

**Members:**

**Present:** Gabe Wong (Chair); James Dinh, Lauren Johnson, Autumn Kay-Chapman (At-Large); Lily Duong (Woodring); MJ Dizon (CFPA); Melissa Bernal, Lola Thompson (CENV); John Hardgrove (CSE); Dacey Durbin, Devin Moreno (CBE); Quincy Ingalls, Miguel Estevez (Fairhaven)

**Absent:** Matt Condon (Woodring); Yasmin Lamas Flores, Miguel Acuna (CHSS); Mariana Flores (At-Large); Ella Byerly (CFPA)

**Advisor:** Leona Friedman

**Secretary:** Nely Vasquez

**Guests:**

**MOTIONS**

<b>SEN-23-F-16</b>	To appoint Andrew Kudrna to the Academic Coordinating Commission. <b>Passed.</b>
<b>SEN-23-F-17</b>	To suspend the rules and consider the Grad Senator Appointment. <b>Passed.</b>
<b>SEN-23-F-18</b>	To go to Executive Session for 10 minutes. <b>Passed.</b>
<b>SEN-23-F-19</b>	To appoint Ellen Esteves as a Graduate Senator. <b>Passed.</b>
<b>SEN-23-F-20</b>	To approve the Parliamentary Procedure document. <b>Passed.</b>
<b>SEN-23-F-21</b>	To approve the AS Governance Meeting Guidelines document. <b>Passed.</b>

**Call to Order:** Gabe Wong, Student Senate President, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**I. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- a. Change Academic Commission Committee to Academic Coordinating Commission.
- b. Change Graduate School Senator Appointment from a Personnel Item to Action - Senate

**II. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)**

- a. Appointment of Andrew Kudrna to the Academic Coordinating Commission

Kudrna is an At-Large student currently sitting on another counsel. He expressed interest in joining more committees. Durbin explained why the Senate should appoint him.

<b>MOTION:</b> To appoint Andrew Kudrna to the Academic Coordinating Commission		
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Devin Moreno	<b>Second:</b> John Hardgrove	SEN-23-F-16
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Action Result: Passed</b>

**III. PUBLIC FORUM (comments from students and the community)**

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests\***

**V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests\***

**VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS** (subject to immediate action)

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate\***

- a. Outback Farm Funding

Bernal wanted to have a formal discussion about what is happening with the Outback farm. Thompson explained that last year a budget was set to be given to the Outback farm from the Associated Students, but it never happened. Thompson continued that the AS admin would be moving away from student coordinator funding but promised it would not pull funding from the Outback farm. Right now, the Outback is being funded by the emergency reserves, which Thompsons said is not a long-term solution. Esteves is going through the AS Finance Council minutes to see when it was decided that funding for the Outback farm would be cut. Ingalls explained that it was surprising funding would get cut on the Outback farm. The Outback Coordinator employee and Ingalls will be working on a proposal to present to the AS Finance Council to extend funding to June instead of December. He stated that if this doesn't happen, the Outback farm could close. He hopes it will be enough time to get funding from the Departmental Related Activities Committee (DRAC). Wong explained that the AS Finance Council never directly took action to defund the Outback farm and AS Environmental Sustainability programs. Wong explained that the budget proposed AS Finance Council said the Outback farm would be funded until December with DRAC then taking over. Thompson clarified that DRAC would take over the Outback farm if they had their own funding. They listed what would be lost with the Outback farm. Durbin said the approved budget never stated that the Outback farm would go to DRAC.

<b>MOTION:</b> To suspend the rules and consider the Grad Senator Appointment			
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Devin Moreno	<b>Second:</b> Dacey Durbin	SEN-23-F-17	
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			<b>Action Result: Passed</b>

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate\***

- a. Grad Senator Appointment

Wong proposed appointing Ellen Esteves. She explained why she would be a good fit for the position.

<b>MOTION:</b> To go to Executive Session for 10 minutes			
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Dacey Durbin	<b>Second:</b> MJ Dizon	SEN-23-F-18	
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			<b>Action Result: Passed</b>

<b>MOTION:</b> To appoint Ellen Esteves as a Graduate Senator			
<b>Motion Made By:</b> James Dinh	<b>Second:</b> MJ Dizon	SEN-23-F-19	
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0			<b>Action Result: Passed</b>

MJ Dizon left the meeting at 6:14 pm.

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Senate\***

a. Bylaws Update

Johnson said that the group in charge of updating the Bylaws decided to write new Bylaws instead of editing the old ones. Durbin said they are still in the rough phases of drafting these bylaws. The group is trying to get the new bylaws to reflect what is currently practiced in the Student Senate.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate\***

b. AS Parliamentary Procedure

Wong said there have been edits to the document since the last time it was presented. It is more readable and flexible. This document will apply to both the Student Senate, Executive Board, and other committees in the Associated Students. Wong said that changes made were rearranging and generalizing that the chair can call on anyone (instead of members) to speak.

<b>MOTION:</b> To approve the Parliamentary Procedure document		
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Melissa Bernal	<b>Second:</b> James Dinh	SEN-23-F-20
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Action Result: Passed</b>

c. AS Rules of Operation

Wong said the purpose of editing this document was to make it more flexible. They added that the voting body will keep docs and minutes in a specific space.

<b>MOTION:</b> To approve the AS Governance Meeting Guidelines document		
<b>Motion Made By:</b> Dacey Durbin	<b>Second:</b> Meli Bernal	SEN-23-F-21
<b>Vote Count:</b> Aye: 11 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0		<b>Action Result: Passed</b>

d. Winter Meeting Time

Wong said they would like to keep the meeting time the same as fall quarter’s meeting time and asked the Senate’s opinion about it. Thompson advocates possibly changing it and asked that the Student Senate be presented with a couple of potential meeting times instead of just one. The Senate talked about whether to have the December 4th meeting, and decided if there is no one to confirm for the vacant College of Science and Engineering Senators position and if there are no other pressing issues, then the meeting will be canceled.

**IX. SENATE REPORTS**

Duong and Durbin will both be having a bagel luncheon at their respective colleges. Thompson said they are working on food security project on campus. They are also working on getting the College of Environmental Studies building more accessible as it is going under renovation.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Adjournment:** *Gabe Wong, AS Senate President, adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.*

**Minutes approved on 1-10-24**