



AS Structural Review Committee

Friday, May 13th, 2016

2:30pm

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- Members:** *Present:* Hannah Brock (AS VP for Business and Operations, Chair); Emma Palumbo (AS VP for Student Life); Patrick Eckroth (AS VP for Governmental Affairs); Bill Martin (Student-At-Large); Kevin Recto (Residence Hall Association Representative); Hannah van Amen (Student-At-Large)
Absent: Jordan Walley (Athletics Representative); Mason Hawk (Student-At-Large); Daniel Edgel (Student-At-Large)
- Advisors:** Lisa Rosenberg (Assistant Director for Student Activities); Casey Hayden (Coordinator of Student Activities); Eric Alexander (Associate Dean of Student Engagement and Director of the Viking Union)
- Secretary:** Octavia Schultz (AS Board Assistant for Internal Committees)
- Guests:** Bryce Hammer; Mary Moeller

Motions: No motions were made.

Brock called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

I. Discussion Item

a. Proposal Rough Draft - Implementation Timeline

There was discussion about what historical documents to include in the history portion of the proposal. Hayden stated the main focus of the implementation timeline was developing a student senate. He reviewed the proposed timeline with the committee. He noted once a senate had been implemented, Board of Directors rolls may have changed to work with that body. Rosenberg noted senators could have been selected in the fall of 2017 if there was not time to select them in the spring of 2017. Hammer inquired how first-year students would have been involved. There was discussion about electing first-year senators in the fall, van Amen entered. Brock inquired if the proposed new structure would have been a referendum item. Rosenberg noted that any changes to the AS Board of Directors positions would have been voted on by the students. Alexander entered. Rosenberg noted that there needed to be a strong educational campaign before the referendum was voted on as well. There was discussion about what decisions the senate and the Board of Directors could have made separate from each other. Hayden noted there would have been work to figure out the technological piece of having senator elections. Brock noted there was discussion about academic departments and colleges taking over the election piece for senators and giving names of the individuals to the AS. Hayden stated if that were the case the election process could have begun earlier. He noted an analyses and review of the senate would have been done a year or two after implementation. He noted the AS committee system would have been evaluated as well, specifically in terms of their relationship to the senate and senate subcommittees. Hayden exited. Rosenberg noted that building task forces and advocacy groups should have been a part of the timeline as well.

b. Proposal Rough Draft - Proposed Structure

Alexander gave the committee an overview of the proposed structure, and the goals of the new structure or problems it attempted to address. There was a discussion about the role of the senate and the makeup of that body. Alexander stated there was a potential to compensate senators with a stipend of \$1,000 per year. He stated senators would have been responsible for attending senate meetings plus meetings for one additional university or AS committee. He noted the AS VP for Student Life position would have been replaced with the AS VP for Student Services and act as a liaison between the AS and services on campus. He noted the AS VP for Business and Operations would have been replaced with the Executive Director for Business and Operations and would have been a hired position rather than elected. He noted the senate would have been the final stop in the budgeting process before going on to the Services and Activities Fee Committee as well as an advisory board for the Legislative Affairs Council. There was discussion about services like the Personnel Office, Publicity Center, Communications Office, and Business Office that would have been applicable to both an executive and programming branch. Hammer brought up discussion about how senators would have been elected or selected by colleges and noted that it would have been important that they were chosen by students. Brock noted she was bringing the proposal as an information item to the AS Board of Directors the following week.

II. Adjourn

Brock adjourned the Meeting at 3:29pm.