



Student Government Association

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

Senate Meeting

Friday, August 10th, 2023

Presiding Officer: Vice-President Brooks

Minute Taker: Senator Sean Burns

- I. **Call to Order:** Call to Order at 3:08 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Roll Call complete at 3:10 p.m.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from (N/A):**
- IV. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion to adopt the Agenda by Senator Bachman, Seconded by Senator Augustyn
- V. **Public Comments:** No Public Comments
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. SB 2023-24-01: SGA Budget FY24
 - i. **Presented by President Combs**
 - ii. Point of Personal Privilege by Representative Torres: Can we please make the budget proposal more accessible to read.
 - iii. Question by Representative Valdez: Public Relations committee was allocated \$2,000 dollars. Does this include allocation for Carnival De Lynx and Cultural Diversity Festival?
 - iv. Question by Senator Bachman: Why is there an individual allocation for groups within SGA and Finance & Funding?
 - v. Question by Senator Agarwal: How will more funds be allocated within SGA if funds run out for certain committees?
 - vi. Motion to call to question by Senator Bachman, Seconded by Senator Augustyn.
 1. ROLL CALL VOTE: 16 – 0 – 0
 2. The bill PASSED.
 - b. SB 2023-24-02: F&F Guidelines
 - i. **Presented by Senator Bachman**
 - ii. Motion by Representative Torress for working recess for five minutes to review the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Bachman.
 1. Recess at 3:28 p.m.
 2. Re-Adjourn at 3:35 p.m.

- iii. Question by Director Sharma: Is there a reason why they are allowed to be in the room during deliberations.
- iv. Question by Representative Mauro: What was the prior submission date for allocations over \$5,000 dollars?
- v. Question by Senator Burns: Historically we have had questions period before evaluation of funding and in other discussions surrounding legislation and fee funded organizations. So it has made more sense in other instances to dismiss the presenters to have further discussions.
- vi. Point of information by Representative Torres: When it come to the student organization handbook, meetup groups cannot specifically request funding, correct?
- vii. Questions by President Combs: I am aware that the presentation is concluded, and the Q/A is done, will they be allowed to be in the room during the voting?
- viii. Point of information by Representative Valdez: Do you find the Q/A is long enough to be able to ask clarifying questions?
- ix. Senator Bachman: The reason for the follow-up period is to resolve small discrepancies and questions which we can ask to overturn approval and disapproval.
- x. Point of information by Senator Ezpinoza: What does an appeal or resubmission process look like?
- xi. Representative Martinez: Last semester Finance and Funding was at the Student Organization orientation; will you all be there?
- xii. Point of Clarification by Senator Burns: The appeal process for the Judiciary is not to decide whether the allocated or did not allocate the correct amount of money. It is to make sure the rights afforded to student organizations under our governing documents have been followed.
- xiii. Senator Bachman: Early priorities for Finance and Funding are to increase all level of student engagement and put money in the hands of students more accessibly.
- xiv. Call to Question by Representative Torres, Seconded by Senator Augustyn
 - 1. Rescinded by Senator Augustyn
- xv. Question by Senator Rodriguez: How will the Student Organization leaders be made aware of these changes and guidelines.
- xvi. Point of information by Representative Lacey: Will 15 minutes be enough for the larger proposition under the \$5000 dollars?
- xvii. Call to Question by Representative Torres, Seconded by Senator Rodriguez
- xviii. ROLL CALL VOTE: 15 – 1 – 0
- xix. Vote: PASSED

- c. Pro-Tempore Selection
 - i. Point of Information by Senator Augustyn: Is the floor open to nominations?
 - ii. Senator Augustyn nominates Senator Bachman and Pro-tempore, Senator Bachman accepts.
- d. Secretary of Senate Selection
 - i. Senator Augustyn nominates Representative Martinez for Secretary of Senate, Accepted by Representative Martinez
 - ii. Director Sharma nominates Senator Agarwal, Senator Agarwal accepts.
 - iii. Senator Flores nominates Senator Espinoza for Secretary of Senate, Senator Espinoza accepts.
 - iv. Point of information by Representative Martinez to understand the role of Secretary of Senate.
 - v. Vote of Affirmation:
 - 1. Senator Agarwal is our new Secretary of Senate!
 - vi. Motion for three-minute recess by Senator Burns for Meeting Minutes, Seconded by President Combs.
 - 1. At 4:03 p.m.
 - 2. Re-Adjourn at 4:09 p.m.

VII. Updates:

- a. President
 - i. I will give you an overview of what we have done this summer. We have cleaned up the office, so please maintain this. We went to Board of Regents meeting, and they are really cool people, we would love to host them at a Senate meeting. We were also able to go to a policy summit for the Aerospace states association. We got to meet a lot of people and built out some more connections. We have been working on our budget overview and realignment. This is something we will be working hard on this year and with Jen St Peters AVC. We would like to acquire more student funding to student organizations. The constitution will be officially signed by Chancellor Marks in the next few weeks. This semester we will be pulled into more policy review in campus. If we have the time for it we will be going through them at Senate. If you are interested in policy review, let us executives know, so we can rely on other members to provide fair representation. The executive team will start having monthly meetings with Dr. Snowden. Please look out for upcoming SSRC is an entire Senate program. Please keep a look out for these events on your calendar as we start book AVC's.
- b. Vice President

- i. Bria covered most of what we did this summer. We have been having tri-institutional meetings this semester. They will be more in and out of our office. We are also working with ASCP. We also got a new computer in the conference room to hold better meetings. We are also working on re-vamping the SGA website. We will likely schedule a picture day and inform you ahead of time so you can all look good.
- c. Chief of Staff
- d. Civics
 - i. We have discussed a lot and there is a lot planned this year. We are all excited. Civics last year was quite rocky, but we have a strong foundation. We really want to focus on the prayer space engagement. We have a plan to institute data and acquire student feedback to push change in the administration.
- e. College Council
 - i. CAM: I have been invited to speak at an open house after convocation. I am invited to speak on behalf of SGA as the CAM representative which is exciting.
 - ii. Business: I am still looking to get in touch with the office and the Dean, so I am trying to put them to use.
 - iii. Education: I have sent an email to the Dean and I am also trying to find more information about student fees and budgets. I am also reaching out to some other groups and organizations under my college. I am also trying to find some better SGA event space, so I will continue.
 - iv. CLAS: I have not heard from the assistant from my Dean, but I have reached out to our DEI Dean in CLAS as an advisory position. I have a list of which student organizations I will be reaching out to to include in our advisory council. We are also mentioning the future of the campus through AHEC, I think it would be amazing to represent.
 - v. SPA: I have been reaching out to the dean, but there have been some administrative changes, so I have been meeting them. Success looks like me initiating plans multiple events to pilot this opportunity to other colleges. Kelsi and I have discussed to AIC. I am also the president of our honors society, so gathering a group under our college.
- f. Public Relations: Absent
- g. Finance & Funding
 - i. You have witnessed our updates and passed our updates. We are looking for further ways to improve our processes.
- h. Judicial: Absent
- i. SACAB: There has been a lot of information gathered and we still need more. We are looking forward to leaving from when we have left.

- j. SSRC: I am reading up on all of the transition documents Morgan left. I am also meeting with AVC Jen to get the budget review process started.
- k. Ex Officio: I will pay you to work the move-in dates. Some of you have capped hours, so let us know if you will run into that issue. If you need a polo for a headshot tomorrow let us know. We have been discussing transparency to introductions on our websites. Student Life looks a lot differently organizationally. I will be ordered nametags as soon as possible. I want to call attention that Representative Martinez, there is a Plan for the future of Campus. Chair votes are tomorrow, there will be a secret ballot and I hope it is civil. Please give a justification of skill and vision for the committee in under 10 minutes. A couple of folks have discussed transition documents. Lets make sure to review those as transition materials set a foundation for all of your positions. The intentionality I have seen today has been wonderful and I look forward to the work you will do this year. Thank you for being here and making Quorum.

VIII. General Business from the Floor:

- a. Vice-President Brooks: I know our last administration discussed transition documents. Let's not rush people out of updates and we
- b. President Combs: Whatever you do bring, love it, but it does not mean for using up too much time. Please be concise and prepared.
- c. Ex-Office Dew: Bring your updates and do not rush.
- d. Senator Bachman: There was something brought up by the AIC. I am concerned about the ramifications of student disciplinary system. These impacts are significant and have many effects outside of the University. I would like to call a straw poll. I would like to see some resolution.
- e. President Combs: We can show up to faculty assembly to resolve this.
- f. Representative Valdez: I would like to have more discussion, because it is important to hear more perspective. I agree more with the policy then I disagree with it.
- g. Senator Bachman: I agree more information needs to be provided. There was not a good dispersal of information within this presentation. I think there are dangerous consequences.
- h. Representative Valdez: Are we able to go to Faculty assembly?
- i. Senator Burns: I would be interested in getting into faculty assembly.
- j. Senator Bachman: In my experience I have found it more difficult to work with faculty and professors. I have found them unreceptive which is a worry.
- k. President Combs: The relationship between SGA and faculty has been interesting. Last year, we had a committee to redo the academic calendar. However, faculty has not liked the responses. After having a referendum with student body in favor. Faculty did not want to do that as it will run into summer classes and they would rather reinstate the Monday and Tuesday of fall break. That was the least voted

option by the students. Faculty has not budged on this issue. I have found that unfair and it is at a standstill. There is someone who sits on faculty assembly and is interested in having our representatives do.

- l. Senator Bachman: 90 percent of the students prefer the option faculty have been unresponsive too.
- m. Senator Sean Burns: Please represent at the AHEC plans for the future as it seems there has been limited student feedback. I will also be in the office early before senate to help prepare for following meetings.
- n. President Combs: I want to thank everybody for today, with your questions involving AIC. To piggyback off of Senator Burns, we want everyone prepared for the business and it cannot be the first time you have review this. Supplemental documents need to be reviewed as well. I look forward to this review.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Bachman, Seconded by Senator Augustyn.
 - i. Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.