

13 April 2020 Senate Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Quorum is met

Approval of the minutes

Community comment

Committee Updates

Co-President Villarreal: We will hear from the finance committee first.

- Director Gupta: I sent out an email to the student body regarding the new bylaws and the google form for budget requests for next year. Some organizations have submitted more than one budget. April 21st is a very strict deadline, but if problems arise we will work with organizations. Once we have all the budgets submitted, we will review them and present them to the senate. This will most likely happen at the meeting on May 5th

Co-President Villarreal: Are there any other committee updates?

- Co-President Elect Doran: Point-of-information for Director Gupta: Do committees that are a part of block budgets need to fill out a survey?
 - ◆ Director Gupta: If an organization is part of a block budget, they are not allowed to file a budget with the student senate, but in the survey there is an option for them to say they are a part of a block budget.

Old Business

New Business

Chair Carlson-Sather: The director of res life reached out to me because I had inquired about changing gender based visiting hours, but inquiries are due next week. I wanted to get the Senate's input on whether this is something we would like to support.

- Senator Young: Could we get an update on what the specific language of it is?
 - ◆ Chair Carlson-Sather: Yes, let me pull it up! I think the language most greatly impacted first year students regarding visitation hours. Visiting hours are from 9AM to 1AM and weekends from 9AM to 2AM.

- Senator Young: And it would just remove the gender specific language, but we would keep the hours the same?
 - ◆ Chair Carlson-Sather: Yes, that's what I was thinking. This way it is uniform for all guests and not specifically male or female.

- Senator Young: Yeah I would definitely be in support of changing the language.

- Co-President Elect Doran: For prospective visits is it always split up by gender or is it who you feel comfortable hosting?
 - ◆ Chair Carlson-Sather: That is split where male visitors must host male visitors and vice versa.
 - ◆ Co-President Elect Doran: Okay, maybe that is something we can look into changing in the future, but I am in favor of changing Chair Chair Carlson-Sather's proposal.

- Chair Dunna: I would be in favor of changing the limitation of the language.

- Advisor Ruble: You should all definitely think through the language you want to endorse regarding visitations. It could be easy to create limitations that you may not be aware of at first.

- Senator Young: I would be in favor of taking out the gender specific language and then keeping limited visiting hours for off-campus guests, but extending these hours for on campus students.

- Chair Yangh: I want to reiterate Megan's point that we need to really think through what we are trying to endorse here. We also need to think about CF's and how this will impact their work. Also, a question for Chair Chair CarlsonSather what do you feel like the pros and cons of making this change? And why now?
 - ◆ Chair Carlson-Sather: I feel like the biggest pro in changing the rules is the inequity of the language which is discriminating based on sex/gender.
 - ◆ Chair Yangh: I agree with that. Is there a reason that res life would want to keep this language the same?
 - ◆ Chair Carlson-Sather: I think one of the reasons would be that have the gender rules could help CFs if they have a constituent who wants their significant other to not be in the room they have more ability to deal with this. That's just one example.

- Senator Patterson: Yes, I would like to echo what the previous speakers have said that we should change the outdated language but make sure we do it without creating limitations.
- Co-President Villarreal: Advisor Ruble brings up a good point in the chat that this would be something great to check in with your constituents to ask about.
- Co-President Elect Doran: I would make the suggestion that someone should charge health and housing to come up with a list of questions that might be good to ask constituents.
- Senator Braun: I agree with the previous speaker. I also think this would be helpful to those who identify as nonbinary and are trying to figure out where they fit on campus and with rules such as this.
- Ombudsperson Menke: I want to echo the previous speaker's sentiments.
- Co-President Bhakta: I would strongly encourage a member of the Senate to make a motion of this issue.
- Senator Young: I charge the health and housing committee with moving forward on creating language for the proposed change and create questions to sent out to constituents?

Second goes to Senator Patterson

Co-President Villarreal: Any discussion?

- Chair Carlson-Sather: Yes I will right up questions and hopefully get them to you by tomorrow and then start crafting the new wording for the next Senate meeting

Co-President Villarreal: If there is no more discussion, we will move to a vote.

The ayes have it. Motion Passes.

Co-President Villarreal: Any other new business?

Senator Patterson: I was just wondering if we have any updates on faculty reports and tabling hours?

Co-President Villarreal: Yes, the faculty reports are in the drive and you have access to email that out, and we created a drive for tabling hours that we can resend out. Also, let us know when you have signed up so we can send you the link to do a zoom call.

Announcements

Senator Young: Do we have any updates on commencement and the day we are actually considered graduated?

→ Ruble: Yes, I know President Bergman still wants to hold some sort of virtual service on May 30th to celebrate the graduating seniors, so I imagine it will be official on that day.

Chair Johnson: I am working on creating the diversity, equity, and inclusion folder to pass onto the next chair so if you have any suggestions send me an email.

Co-President Bhakta: I wanted to let you know we will have a guest at our next meeting so I encourage you to talk to him. I will also send a reminder out about this later on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm