

Associated Student Government
STUDENT SENATE
General Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023; 1:30 pm – 2:30pm
1810 N. Greene St., Spokane, Washington 99217 Lair Student Center, Room 126
Skitch Conference Room

Minutes

I. Call to Order

- a. ASG Vice President Taneisha Takyuka called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

a. **Officers**

- Taneisha Takyuka Tarina, Vice President
- Sasha Green, Senator of Adult Education and Extended Learning
- Pending**, Senator of Art & Sciences
- Abdallah Abualkheir, Senator of Business, Hospitality, and Information Technology
- Emerald Bessermin, Senator of Health & Environmental Sciences
- Pending**, Senator of Physical Education & Athletics
- Vacant**, Senator of Technical Education
- Tadiwa Zingoni, 10/10/2023 Senate Clerk (ASG Director of Academic Affairs/Student Affairs)

b. **Guests:**

- i. Shannon Ketcham (ASG Advisor)
- ii. Jo Murray (Student)
- iii. Ha Nguyen (Student)
- iv. Nico Becker (Student)

c. **Absent:**

- i. None

III. Special Reports/ Special Guest

- a. ASG Senator of Health and Environmental Sciences, Emerald Bessermin: Concerned on behalf of student concern about unmarked/faintly marked parking spots causing confusion where individuals can park and how.
- b. Student, Nico Becker: Inquiry regarding timeline for new ASG member business cards.

IV. Open/Public Forum

- a. None

V. Officer Reports

- a. None

VI. Commission and Committee Reports

- a. Budget and Finance – No report at this time
- b. Programs and Services – No report at this time
- c. Rules and Governance – No report at this time

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. ASG Constitution and Bylaws
 - i. ASG Vice President Taneisha Takyuka Tarina provided an update that ASG will still be working on the bylaws and constitution in the 2023-2024 to have ratified through the Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees.

VIII. New Business

a. *Funding Request (Student representative Jo Murray on behalf of Nikki Gooch – Student Ambassadors Travel & Apparel)*

- i. Student representative Jo Murray highlighted the main purpose for the trip is the fact that as Ambassadors, they are the first student interactions that new students have coming into SCC, often before enrolling.
- ii. The trip will help Student Ambassadors to develop new skills to be able to engage and speak to different individuals from all walks of life. It is huge for them to be able to develop those skills as ambassadors.
- iii. The trip will entail meeting student ambassadors from around the country. Goals of this trip will be for Ambassadors to:
 - Observe and discuss what it is they can do better in Outreach and Campus Visits/Tours.
 - Network with other schools and see what strategies work for their peers and what they might be open to implementing of those strategies at SCC.
 - Build connections with other schools and implement potential new strategies/approaches, as well potential social media strategies following lessons learned/tools from this trip.

b. *Inclusive Seating Project Proposal (SCC DEGA Committee)*

- i. \$9 561.16 is the exact proposed budget but the total funding request amount is \$10,000.00, leaving room for leeway for taxes/fees or price inflation depending on the timing of the order.
- ii. Senator of Business, Hospitality, and Information Technology, Abdallah Abualkheir, raised a proposal to have more ADA benches vs normal HEX benches.
 - Instead of 4 HEX benches and 2 ADA, recommendation to have 2 HEX benches and 4 ADA, or half and half for more accessibility.
- iii. Senator of Health and Environmental Sciences, Bessermin, brought up concerns of the bench positioning around the school.
 - Had further discussion on how the benches will be mapped out around campus grounds.
 - Vice President Taneisha Takyuka informed that placement is still flexible and can be moved around.

c. Proposal for New Associated Student Government (ASG) Director Position: Inclusion Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Awareness (IDEAA)

- i. Vice President Tarina informed that the proposal for this fourth Director position is still under development, Director of IDEAA.
- ii. ASG Advisor, Shannon Ketcham, briefly recapped and clarified the roles of ASG Directors and Senators.

- iii. The ASG Director of IDEAA would work hand in hand with the Center of Inclusion and Diversity (CID), Disability Access Services (DAS), and other campus/district services that are centered around diversity, equity and access issues.
- iv. Senator of Health & Environmental Sciences, Bessermin, brought up a separate concern of international students be able to go on conference trips.
 - Vice President Takyuka confirmed that the only restriction for international students participating in student-fees funded travel would only be if they are involved in the respective club.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm by Vice President Tarina.

- a. Senator of Adult Education and Extended Learning, Sasha Green, joined the Senate meeting via Zoom at 2:09pm.

X. The Senate meeting was called back to order at 2:10pm by Vice President Tarina.

- a. Vice President Tarina proceeded to offer a brief recap of the agenda items discussed and what was on the docket for voting before Senator Green had joined.
- b. **Votes**
 - i. Senator Abualkheir of Business, Hospitality, and Information Technology called for a motion to approve the funding request by the SCC Ambassadors.
 - ii. The motion was seconded by Senator Bessermin of Health & Environmental Sciences.
 - iii. Discussion: Senator Bessermin raised a question on confirming the total budget amount requested.
 - iv. The vote unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote. No objections. No abstentions from voting.
- c. Senator Abualkheir called for motion to vote on Inclusive Seating Project Proposal (SCC DEGA Committee).
 - i. The motion was seconded by Senator Green, Senator of Basic Education and Extended Learning.
 - ii. Discussion: Senator Abualkheir reiterated the request for more ADA benches. Senator Green raised a point of inquiry of when the installations would start.
 - iii. The vote unanimously passed by a 3-0 vote. No objections. No abstentions from voting.

XI. General Announcements

- a. Next ASG General (Open/Public) Senate Meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 1:30pm – 2:30pm (Location: Lair Student Center, Building 6 – Skitch Conference Room, Room 126)**
- b. Open meetings are considered public. Students, faculty and staff are free to join in-person or via Zoom.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Vice President Tarina motioned to end the meeting at 2:32pm. Motion to adjourn was approved by consensus by Senators Green, Abualkheir, and Bessermin. Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.