

Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines
Senate
April 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- Brenden Swensen, ASCSM President
- Quorum not met with 15 votes and President present

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from March 19, 2012
 - Minutes approval by acclimation

Guest Speaker

- Chris Cocallas
 - Director of Capital Planning
 - Plants and stuff
 - Also the campus architect
 - Will be finishing the plaza soon
 - The irrigation is going on now and the plants will be going in there after
 - Hopefully done by grad
 - The benches will not be done by graduation
 - Has a map of where they will go
 - Could also have picnic tables
 - Reason he is here is to go through the types of benches
 - Wants some feedback on what we like about some of the bench types
 - Pretty pictures
 - Not going with wood to avoid maintenance issues
 - 1
 - Standard metal with arms
 - One of them are by Gugenhiem
 - Contoured design
 - 2
 - Flat bench
 - Concrete with stainless steel
 - Has space to put stuff on
 - One leg is metal and the other is concrete
 - Could be hot
 - Will be put in shade
 - 3
 - Slated
 - Flat
 - No arms
 - No back
 - 4
 - Flat seat

- w/back
 - slanted seat
- 5
 - Has a support with our logo
- 6
 - Perforated bench with back and arms
- 7
 - Bus stop bench
 - With and without back
- Will do backs
- Want them to be slanted
- Don't like the large gaps because paper would go through
- Would we rather have tables with the seats or benches
- We would like a smooth surface in order to write on it
- The perforated slanted bench seems to be the winner
- Went to the president
 - And he suggested to come to the students and that is why he's here
- There was a talk about electrical power
 - Did not do that because of the cost
- Could do some wireless signal towers

Executive Officer Reports

- President: Brenden Swensen
 - Welcome back after the large lag in meetings
 - If you've been in the office we have gotten rid of some things to make room for some new tables
 - We should make it work with what we have ordered
 - Will fit between the wall and the pillar
 - Might not see it before we leave but we have put in the paper work
 - The contract with the prison will run out during the summer
 - It was a state contract
 - Any office furniture we wanted to buy had to go through that company unless we wanted to go through a bunch of red tape
 - Should improve the look and make it more professional
- Vice President: Robert Grumet
 - No update
- BOT: Jesse Earle
 - Coordinating with Stephanie
 - C days will be happening next semester
 - If you know any companies that will volunteer email him
 - It is like celebration of mines but we are selling the school to the local community
 - Could have ice cream
 - It would be considered community service
 - Clubs need to do community service
 - Supper easy

- Will be tied into a sports team event
- Football team will not be playing on campus next year
 - Jenkins & Zach
 - They will be building a new stadium
 - We do not meet seating requirements by NCAA standards
- L days
 - Peter Han is dead to the world
 - Marie
 - He is back from vacation now
 - May be ignoring Jesse
 - Hopefully something will happen
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- Treasurer: Oliver Dewey
 - Forms are due today
 - Have the treasures email Oliver
 - Will need them tomorrow
 - To make sure the budgets line up with what he has
 - He is sending an in meeting email
 - Dictated to himself
- Secretary: David Branath
- Parliamentarian: Tyler Cooper
 - Has submitted a tech fee proposal for the computers in the office
 - Further upgrading the office
 - Making it more user friendly

Advisor Report:

- Marie Hornickle

At-Large Reports

- Community:
 - Into the streets is this sat
 - Thanks to Marie and Brenden
 - Look at your emails for the times
 - Cleaning up Sloans lake park
 - Who is going
 - Not very many
 - This is the ASCSM event we want more people to show up
 - If you can be there, please do so
 - You don't have to be there the whole time
- Institution:
 - Black board tutorial
 - Will be submitted to faculty senate
 - We have it up on black board because everyone is already on and using it
 - Want the teachers to have more input and improve the classes

- This is where the survey has come to
- Is this by the teachers discretion
 - Yes
 - It would be much harder to get it to be mandatory
 - We are trying to make it as easy as possible to remove excuses
- Could we have teachers required to use black board
 - Is just a tool for their disposal
 - We could encourage
- Black board crashes
 - There are other sites the teachers use
 - Don't think we need it to be required
- Why are we not requiring the teacher to do the survey
 - There are legal and logistical issues
 - If it is required it is state property and their bosses can then see it
 - We want it to be as encouraging
- The ones at the end of the semester are mandated
 - Yes
 - Then why can't these ones be
 - Those are just bubble in
 - This one is more constructive feedback and want it to go straight to the teachers
 - If it is mandatory there is much more red tape to go through
 - Would not be feasible for if we want it to go in next semester
- If it is not required we could be wasting our time
 - We should go through the issues of legality if we want it to last
- Thought that the legality was the point
 - To have there be repercussions
- Don't think there should be anything negative because of it being on the internet because of all the internet's capabilities of tracking
- The surveys are anonymous
- The surveys are meant to be a constructive criticism not for students to vindictive
 - Such as the teacher's voice volume, standing position, or writing on the board
- Even though it is anonymous people are still suspicious
- the reason why we are doing this is because back in the day, the teachers could customize the questions but now they don't
- they have encouraged teachers to do paper surveys in the past
- this is to get idea back into that
- how serious to the teachers take the feedback
 - not sure about that process
 - neither does Marie and Derek

- who do we talk to
 - Department head?
 - As good a place as any
 - This started on the what's your beef
 - It seems like we have gotten off track and spinning our wheels
 - We could create better avenues
 - We need to know what happens with the current forms
 - To get feedback to the department heads
 - Have us be able to help students
 - We are spending a lot of time on something that is useful to the professors but not necessarily to the students
 - Could we get a percentage of what teacher use it to try and see if we should make it mandatory
 - Ryan is offering to get his department head to ask about the teachers use of this
 - Could be useful to have other people talk to their department heads
 - Arron for chem e
 - Brenden for petroleum
 - Could we send out an email for the p
 - I can talk to the mechanical
 - Could we present to them to have the office hours be more available to all of campus not just the people in their class
 - Could it be on inside mines
 - Brenden will ask them
- Faculty:
- GSA:

Class Reports

- Freshman
 - Gave out all the shirts and ice cream
 - They were gone in an hour
 - Should respond to Olivers email
 - Might be ordering more shirts
 - Doo another event but are running out of time
- Sophomore
 - Shirts are in
 - Tanner is working on them being paid
 - Event later to come
 - Should be relaxing
- Junior
 - Undie run was a huge success
 - 200 people showed up
 - A lot of them donated their clothes

- Will make a sheet for next years people to make the event better
- Still has some of their t shirts left
- Senior
 - BBQ after the FE next sat
 - Senior bus
 - Rockies game
 - M climb
 - And they handed out all their t-shirts
 - They have the speaker planned
 - Gong to Black Hawk
 - April 22nd

BSO

- President
 - Had a transition meeting
 - Made some bylaw changes
 - Soare
 - Is on May 1st in Freidhoff
 - At 5
 - BSO awards will be their
 - All the organization will have two seats except us

Public Forum

- Thunderchief 5 k
 - Do it!
- E-days was AWSOME!!!

Adjournment

8:06 pm

Next Meeting

April 12, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

David Branath
 Student Body Secretary
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