

Senate 11/11/15 Minutes

All present except: Senator Mor, Senator Burns

7:02 Meeting called to order

7:04 Introductions

7:05 Agenda approved

7:07 Announcements

Senator Selby- Loco for Latkes philanthropy! 5:30-9:00

Johnson- Black Lives Matter event in Ford Alumni Center.

Senator Cerros- solidarity walk for the events at Missouri

Announcement from Teach for America.

7:11 Public forum

7:19 Confirmations

Presentation of Savannah Harrell

Confirmed unanimously to Seat 22.

Presentation of Keegan William Thomas

Davies moves to confirm Williams-Thomas to Senate Seat 24

Confirmed unanimously

Presentation of Edward Szczepanski for DFC

Haaga moves to confirm Edward Szczepanski

Confirmed unanimously

7:47 Surplus update

VSA special request

7:50 Senator Lilley moves to move funds from line item food for fall event to line item food for winter event in the amount of \$550.

Seconded Senator Dobyns

7:54 Discussion about the special request for the conference.

Davies moves to allocate funds to line item off campus summit retreat

Approved by vote by acclamation.

7:50 Young Americans for Liberty special request presentation.

Davies- how does playing poker raise awareness for gun safety awareness?

YAL- It is the means for discussion. We are having speakers and welcome discussion.

Snook- how do you give guns as prizes?

YAL- the gun store has them on site and the winner will go there to receive the gun.

Selby- I don't see how poker is relevant to the situation.

YAL- It helps with registration numbers.

Cerros- could you break down cost of food?

YAL- linen is 150. We are buying Costco pizza.

Cerros- concerned about funding an event that is called poker night that has to do with guns and gun control.

YAL- the event is advertised well and people will know what it is about.

Nicholson- I am not going to vote yes on this because I think that the ASUO funding an event that gives away free guns and this would make students to feel very uncomfortable.

Cerros- Remember to remain viewpoint neutral and questions funding food since people already have an incentive to be there.

President Shelegal- This request goes against the mission of the ASUO and making students feel safe. The I-Fee should not go to funding an event that makes students feel unsafe.

Snook- is this a recruitment event as well?

YAL- It was really helpful last year.

Williams-Thomas- how does this event foster conversation?

YAL- the act of giving the gun as a prize instigates conversation.

Williams- Thomas- so feel that the attractiveness of this event is that it is polarizing?

YAL- yes

Dobyns- As an elected official, I represent the students of this university and I do not feel that this is in the interests of my constituents. I feel that a lot of students would not support this event. I don't feel comfortable funding this because of that reason. I would be in favor of this request if the firearms were not a part of this event.

Selby- I can't vote for something that the people that I represent would not be in favor of. I can't vote in favor of this if the fire arms are being raffled off.

Rentcheler -Student government is supposed to fund student viewpoints no matter how much of a minority they are.

Dante- I do not want people going to an event to acquire a gun and get training about how to use a gun and then coming to campus and doing something with it.

Lilley- I am not a pro gun advocate but it is important for us as students to have these events. We need to look at this from a neutral stand point. How did you learn from last year?

YAL- we are bringing in speakers.

Lilley- it is important to have a place where this conversation takes place.

Lusby- In paying for a room for this event we are providing them the space where they can provide weapons to students. When we are actively creating this space, we are fostering an unsafe space. If you were really serious about this you would hold a panel not a poker night that gives out weapons.

President Schlegel- This is an unsafe space because there are people who are addicted to gambling who would not be able to attend. Gambling addiction negatively affects marginalized communities.

VP Johnson- Second points that have been made. Recently we had a campus safety forum and we are fielding a campaign and I want to value your perspective and invite you to this forum.

Audience member- the reason they are asking for food is because people will not attend without it.

Joaquin- "references GTN" you have to support your constituents and if they don't want it they don't have to vote for it and their constituents.

8:37 Dunn- Poker doesn't foster the discussion.

Snook- the act of having a gun changes the activity a lot.

Cerros- last year the poker event was a lot different. And had a different focus.

Norfield- moves to table indefinitely.

Rentchler- viewpoint neutrality is designed to protect this group and event exactly. This group at least deserves a vote.

Cerros- how will this effect your event if we table?

YAL- we have the EMU ballroom.

Roth- moves to authorize spending from surplus to YAL in the amount of \$350 to event liberty poker night and food for liberty poker night \$600.

Lilley seconds

Snook(me)-Will vote no due to nature of not being an educational event

Rentschler-Viewpoint neutrality meant to defend minority groups

Dunn-CPSA gambling event was also cultural

(Audience Member) Tullis- Discussion is inherent to event

8:57- Vote, 5 ayes, 11 nays, 2 abstentions

Davies- Motion to table indefinitely

Robin- Senate should discuss why the motion was not passed earlier

Dobyns- Would like to have the event without firearms, would not like to be tied to responsibility over guns

Rentschler- People should abstain if they feel uncomfortable, tough conversations are part of viewpoint neutral

VP Johnson- Second Amendment and speech is not equal to gun ownership

(Audience Member) Tullis – Students have a right to have difficult conversations, and hypotheticals can be on either side. Policy is irrelevant for pizza money, we just want funding for 200 people to get together and eat. We are in the ideological minority but the point of the event is to challenge people ways of thinking.

Williams-Thomas- The rejection of the event does not silence speech but the event is not about speech, it is about poker and winning 21.

(Audience Member) Samara – Prizes not accessible to younger campus member which is ageist.

(Audience Member) Tullis- Event will go on either way, surprised that senate did not vote in favor.

9:20 - Vote to Table-7 yes, 3 no, 7 abstain

9:22- Divsi – Event in Berkeley, Fundraised housing and food, money for transportation and vans, through UO. West Coast Acappella showcase is a chance for West Coast groups to perform for showcase

Cerros- Question on timing with controllers

Divsi- Would pay and would be reimbursed

Dunn- Moves to authorize surplus request to Divsi

9:34- Vote- Unanimous

BSU- Conference hosted by BSU's for BSU at primarily white universities. Includes training, career opportunities, networking opportunities, and grad-student fair.

Taking 7 members. Fundraising fell through, but hotel is funded by MCC and fees paid for by someone else.

Dunn- This is a great presentation and a great event,

Martin-Santoyo- Great event, agenda has long days and the event is really important to POC on the campus

Cerros- Question on the where the flight if flying from Portland is ok, would like to give them extra funding for that cushion.

Dobyns- MCC does not count as fundraising, still in support of event.

Selby- Question about conference standing rule

Rentschler- 2/3's rule for this type of request

Martin-Santoyo- Moves to authorize spending

9:48 – Vote – 16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

Pres. Dobyms – Dr. Holmes sent I-fee projections out, will forward them along to Senate

VP Haaga – Must notify in 24 hours before if going to be absent from Senate

Treasurer Martin-Santoyo - \$374,768.92 unofficial surplus update

Academic Chair –Academic Senators meeting soon

Exec VP Johnson – CC training on Friday

PFC Chair Haaga – PFC passed benchmarks

ACFC Chair Dunn – Completed Benchmarks at 0.9% increase without competitive bid for lawyers, that process could drive benchmark up. Athletics proposed 0% with more student tickets

DFC Zach-Will schedule DFC meeting with newfound quorum

EMU Board - Passed benchmark

Selby- Discussed new conference resolution

Rentschler- Seeks creation of rollover working group

10:01 - Dobyms- Calls for approval of minutes from 10/28/15 and 11/4/15, Both approved unanimously

10:01 Meeting Adjourned