to the Senate floor.

Senator Susarla: Wants to break a cultural barrier with international students so we can streamline the meetings.

Senator Okinyi: Clubs that bring bills on cultural events need more training.

Coordinator Ingrisano: It would be very nice if everything could be consistent amongst such a large organization.

VP Nngabo: This is a conversation for in the office.

Senate President: This is why it is important for you to turn your bills in on time so discussion can be had before Senate Meetings. It is also very important that you understand Appropriations so you can answer questions.

Senator Hightower: Talk to your E-boards of your college councils about the College Council Summit and see what they would like to have done at the Summit

9. Announcements

Senate President: I will be handing out strikes for missing hours.

Director of Sustainability and Senator Bakeman won the costume contest.

10. Second Roll Call

11. Adjournment

Senator Susarla motions to adjourn

Seconded by Senator Esparza