

Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines
Senate
November 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- Brenden Swensen, ASCSM President
- Quorum met with 17 votes and President present

Roll Call

- Absent:8
- Late:2
- Represented by proxy:3

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from November 3, 2011
 - Minutes approval by acclimation

Guest Speaker

- George Hughes
 - Pedestrian only plaza
 - Wants to address the councils concerns
 - Hold q till the end
 - History
 - 90% of the streets are owned by golden
 - The 16th and maple were vacated by golden so we could build on it
 - on move in day for
 - First collision was in the first week
 - There have been 5 reported collisions
 - There are weekly reports contacting multiple offices about near misses between pedestrians and bikes and skateboarders
 - They knew they needed to do something
 - Reason for restriction
 - Safety
 - Not to make problems with bikes and skateboards
 - It was made out of necessity not opinion
 - They have a two to one complaint ratio
 - 2 against bikes to every one for it
 - It is their responsibility to make the campus safe
 - There are several other precedents for this
 - Pearl street in Boulder
 - Concerns
 - Why are we restricting certain areas if we are bike friendly
 - Safety reasons
 - Not enough bike racks

- They are putting in some in-between Brown and rec center
 - And the parking lot by brown
- Police have nothing better to do
 - The cops are not looking forward to doing this but they will do it to promote the safety of the campus
 - They are not going to be waiting in the bushes waiting to ambush people
- Picking on the skateboarders
 - There are much more restrictions on skaters
 - But they are not going to allow exceptions for them
- Difference between transportation and tricks in skateboarding
 - There are no locations on campus that tricks are allowed so this is not an issue on the restriction
- Not enough input from the students before it went into effect
 - They were not expecting the conflict between bikes and pedestrians
 - They knew there was a safety factor so they had to start acting to fix it
 - They did meet with the exec to inform us that it would be happening
- This will be in effect for anything with wheels
 - exceptions
 - Fire, medical, police emergency
 - There will be a few small snowplows during the winter
 - The loading zones in Berthoud
 - They occasionally need equipment brought in
- Enforcement
 - Free stuff
 - Positive reinforcement
 - Bike locks
 - Lights
 - Will start out with just talking with the people on bikes and skateboards
 - If there are blatant violations (ignoring warnings)
 - They will move on to citations
 - They are internal
 - Does not show up on criminal record
 - Will show up on the college system
 - There could be a safety class to get rid of the ticket
- Preferred bike routes

- Where will they go instead of the plaza
 - They will advertise the preferred bike routes
 - If the pedestrians are using the bike routes they will be the ones at fault not the bikers
 - Bike lanes in the streets
 - It is up to Golden because it is their streets
- Timeline
 - The path was completed today
 - The graphics for the dismount zone
 - Will be on the ground and the entrance to the plaza
 - Coming in next week
 - Some of the bike racks are in and there are more to be put in during the winter and the spring
 - The transition on the 16th street will be changed soon to make it safer
- Assessment period
 - They are aware that there may need to be changes
 - Time frame for enforcement?
 - Mon – Fri
 - 8 – 5
 - He will continue to be in contact with us to get student input for any proposed changes
- Question
 - If we got bike lanes could that effect parking
 - That will have to be considered because there are
 - Could we put in a cross walk in across Washington
 - It is ultimately up to golden but we will put some pressure on them
 - In the master plan for 17th St. we don't plan on having cars on it, how does it affect the future for bikes?
 - If that does occur we need to definitely think about how to deal with it
 - He does not want it to be pedestrian only
 - They have not had conversations about it
 - Any time they close a street from now on will have to involve heavy student government involvement
 - Bikers don't like riding on Illinois between 19th and 16th because it could be dangerous because of cars and a narrow street
 - Bikes do have the same rights as cars on the street
 - And they are able to keep up with traffic because the speeds are slow

- They will need input from frequent bikers on the campus to figure out the preferred bike paths
- Having more bike racks in the dismount zones may encourage more bikes in the area. We should have more racks outside of the zone
 - They are not going to be as harsh to the people riding into the pedestrian walkways to park in the Berthoud racks
 - Berthoud and Meyer need more spots because they are currently being used at top capacity
 - They have not been enforcing the bike parking rules because they are aware of the lack of racks
- Is there a possibility to minimize the area of the pedestrian only zone, should start at the bike racks
 - It would be hard to enforce
 - Because it would be within the walkway, it would add confusion and we want to avoid that
- Could we put in a pad by Brown and the pedestrian plaza entrance because they are still doing work in the area
 - They will look into it
- What is the plan to get from the traditionals to the south-east side of campus
 - You can still walk the bike trough
 - Plan your time accordingly
- As a driver I don't see the need to have bikes go right up to the building they want to go to.
 - It was not so long ago where they began restricting parking for cars and there were similar complaints
- Does not see the need because there are not a lot of bikers
- Some people might have had a reaction initially because they perceived it as something that was being dictated without student feed back
- A few student have complained about what is currently being done(tickets)
 - There are a few officers in the area that have started to educate bikers and skaters
 - There have been tickets, but they were for reckless riding and had nothing to do with the plaza

- There have been skateboarders that got tickets, but they were coming from the road were they are not allowed to ride onto the pathway and they had had several previous warnings
- Is there a policy that is being planned for enforcement?
 - The basic policy is being worked on and he will send us a copy
- Concerned about the situation because the students paid and voted on building the walkway and then this was done without our knowledge
 - There was a lack of communication and the president knows that we will need to keep in contact with the student body in future issues
 - They will try to involve us as much as possible
 - The council sits on important committees and we need to get better at communicating what those committees are doing so we can do something about them

Executive Officer Reports

- President: Brenden Swensen
 - Thank you George for the presentation
 - Thank you to all of the council for being here, we play a large role on campus
 - Disappointed that there are so many people missing without proxies
 - having a proxy is not as important during informal meetings
 - The committee meetings are important to attend
 - What's your beef?
 - Please review them and look for anything you think is important
 - One of the suggestions we have gotten off of the site is that there should be two teacher reviews during the semester
 - It may reduce the validity of the review if they are after tests
 - unreasonably angry students
 - Would be good in early semester
 - They are supposed to be for helping the teachers
 - To help them improve
 - Some adjunct professors could use some improvement but the teacher evaluations might not improve that

- This is why we have these meetings so we can learn about important things from committees!
- In the faculty handbook they instructions on how to form a college

Class Reports

- Freshman
 - Spudlympics is Sat.
 - Get equipment before then if you need it
 - No spoons
 - Will start setting up at 11 and want us there by noon
 - It will start at 1 and end at 3
 - He will send out an email later to give the timeline for events to the classes
 - Tables and chairs are provided
 - If you set something up you need to stay after to clean up
 - They will provide the prizes
- Sophomore
 - Fridays event was canceled
 - The t-shirts have been ordered and they are working on the distribution
- Junior
 - T-shirt are being made and looking for a car for the car bash
 - Oliver may have information on how to get a car
- Senior
 - Bowling night 29th
 - Still working on the Stetsons
 - Shirts are in

BSO

- President
 - BSO is working on early scheduling for rooms and event
 - Class room committee
 - Remodeling AH 134
 - Br replacing some of the
 - Meyer 220 during the summer
 - Black board
 - Numerous shelves are being installed in Berthoud to store the rocks
 - Updating rooms in the CTLM
 - Ad hoc committee
 - Budget committee implications
 - Still needs some stuff worked out
 - Could put shops in Orgsync for clubs
 - Orgsync currently does not support Cashnet but there are some possibilities

Committee Reports

- Sustainability was Jordan and he will give it next week

Closing remarks/Questions

- Ryan
 - Make the faculty aware of the meeting schedule so they can contact us easily if they need to include website for the meeting times on the campus wide emails add a link to the
- Next meeting is two weeks out because of Thanksgiving
- Public safety meeting is every other Thursday
- Pedestrian walkway will still be a topic for next week
- Matt is working on a blog that ties in o WYB
- For graduating seniors, some people were allowed to register out of turn and caused problems
 - Banner exploded! with regard to the film studies class
 - as far as the Fall 2012 graduating Seniors registering before some Spring 2012 graduating Seniors, that was planned
- Is there a way to get better LAIS classes because they are required and we want to take classes that we enjoy?
 - The classes have to be writing intensive
 - Have to be approve by the under grad council
 - They don't have enough professors
 - The LAIS and the under grad council are the deciding factors for picking classes

Adjournment

8:40 pm

Next Meeting

December 1, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

David Branath

Student Body Secretary

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