



Student Government Senate Meeting  
Thursday, October 27th, 2016  
Minutes; Sydney K. Menkevich, Executive Assistant

**I. Opening of Meeting**

a.) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:03pm Atwood Cascade Rm

b.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

c.) FIRST ROLL CALL

President Johnson	
Vice President Olson	
Executive Assistant Menkevich	
Chief Justice Cruzen	
RHA Rep (N/A)	
Students United Rep Martin	
Chair Fiene	
Chair Hwang	
Chair Jabs	
Chair Kennedy	
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Chair Smith	
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Chair Uecker	
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Senator Aden	
Senator Balmer	
Senator Bedel	
Senator Dhakal	
Senator Doroff	
Senator Holm	
Senator Krahrmer	



Senator M. La Vine	
Senator S. La Vine	
Senator Le	
Senator Lura	
Senator McLeod	
Senator Mitchell	
Senator Nabil	
Senator Osbourne	
Senator Schmit	
Senator Seo	
Senator Uecker	
Senator Uprety	

d.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

*Senator Bedel moves to approve today's agenda.*

*Seconded*

*Today's agenda approved*

e.) APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

*Senator Osbourne moves to approve last meeting's minutes.*

*Seconded*

*Last meeting's minutes approved*

## **II. Hearings**

a.) OPEN GALLERY I

**Steven Hornstein**

HLC Accreditation is the standard for all legitimate higher education institutions

usually regional

year five quality initiative, rather than just a set of outcomes, became the Husky Compact.

November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, accreditation visit

student survey: advising, food, and parking top three issues discussed

Public comment: second data set

variety of federal regulations we have to respond to on paper

the insurance argument: five categories about mission, budget, etc. limited to a word count (is available online, and in a physical copy) took 15 months to put together, over 80 people contributed.

Look at the calendar for the open forum times.

## QUESTIONS

-Chair Fiene: hypothetically what would happen if SCSU doesn't pass accreditation?

Usually a year to fix the problems, then follow up



*\*Point of Interest:* November 8<sup>th</sup>, open forum for students

-Senator Bedel: Besides going to the forum, what can we do to help with the accreditation?

If you get stopped on the tour, be honest and talk with them. Talk to your peers so they know that is happening.

-Senator Nabil: how does the rating process go for accreditation?

They are looking for structured plans for procedures that are necessary for a University environment. As well as keeping track of complaints that can now be done online.

### **Darrell Bruestle- Running for County Commissioner**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

-Chair Kennedy: What types of responsibilities would you have as commissioner?

The commissioner is fiscally responsible for money uses with in the county, and with some regulations

-Follow Up: Do you have any accounting experience?

No formal accounting positions, surrounding self with people who are able to help me.

-Senator Schmit: why should someone choose you, a new politician, where as somebody else has the experience and the knowledge.

Believes in term limits, previous commissioner has been there for over 20 years. Have never had a county commissioner actually tell me what is going on, want to change that.

-Chair Fiene: What is your plan to increase small D democratic representation?

Should be a letter once a quarter with information, but plan for door to door, would like to be available for discussion. Says it like it is.

-Senator Aden: how would you familiarize yourself with the community?

Attempting to get more meetings with organizations, and reaching out. Stand Down in St. Cloud, the armory to help get veterans ahead in life, everything is free of charge. Neighbor helping neighbor.

-Chair Olson: What kind of plans do you have for attracting employers to the county?

Well we would like to look into TIFFS, more of a technical high manufacturing companies. Reaching out to corporations.

-Senator Doroff: What are your plans for protecting those that have been assaulted?

24/7 male and female officers on campus would be a step, and to let people know you can talk about it, and give them the backing they need.

-Chair Fiene: What are top three priorities for SCSU and students that attend, as your roll of commissioner?

Would need to do some research on that, questions would be excellent.

-Chair Jabs: what is your stance on the public education system k-12?

I think the that schools can be built, but only if we have the funding to do so. Supporting our teachers, not a new building. Spending more money on technology and teachers. Could spend better money in more ways.

-Senator Le: St. Cloud has a lot of issues with human trafficking, how would you help with this issue?

Undercover police, and going to the judges

-Senator Aden: Do you think allowing felons to vote would that help reintegrate them into society?

Yes definitely.

-Senator Schmit: you said you want to have more efficient repairs to roads and bridges, how are you going to make more repairs to our roads, but also reduce government spending?

Roads and bridges that are in dire repair and rebuild them as needed to reduce spending.



~Fee Allocation Update~

b.) FINANCE HEARINGS

Vice Chair of SFC presenting on behalf

3 requests one tabled, two approved

Outloud! - both requests, SFC approved full amount

Society of Women Engineers – request tabled

*Senator Schmit moves to approve*

*Seconded*

*Finance requests approved*

*\*Point of Information:* we are at cor-rum with 9 senators, if anybody else leaves we will no longer be able to continue.

c.) INTERNAL ELECTIONS

Application for At-Large Senator

Yield to President Johnson: According to Parliamentary code, is majority plus one, but we can still vote on everything and pass business, it will then need to be ratified (every motion) that has passed, once cor-rum is achieved.

*Senator Le moves to White Ballot*

*Seconded*

*Motion to white ballot approved.*

*Senator Le moves to ratify the internal election motion for at-large senator and the Finance Requests with now being at cor-rum.*

*Seconded*

*Two motions ratified.*

**III. Plenary Session I**

a.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Bill CA-001**

*Senator Schmit reading as sponsor*

*Senator Le moves to approve this resolution*

*seconded*

*Senator Balmer dissent: would like to have a discussion on the cost of neonicotinoids, is there a cost difference?*

*-Senator Uecker: this was addressed briefly last time, there are a fair number of alternatives*

*Senator Le moves to a vocal vote*

*Seconded*



**All in favor, the Student Government Bill CA-001 is passed.**

**Amendment to Student Government Bylaws Article XIV**

*Senator Uecker reading as sponsor*

*\*Point of Information:* Vice President Olson: when there is discussion to amend a bill, you can amend the bill on the table.

*Senator Le Moves to White Ballot*

*not hearing a second*

*back to discussion*

*Yield to Chair Smith:* this would formally put a concrete wording in the bylaws.

-Students United Rep Martin: is there a time limit for how long a deliberation would be?

-Chair Smith: might be something in Judicial Council bylaws

-Chair Olson: as somebody who wrote the judicial bylaws there is not a time limit

-Follow Up: Students United Rep Martin: do you see this as a problem?

-Chair Smith: yes would like to possibly see an amendment with this.

-Senator Schmit: in subsection b, can that mean they can get multiple strikes for one offense?

-Chair Smith: short answer yes

-Senator Holm to Chair Smith: how much would you like to postpone time for?

-Chair Smith: one week would be ample time

-Chair Shelley: is there anything that could be put in place that would firm the judicial council opinion, or what if the body disagrees with the strikes given?

-there is a process to appeal the strikes

-Students United Rep Martin: what is the week postponement from?

-Chair Smith: would need to see the written amendment

*Senator Le moves to amend point D subsection (i) to give Judicial Council one week to deliberate on investigation after the date of said strike.*

*Seconded*

**Two abstentions: amendment passes**

**Back into discussion**

*Senator Uecker moves to add a subsection under B the judicial council must accept and begin the review within one week, The Judicial Council; can by an internal vote extend the time to allow for additional review. The Council must then reach a ruling withing 3 weeks of acceptance.*

*Seconded*

**Amendment to subsection under B passes**

*back into discussion*

*Senator Holm moves to amend subsection C*

*Seconded*

*Senator Uecker dissent*

*back into discussion*

*Senator Schmit moves to postpone this discussion until next week*



*Seconded*

*Dissent: Senator McLeod, Senator Balmer*

*\*Point of Information Vice President Olson: there are options- could pass this, could postpone discussion, or could scratch bill to be redone.*

*Senator Le moves to vote on the postponement of the bill*

*Seconded*

*Motion fails, back to discussion*

*Senator Le moves to recess for five minutes*

*Seconded*

*Approved, break for recess for five minutes*

*Call meeting back to order at 7:15pm*

*Senator Le calls to vote on postponing*

*seconded*

*motion fails*

*in discussion on bill*

*Senator Le moves to strike this bill and call to vote*

*BILL FAILS, sent back to committee*

*Senator Le moves to postpone the rest of the election amendments till our next senate meeting so more senators can be present.*

*Seconded*

*Motion passes to postpone election amendments until next week*

**b.) NEW BUSINESS**

**Student Government Bill CA-002**

*Senator Holm reading as sponsor*

*As per parliamentary procedure this will be tabled until next week.*

*Senator Uecker moves to scratch everything left on the agenda to close the meeting with last roll call.*

*Seconded*

*Senator Le Dissent*

*Discussion*

*Senator Holm moves to scratch recess up to closing of the meeting letter b to recess down to letter a.*

*Amendment passes*

*back to discussion on amended motion*



*Voting on the motion to scratch recess to close the meeting to open statements*

*Motion fails*

New Business: Cultural Diversity is looking to fund an event, seeking a motion for \$400

*Senator Le moves to approve \$400 for cultural diversity committee*

*Seconded*

*Approved*

*Senator Le moves to adjourn meeting*

*Seconded*

*\*Point of Information, need 2/3rds vote to adjourn*

*Motion fails*

*Senator McLeod moves to scratch recess*

*Seconded*

*Motion fails*

*Yield to: Students United Rep Martin: will be sending email to delegates for the fall students, please respond confirming or stating you are not going. Make sure you have appropriate attire, and money for dinner Friday and Saturday.*

New Business: Chair Fiene will be resigning at the end of this semester, if you are interested in what legislative affairs does please shoot him an email.

*Senator Le moves to discuss what we should do for the rest of the meeting*

*Seconded*

*Motion passes, move into discussion*

*Senator Le speaking for Student Service declared ownership and initiative with the green fee bill.*

*Senator Bedel moves to adjourn the meeting*

*Seconded*

*Movement passes, meeting will be adjourned*



**VII. Closing of Meeting**

c.) LAST ROLL CALL

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d.) ADJOURNMENT

-Time adjourned: 7:47pm Atwood Cascade Rm