

# Associated Students Senate Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2021

- A. Opening Business 5:00 PM
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
    - i. Senator Patel and Senator Cole were not present
  - c. Review of Minutes
    - i. Motioned to pass as is
  - d. Review of Agenda
    - i. Motioned to pass as is
- B. Public Forum 5:03 PM
- C. Docket 5:04 PM
  - a. Presentation by Vice President Susan Collins - *VP for Student Life Susan Collins*
    - i. SMC Operating Revenues: UG proved 52%, Grad provides 73%, Auxiliaries 8%, Endowment 8%, Gifts 1%, Others (Athletic Revenue) 10% (Mostly its UG tuition)
    - ii. SMC Expenses: 71% Salaries and benefits for faculty and staff, 9% Facilities IT, 5% Contracted services (SODEXO + Janitorial services), Interest Expense 2%, Other (Athletic expenses, travel, etc.), 10%, COVID 3%
    - iii. Endowment Fund- Has grown
    - iv. Questions:
      - 1. Senator Barbosa: Food quality isnt as good as it should be. Do students have a say in contracting food suppliers SODEXO? Can we do something about it?
        - a. Collins- Food committee was created at the signing of SODEXO, and they are supposed to provide feedback to them about food. They have been pushing more food truck nights, maybe having concessions?
      - 2. Senator Onedera
        - a. There is more money being spent renovating different facilities, how does money get allocated for these facilities, how do they decide
          - i. Board reserve fund, has a list of special projects, need to invest in infrastructure, put in more sidewalks and lighting, athletic training rooms, complete renovations in Mitty and Justin, upgrading IT system. Have a capital budget, they take cash

and invest them in different projects. Replacing air handlers which are 25 years old, making technological improvements.

ii. Will those projects be made public knowledge to the student body?

1. Anthony: He can accommodate these requests of putting this info on websites. He will work w sarah and mason to communicate it to the student body

3. Audience Question

a. Debt is from construction, so what is the budget on president plumb's on campus renovation ?

i. Debt is from renovations for make years. President Plumb's is from the board allocated funds.

4. VP Hogarty-

a. -

i. Student govt has endowments

5. Senator M. Martinez

a. How can we ensure that students have any say in how surplus funds are spent in the future

i. Executive decisions that are made that the president and the board makes.

6. Senator Boyd

a. Haven't been aware in increases in tuition, are there more plans to have more transparency in tuition increases

i. After the board approves it President plumb says that he will always be transparent

7. Online Question

a. Nearly every office on campus received budges funds where did those allocated funds go and how did it assist students?

i. Reallocated funds from existing budgets b ack into facilities, bc last year they didn't need any facility upkeep, so in order to keep the campus running they need to upkeep the

8. Pres. Rosasco In regards to convo about turf fields once the pavilion is removed, where would the money come from if its renovated

a. They will pu it in their capital budget, and will renovate it

9. Senator Kenedy How have you advocated for student voice what are your goals this yeard
  - a. When discussing budget, they think of students, and how to support faculty. Invest in student life and housing.
10. Senator H. Martinez
  - a. Lack of variety in food, what are more plans to expand on campus resources for food and other necessities
    - i. Make the pub open more frequently, and open convenience stores, more food trucks
    - ii. Anthony Pop up stations in oliver (coffee stations), use gael food truck more often, pub is now open from W-F.
11. Senator Barbosa
  - a. Are there any convos in admin about extending bookstore hours?
    - i. If you tell it to student life then they can work together to do that
      1. They need a student bookstore advisory committee
12. Audience Question
  - a. HWat category does student services fall under budget
    - i. Natural expenses (Salaries/benefits), Functional expenses (academic, student services), most of money spent on student services is spent on salaries and benefits, (SDS, Advising, Campus Life).
  - b. Professors staff, employees, got a 5% cut, were funds reallocated to student services
    - i. Happened bc of a drop in student enrollment
13. Online Question
  - a. Can students find budget info, or the slides shown online
    - i. They don't share budget info, but you can view tax returns, and general finance info.
14. Audience Question
  - a. W the anticipation of students coming back to campus, how many covid cases have happened, whats in the budget to assist them w isolating if they need help?
  - b. They didn't budget a number of cases on camus, but they did budget the trailers that they brought in for isolation. We have had 25 total cases this semester. There is a care team

that provides assistance to student in isolation. Those who don't have food plans have to ask help through Anthony. He can administer meal plans for students who need emergency support.

15. Audience Question

- a. Who is currently on the budget committee/board?
  - i. Composed of 13 members of faculty, staff, admin, they are appointed on consultation of senior staff.
- b. Is there any way to have a student consultation at these budget committees?
  - i. They don't make decisions they can make recommendations to the presents . Students can go through student life to provide students w a place to go if they have budget concerns and he can tell the budget committee, and they can recommend it to the president.
- c. Theres no communication between staff and students about construction and no one knows why but theres j construction
  - i. Anthony: You can contact Anthony about question about construction, they will try and be more transparent about it.
    1. There was no more money to reallocate, they didnt have a surplus, and the surplus when they did have it was re invested in campus, staff salaries, infrastructure.

16. Senator Barbosa

- a. Next week there are plans to fix infrastructure can there be an email sent letting students know about construction?
  - i. Anthony: There can definitely be a email regarding about construction, and the things about that. He will commit in future to apply amplee n

17. Audience Question

- a. In President Plumbs house's funds in the reserve are there any funds in the reserve fund to help students. Is there any student participation or consultation in the board of trustees
  - i. There are no consultation of participation of students in the board of trustees
- b. The mental health recourses are very skimpy

- i. Anthony: We will improve the mental health services for students, and offer different modes for mental health services

18. Senator Barbosa

- a. Reserve fund is a savings account, so does the money in the savings account come from the remaining funds of the revenue of the school, where does it come from
  - i. Majority comes from gifts from the state
- b. Is there any way for the gifts to be shown the amount of the gifts?
  - i. There it is listed in financial statements
- c. How much money did President Plumb allocate for funds?
  - i. Board allocated 12 million dollars for the different projects on campus, she can't say how much his house costs

19. Audience Question

- i. They won't disclose how much his house costs because it changes daily, and because Collins doesn't feel comfortable discussing that
- ii. President's house will apparently have public spaces for student
- iii. Anthony: The money for his house doesn't come from student or tuition fees, it comes from allocated money
  - 1. Regardless, Anthony is committed to improving student life, and there are a few trustees that impress heavily on student life,

20. Senator Barbosa

- a. Can a student go to his house and do homework there, basically can student use his space?
  - i. Anthony: Students may be able to, there must be further discussion
- b. Presentation of Resolution by Senator Ferris- *Resolution to Create a Convenience Store Establishment*
  - i. All students need convenient and consistent service of food, that can and will support the needs of dietary services of the students. Other universities that have SODEXO have many convenient stores and other convenient food modes. SODEXO is down with this idea, and are looking for spaces, funding will be coming from SODEXO and student life.

- ii. Senator Barbosa + Martinez = Resolution has passed
- c. Presentation of Resolution by Senator Barbosa - *Resolution for the Appointment of Skylar Motas as a Class of 2025 Senator*
  - i. She has experience in student government/leadership, and is fit for the position.
- d. Presentation of Resolution by Senator Barbosa - *Resolution for the Appointment of Anna Moser as a Class of 2025 Senator*
  - i. She has experience in leadership, created women's rugby team, and other leadership positions.
- e. Motion to Confirm them both to senate: Senators Martinez both confirmed, Barbosa confirmed

#### D. Reports

6:21 PM

- a. Committee Reports
  - i. Finance Committee -VP for Finance
    - 1. 20/22 requests
    - 2. Have made a ton of progree
  - ii. Institutional Affairs Board- VP for Admin
  - iii. Student Organization Council- VP for Finance
    - 1. Next meeting is at Nov 8th
  - iv. College Committee on Inclusive Excellence -AS President
    - 1. Campus Climate Survey closes Oct. 29
  - v. Bias Incident Response Team- TBD
    - 1. Set meeting date Nov 18
  - vi. Sustainability Committee- TBD
  - vii. Food/Culinary Committee - TBD
    - 1. Next meeting is Nov. 9
    - 2. ROTating specials started last week
    - 3. Simple serving shas complete veggie item every day
    - 4. Microwaves were supposed to be delivered last friday, but it was delayed
    - 5. Pub is open from W-F
    - 6. Hot chocolate machine is coming
  - viii. Campus Facilities Planning Committee- TBD
  - ix. Cummins Institute Committee- Senator Patel
  - x. Governing Documents Committee- VP for Admin
  - xi. Technology Planning Committee-TBD
  - xii. Senior Week Committee- Senator Patel
  - xiii. First Year Experience Committee-TBD
    - 1. Dissolved.

- xiv. Student Rank and Tenure Committee- TBD
    - 1. Planning meeting w Delphine sometime next week
  - xv. Grade Appeals Committee- TBD
  - xvi. Library Committee
  - xvii. Additional Committee Reports
  - b. Senior Class Chair – *Senator Patel*
    - i. Working on meet and greet
  - c. Junior Class Chair – *Senator Onedera*
    - i. *Nov 17th meet and greet*
  - d. Sophomore Class Chair – *Senator Martinez*
    - i. Couple class meetings
    - ii. Finalizing meet and greet schedule
  - e. First Year Class Chair – *Senator Barbosa*
    - i. Spent few months finding senators, and finally did it
    - ii. Meet and Greet Nov 17th , and Dec 1st
  - f. Vice President for Finance – *Vice President Hogarty*
    - i. Continuing to lead finance committee, putting out finance metrics
  - g. Associated Students President – *President Rosasco*
    - i. Met with search committee for vice provost for academics
    - ii. Mason now has a position on the college council
    - iii. Met w caesar and anthony to discuss future items
  - h. Vice President for Administration – *Vice President Pera*
    - i. On the college council committee, went on Tuesday
    - ii. 4 resolutions passes this semester- Making a resolution leaderboard, whoever passes the most will win a great prize
- E. Closing Business 6:31 PM
- a. General Announcements
  - b. Adjournment
    - i. Barbosa and Martinez
  - c. Next Meeting- Sunday November 7th @ 5:00PM in Claeys Lounge