WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
59th SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

AGENDA
Second Meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER
Called to order

II. ROLL CALL
Roll call taken, quorum met. Simple majority 15 people, 2/3 majority 24 people

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes approved

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

- Dalton Glasscock expressed that he wanted to hear why the DPR was being appointed as interim
- Christina Lynn expressed that she doesn’t support unqualified people carrying weapons on campus because of safety/academic/enrollment concerns, and urged us to consider academic sanctions
- Maha Madi spoke in favor of Misha being appointed as the new interim DPR
- Mariah Smith announced that she withdrew her application and expressed her support of appointing Ashwin to the position of Treasurer

V. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Joseph Shepard
- Budget briefing with cabinet and Mary Herrin. Discussed budget cuts, tuition going up, and programming fees. Wants to proactively communicate with student body about increases to avoid backlash. Town Hall Meeting May 5th to communicate these issues to students and answer their questions
- Talked to Dr. Sexton about co-advisor position
- Wants to revamp Wichita State Inspire initiative by collaborating with the Pando initiative. Wants senate to go into USD 259 school and promote WSU and promote higher education in general
- Met with Amanda Lind about gender neutral restrooms

No questions

B. Vice President, Taben Azad
- Met with interim OO chair and CI chair.
- Met with transitioning DPR and Maha Madi
- Talked to senators about the issues they see on campus during their office hours
- Spoke to amendment that would send senators to SRB for not completing 3 office hours
- Gave senators ability to choose their committee preferences
- Explained Diversity Task Force
- Senators will have first committee meeting next week
- Talked about senate retreat, and expressed that he would explain senate rules better
- Encouraged everyone to attend banquet

No questions

C. Treasurer Mariah Smith
- Gen-ed budget meeting revealed that we will be facing a big cut, but there’s a cap on how much that they raise tuition (2.1%) if we keep a flat budget
- Looking at removing 2.1% cap, so tuition and fees announcement will depend on legislature, and may not come out until June. Tuition will probably change more than fees
- Looked at efficiency study within the university, so maybe millions of dollars could be saved by becoming more efficient
- Looking at adding another freshman seminar

No questions
VI. OTHER REPORTS

A. Chief of Staff Kiah Duggins
   - Talked to faculty senate about mandatory diversity training and opposition to transgender bathroom bill. Faculty wanted autonomy and statistically significant data
   - Received donation from Admissions for food locker
   - Coordinated volunteers for food locker
   - Talked to Amanda Lind about gender-neutral bathrooms. Got list of single-stall bathrooms to convert to gender neutral. Some of them would need new locks and signs. Map of gender neutral bathrooms on orgsync
   - Contacted Dr. Burdsal about creating a statistically significant representative sample for a survey
   - Will not be collecting applications if bill passes
   - Encouraging apps for out of state and veteran positions
   - Will hopefully talk with spectrum
   - Reminded senate of Joseph’s right to nominate and senate’s constitutional right to vote, and reminded senate to only vote based on the qualifications of the nominees presented

   Questions
   Graduate senator asked Kiah to clarify which vote she was talking about when she referenced S034 → Kiah clarified that she was referencing the Treasurer vote

B. Interim Director of Public Relations Misha Nazir
   - Working with Maha Madi to transition into her position
   - No questions

C. Legislative Director Marilyn Morton
   - Resolution
   - Organizing files
   - Made appointment with special collections to find resolution honoring man who served SGA for 20 years
   - Reminded senate that she’s their reference if they want to write resolutions
   - No questions

D. Campus Issues Chair Katie Deustch
   - Transitioning with past chair
   - Prioritizing campus issues
   - Promoting budget and fees and town hall
   - Creating/refining sub-committees within CI
   - No questions

E. Interim Organizational Outreach Chair Taylor Thomas
   - Transitioning
   - Wants to raise awareness about her position
   - Wants to help with a welcome back fest for organizations
   - Utilizing more outside resources
   - No questions

VII. SWEARING IN

A. Graduate (Ali, Nidhi, Rakib)
   - Sworn in (not Rakib)

B. Engineering (Luis)
   - Sworn in

C. At-Large Senators (Amanda, Heba, Dane)
   - Sworn in (not Dane)

D. Student Advocate
VIII. APPOINTMENTS

A. SB – 59 – 008 Appointing the Position of Out-of-State Senator
   • President Shepard read the bill and expressed his support
   • No questions
   • Taylor expressed that she looked forward to serving in the position
   • No debate
   • Passed unanimously

B. SB – 59 – 009 Appointing the Position of Interim Director of Public Relations
   • President Shepard read the bill
   • Explained that it’s an interim position so that she can prove herself since many senators felt that she wasn’t qualified, and because she’s the only qualified applicant left
   Questions
   • Senator Ensz asked if she would most likely be appointed permanently → Joseph said yes
   • Senator Hower asked when she would be appointed permanently → Joseph said at the beginning of next semester
   • Senator Shelby asked if the summer was enough time for her to prove herself → Joseph said yes because she will be in the office all summer and release/start working on a strategic plan
   • Senator Hower asked who else was considered for a position → Another applicant withdrew her application
   • Senator Hower asked if Ruben Lebron withdrew his application for the position → Joseph said that he did not
   • Senator Hungate asked why only one candidate was considered for the interim position even though several people applied for the normal position → Joseph answered that it was because Misha had the most experience and was the most qualified, which was expressed in her interview and her application

   VP Azad clarified that there cannot be a vote to approve or disapprove because it’s an interim position, but allowed for a motion to repeal the interim appointment by a 2/3 vote
   • No motion to repeal
   • Misha was appointed as interim DPR

C. SB – 59 – 010 Appointing the Position of Treasurer
   Joseph read the bill
   Questions
   • Senator Hower asked who the other applicants were → Joseph explained that Mariah withdrew her position, Ruben Lebron applied, and another person applied but couldn’t get the position because he couldn’t fulfill 30 hours
   • Senator Hower asked what set Ashwin apart from other applicants → Joseph said that his interview and application was great, Ashwin can create great relationships with the necessary people, reach out to people who generally don’t know about funding by collaborating with OO, and handle all of the upcoming budget cuts
   • Senator Hower asked Joseph to speak to Ruben Lebron’s experience as treasurer → Joseph answered that Ruben was the treasurer of College Democrats, but Joseph felt that Ashwin’s experience with Spirit Aerosystems made him more qualified. Also, Joseph was able to examine Ashwin’s qualifications more clearly than Ruben’s because Ruben didn’t submit a resume.
   • Joseph yielded the chair to Ruben in order to be fair and let him speak to his application

   Ruben’s speech
   • Spoke to being treasurer of Kansas Democrats, whose budget is bigger than SGA budget
   • Knew funding guidelines as OO chair, and already formed relationships with organizations who submitted funding
   • Spoke to his innovative ideas, like releasing 45 day rule and funding students before their event

   Questions (pt. 2)
   • Senator Hungate asked why President Shepard did not consider previous SGA experience when making the decision about treasurer → Joseph
answered that he does not believe that tenure in SGA makes someone more qualified than someone else.

Ashwin’s speech
- Expressed that he understands the gravity of the situation, reiterated the experience that he expressed in the last meeting and attended a budget meeting with the budget director.
- Expressed how seriously he would take the transition period
- Discussed desire to start financial literacy program and OO outreach collaboration

Debate
- Senator Sirois → Pointed out that there were other people without previous experience who were voted in unanimously with little questions, and pointed out that they were treated differently than Ashwin and other nominees. Spoke to how Ashwin has clearly proved that he is qualified for the position
- Treasurer Smith → Recommended Ashwin to position because he’s ethical and a leader. Also pointed out that the university is not allowed to give out money before events like Ruben Lebron suggested because it creates legal/auditing nightmare. Has met with Ashwin about the transition period

Voting
- Passed unanimously

D. SB – 59 – 011 Appointing the Position of Organizational Outreach Chair
   Joseph read the bill
   No questions
   Taylor spoke about her hopes to receive the position and serve students
   No debate
   Passes with vote of 30-0-3

IX. SWEARING IN
A. Out-of-State Senator
   Sworn in
B. Treasurer
   Sworn in
C. Organizational Outreach Chair
   Sworn in

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. SB – 59 – 006 Removal of Academics Committee
   VP Azad read the bill
   Questions
   - Senator?? Asked why it’s being removed → VP Azad stated that its redundant because Campus Issues committee and student advocate can handle academic issues
   Debate
   - No debate
   Passes unanimously

XI. NEW BUSINESS
A. FB59001
   Treasurer Smith read the bill
   Passed unanimously
B. R-59-001 Opposing the Governor’s Budget Options
   - Read the bill
   - Treasurer Smith asked about percentages → LD Morton clarified that KWCH said it was 3% for option 3, treasurer Smith clarified that LD Morton was wrong
   - Senator Hungate motioned to amend the amendment as Treasurer Smith suggested. Seconded. Motion passes
C. SB – 59 – 012 Amendments to Bylaws
   VP Azad read the bill. No questions
D. SB – 59 – 013 Amendment to Bylaws Related to Senator Office Hours
   VP Azad read the bill. No questions
E. SB – 59 – 014 Amendment to S002
   VP Azad read the bill. No questions

XII. REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Remarks made

XIII. FINAL ROLL CALL
Silent roll call

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson