

11/18 Minutes

Senate called to order at 7:02pm

Quorum is met

Minutes are approved

Community Comment: none

Committee Update

Health and Housing, Chair CarlsonSather

1. Talked to Building services about intersection between Lund and College View, ideas about flashing lights are forwarded to Carol Brewer
 - a. Talked about access to menstrual machines by facilities, waiting on more information

Co-Presidents Villarreal

1. Last day to order apparel is December 2, can order t shirts or sweatshirts
2. Will be hosting interviews for Environmental Chair
3. Applications for Administrative Director and Student Academic Affairs Chair put out

Ethics, Obmudsperson Doran

1. Only Hall representatives are required to fill out faculty reports, Senator King will be removed from reprimand, will be moving forward with by-law for more uniform faculty report procedure.

Old Business: none

New Business

By-Law, Ombudsperson Doran

1. By-law amendment to bring to the floor, expedite the way Senate deals with proposed amendments and non-administrative communication with the Student Body
2. Senator Smerillo: move to vote to adopt the shown bylaw amendment
 - a. Second to Senator Johnson
3. Discussion
 - a. Senator Smerillo: good idea and seems like a structural piece that would be helpful
 - b. Senator Cella: Editing can be hard over email, puts in place an expectation that no edits will be made during the meeting “Senators are then expected to provide substantive comments to the authors before the meeting”
 - i. Ombudsperson Doran: there should be some level of expectation given, because otherwise I feel like I’m sending emails into space

- c. Senator Smerillo: I think that it's how we were talking about the diversity letter, it is the responsibility of the students to read it and it is our responsibility to read it as well, we should be held to the same standard as students. Editing over email can be tricky, but it's easy to send a simple email about basic concerns
- d. Senator Cella: I agree that they should be sent out, but I feel like we have the established structures already in place to discuss what we are reading. The expectation that we provide substantive comments to the author before the meeting doesn't provide leeway. Should write "are encouraged to provide" as more informal
- e. Ombudsperson Doran: changed to "are expected to express initial concerns" Often people are providing echoed sentiments, definitely helps debate to know what to fix beforehand. Often, debate turns on what people agree on, we can tweak the language to make it less binding
- f. Senator Zaun: last sentence should include "to allow adjustments to be made prior to the meeting", clarify that we should contact people who sent it to expedite meetings
- g. Senator Jorgenson: I don't think that the working binds it to not discussing during it in a meeting, I think it opens up roles to discuss. Bring comments to ethics committee if you notice it before meeting.
- h. Senator Schaaf: my concern is if someone brought up a comment and it's less than 24 hours in advance, would it still be able to be brought up in a meeting.
 - i. Doran: will mostly fall to Committee chair to send out email
- i. Senator Zaun: I feel more comfortable if it is seen as less binding, it creates an expectation that we should do all of the work beforehand
- j. Senator Smerillo: this was sent out in advance, and we're still having discussion right now, this serves as a dry run. I don't think we have to worry about skimming over stuff.
- k. Senator Hietpas: I think that this by-law is being put in place to make meetings more efficient, there is an inherent responsibility that will have to take place outside of meetings by Senators to make meetings more efficient.
- l. Chair Menke: sending out this email to the Senate Body 24 hours in advance allows for the authors to anticipate what sort of comments they'll be receiving in the meeting, discuss what changes people see fit, decreases overall time for new initiatives
- m. Senator Smerillo: point of inquiry, would it be friendly change to change language?
 - i. Amend the motion to change "expected" to "encouraged" to provide substantive comments to the authors before the meeting requested

- n. Senator Patterson: still is vague, open to see what “substantive comments” means, still has wiggle room if you are unable to prep as much as you like
 - o. Senator Young: move to amend “expected” to “encouraged”
 - i. Friendly from Senator Smerillo
 - p. Senator Smerillo: point of inquiry, can we change “Senators” to “body”
4. Vote, the ayes have it, motion passes

Visitation Hour Policy, Senator Croonquist

Charge Health and Housing Committee to remove gender in visitation policy

1. Discussion
 - a. Senator Young: just the gendered language removed or specifics of the time frame that are currently written? Is the goal to remove the gendered portion or the times as a whole
 - i. Chair CarlsonSather: I’ve been working on this with ResLife, the goal is to remove it on the basis of gender, is outdated
 - b. Senator Lim: am in full support, is incredibly outdated and assumes heteronormaitve, not inclusive at all
 - c. Senator Smerillo: support removing gendered language, if we get into visitation hours it’s sticky, CFs use it to remove noisy people after those hours are done.
 - d. Senator Hietpas: point of information, what is the current policy
 - i. Senator Smerillo: 1st year housing, studnets of opposite sex cannot be present in a room of a residnet at 1am on weeknights and 2am on weekends. Upper Class: past 1am on weeknights, none on weekends
 - e. Senator Johnson: we charge the gender issue, I call to question the vote
 - i. Second: Senator Patterson
2. Vote, the ayes have it, Health and Housing Committee charged

Trash Chutes smell bad, Senator Smerillo

1. Senator Smerillo, is there something we can get in the hall to make them smell less bad, solutions Res Life provides don’t work. Is this a problem in other residence halls? If so, do we want to make a charge to H&H to get it looked into campus wide
2. Senator Schaaf: In Norelius, I can smell the trash when I go down to do laundry
3. Senator Cella: what other buildings have chutes? Uhler and Southwest
4. Senator Smerillo: Charge Health and Housing to work with different Area Coordinators to find a way to make trash chutes to not smell disgusting
 - a. Second to Senator Johnson
5. Discussion

- a. Chair CarlsonSather: totally open, don't want our standards of living to go down? What ideas do we have?
 - b. Senator Jorgenson; we are looking ideas, expecting you to find solid solutions
 - c. Controller Johnson: is the problem smells wafting up the chute? Could we get a spring door to close it?
 - i. Chutes smell when they're closed
 - d. Senator Hietpas: we could stop using trash chutes; there are no trash chutes in Pittman.
 - e. Senator Schaaf: I think that not using chutes could help, a lot of people walk it down anyway. Could use scented bags or have trash outside building.
 - f. Senator Young: cleaning inside of trash chutes, maybe it's a matter of what's being thrown away. Could be educating residents about what to not throw down.
 - g. Chair Menke: could be what is being thrown away, most is probably decomposing food, even more reason to do composting in res halls. Long term solution could be compost bins.
 - h. Parliamentarian Boyden: chutes weren't the worst smelling last year, and this year they're worse.
 - i. Senator Smerillo: had a recent meeting with custodial staff in Complex, they've been having problems with trash compactor, trash isn't getting all the way in. We could have educational posters made.
 - j. Senator Lim: finding more custodial staff, doing an overall food ban for trash chutes as temporary solution. Temporary food ban
 - k. Controller Johnson: composting is a better solution than food ban, students are lazy. If we do think they are smelling, clean them during the breaks with scrubbing or running soapy water down
 - l. Chair Johnson: compost still smells, reminding people to bag trash.
 - m. Director Concepcion: posters in Uhler are helpful, maybe provide trash bags to students
 - n. Chair CarlsonSather: thanks for contributing.
 - o. Student Patterson: Call to Question
 - i. Second to Senator Zaun
6. Vote, the ayes have it, Health and Housing charged

Announcements

Senator Hietpas: Homeless FTS is sleeping out, please notice posters in mall, be nice to them ;)

Senator Lim: international Festival 6-8pm in Alumni Hall this Saturday

Senator Smerillo: Saturday is first a-cappella concert, GWAG and GSharp, Model UN leaves Friday for Chicago

Parliamentarian Boyden: PASO will do crossroads dinner Sunday at 6pm, in IC kitchen

Chair CarlsonSather: committee meet with me quick after meeting

Chair Gruber: Big Hill farm Kahoot Caf takeover tomorrow, 7pm

Co-President Villarreal: Gusties After Dark this Friday, President Bergman coming next Monday

Director Concepción: get yer apparel

Senator Johnson: should we dress up for President Bergman? Some of us will

Senator Schaaf: will the shirts cost the same as sweatshirts or less?, unsure right now

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm