



ASBSU

Associated Students of Boise State University
Assembly Meeting
10-24-2018

UNOFFICIAL MEETING due to a lack of Quorum

- I. Call to Order - 5:08pm
- II. Notable Attendance-25 swiped
 - a. suspension of reading of minutes 10/17/18: Makaela, second: Mokoma
 - i. Vote: For-Unanimous, Against-0, Abstained-0
- III. Officer Updates
 - a. Government Relations Officer
 - i. He explained he was out of the office for work in his other job.
 - ii. His meetings will be Mondays at 4pm @ the ASBSU office. He wants his committee to work on:
 1. A legislative agenda
 2. Updating tobacco policy
 - b. Secretary of Student Organizations
 - i. Homecoming Decoration party
 1. Oct. 30/31st: needs 5 students for judging. Let Michael know.
 - c. Secretary of Academic Affairs
 - i. Bob Casper will be presenting today about OER.
 1. She is also brainstorming next steps for advocacy with OER.
 - d. Communication Officer
 - i. No updates
 - e. Vice President of Inclusive Excellence
 - i. No major updates (same as last meeting's)
 - ii. She explained she wasn't able to attend the D&S Summit yesterday, so she welcomes comments on how it went.
 - f. Ethics Officer
 - i. He plans to present Financial Code to Assembly sometime next week/ or the next.
 - g. Chief of Staff
 - i. No updates
 - h. Vice President
 - i. Student Discount Project
 1. Partners around campus (ASBSU has stickers that businesses can put on their windows)
 - a. There are partners all over Boise who do this.
 - b. As an Exec team we decided to revisit the initiative.

- c. We would gather contacts, then call the companies.
 - i. Link in the website in the resource page

IV. Committee Updates

- a. IESC committee
 - i. Meetings will be on Thursdays
 - ii. They are working on a storytelling event and 2-day celebration for diversity.
- b. Food Pantry committee
 - i. No updates.
- c. Sustainability committee
 - i. Meetings will be on Fridays at 3pm
 - 1. Continuing work on creating a space in the SUB while also talking with Kat Davis
- d. Social committee
 - i. They still need to set a meeting time.
- e. Academic committee
 - i. Decided not to have a weekly meeting time because they are focused on going to their respective faculty meetings.
 - 1. If you would like to be a part of the committee, let Mik know.
- f. Ethics committee
 - i. No updates
- g. Health and Wellness committee
 - i. Haydn is upstairs at another meeting, but Zach S. said Haydn wanted to meet after the meeting.

V. Old Business- N/A

VI. New Business

- a. Presenter: Bob Casper-OER
 - i. purpose: to explain further OERs, to see if it's something ASBSU wants to support
 - ii. He asked Assembly what classes do you want to have OER in?
 - 1. Sciences
 - 2. UF Classes
 - iii. Encouraged students to question "Have you checked OER?" while looking at their syllabi.
 - 1. Go out informed not angry.
 - iv. Questions from Assembly:
 - 1. Ethan-What's the level of accuracy/ process to choose what is reliable?
 - a. Mr. Casper explained that OER didn't want a "Wikipedia reputation".
 - i. They created OTN which has repositories. There are also rubrics to see if it meets standards.
 - b. Professors would also have to write out a reason to use the book.
 - 2. Kaleigh asked about printed copies?
 - a. Mr. Casper explained that most OERs have an interactive aspect, but explained that Amazon might have printed copies. They will be printed and shipped if students prefer.

3. Cade- if every class switched to OER what would happen to the Capital Scholarship?
 - a. Bob Casper does not have an answer, but his guess is that the scholarship won't be affected. He talked about Course packs, and they would be helpful to more students with OER
 - i. There are mechanisms in place to make process transition easier

(at this point Kelly and Zac S. left)

- b. Presenter: Taryn Cox- Dance Marathon
 - i. purpose: to talk about Dance Marathon and invite Assembly to FTTK (formal for the kids)
 1. Taryn explained that the funds raised last year helped fund a pavilion for children from St. Luke's to use.
 2. Jackson asked how to buy tickets for FTTK?
 - a. She said there will be a post on November 5th.
 3. Brynn suggested to get the rest of campus more involved because there has been more attendance from the Greek community.
 - a. She agreed and said that they are trying to make it not so Greek-centralized. They reached out to Multicultural Greek, ASBUS, and international programs. She has been trying to reach out to different orgs.
 - b. Brynn suggested LLPs [Living Learning Programs].
 - i. Taryn has not,, but recognized that it is a good idea.
 4. Mokoma asked if there will be cultural music.
 - a. Taryn described that normally, along with morale, they teach a dance. She also talked about the different themes. She said if people wanted this, she thinks it's a good idea.

(In the middle of the discussion, Kaleb, Zac H., and Kieley walked in.)

- c. Emily explained that there was a bill originally to push OER through, but opened the floor for discussion regarding OER.
 - i. Brynn asked about online softwares (i.e.WEBASSIGN) and said that they're so useful because you can do your homework more easily. She wanted to know if programs like that available through OER.
 1. Mik doesn't have a specific answer, but she knows that OTN tries really hard to incorporate activities along with the book.
 2. Emily said There's a company that creates those resources, but most likely not a lot.
 - ii. Zach H. said that he plans to abstain (if there is a vote) because he is graduating in December, but encouraged Assembly to think critically regarding the classes they currently take and how OER can affect them.
 - iii. Ashley said she is taking 2 classes with OER and that they are very helpful with her learning. She also saved money.
 - iv. Brynn explained that her experience was different because she doesn't see it as big of an issue because she hasn't spent as much on textbooks.
 - v. Mik added that the cost isn't the only thing, but also highlighted OER's relevancy.

- vi. Kennedy suggested for more conversations with students. She mentioned that the Faculty Senate meeting she attended had a lot of negativity around OER.
- vii. Kaleigh also suggested opening Assembly to faculty, or whoever is interested, to learn more about it.
- viii. Miranda said she is a double major, and the majority books she uses are books the professors co-author. These are more expensive, and she recognized that the studies are also kind of outdated (i.e. from 2009).
 - 1. Ashley added that recent [textbook] editions are more expensive
- ix. Brynn asked what would a bill look like.
 - 1. Emily explained that there are a couple things.
 - a. It would not be a mandate. Just a “strongly worded resolution (Zac H.)
 - i. “Students want to actively promote OERS for this reason being...”

(at this point, Haydn and Riley came in.)

- b. Mik said that ASB from other schools said they started making graphics
 - i. More geared towards specific classes
- 2. Mik described the team push: the Provost is on board as well as most faculty, so what’s missing is student voice.
 - a. Right now, students/faculty don’t know what it is.
- 3. Mokoma: instructors and education
 - a. Instead of getting them [faculty] in trouble, add something about OERs to the course eval. (To see if OERs are helping)
 - i. Mik said they have added in the past.
 - ii. Emily mentioned that the course materials requirement is not true.
 - iii. Mik’s final note: the reason the team is taking time with this is because they want to execute it properly, so it lasts.
- 4. Brynn: what can we do about press releasing it?
 - a. Mik said that BSU posted something on twitter/ including the Arbiter
 - b. Ashley suggested to hold a forum.
 - i. Mik said that is in the works.
 - ii. She said that Bob said that the pushback is mainly from the instructors.
 - 1. Em described how a forum would look like. (student panelists/ faculty panelists)
- 5. Zach H. said that we should contact the Arbiter to make things more public.

VII. Announcements

- a. Miranda: LYM @ Pizza Pie Cafe. Farmstead donated a prize for the winner! It is located on Broadway, near Dutch Bros.
- b. Makaela: RHA is doing an event at the REC: watching Jaws in the pool (Oct. 25).
- c. Haydn: there is a meeting with campus health committee (outside the SPEC).

- VIII. President (updates since Kaleb was late)
 - a. Tried to get more student spots on the Presidential Search Committee.
 - b. Working on creating a system: OBF Model- State Board of Ed
 - i. What to base [presidential] candidates off of
 - ii. Described that it is in the works
 - iii. There were no questions from Assembly.
 - c. Random questions
 - i. NYTimes Co-chairman is being interviewed on Friday (at BSU), so someone asked him to ask some questions to Assembly:
 - 1. How many get most of the news from tv? 1
 - 2. How many get it online? majority
 - d. Putting together a student taskforce against Sexual Assault
 - i. talk to Kaleb and Makaela
 - ii. There will be more updates soon.
- IX. Meeting Adjourned at 6:07

APPROVAL