

STUDENT SENATE
Executive Summary
March 23, 2016

I. Invocation

- A. Jack Kill led invocation

II. Roll Call

- A. 5 absent; 0 tardy

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Amy Smikle moved to approve the minutes
 - a. Michael Finan seconded

IV. Officer Announcements

- A. Mr. Bryan Ricketts, Student Body President
- B. Ms. Nidia Ruelas, Student Body Vice President
 - a. Next Senate will be our last
- C. Ms. Sibonay Shewit, Chief of Staff

V. Approvals

- A. SUB Executive Director
 - a. Becky: Many people in SUB moved to nominate Louis for next year
 - b. Jack Kill moved to consider
 - i. Amy Smikle Seconded
 - ii. Amy Smikle moved to close discussion and vote
 - 1. Ethan Holland seconded
 - c. approved
- B. Assistant Student Union Treasurer
 - a. Isabel Fox moved to consider
 - i. Kelly seconded
 - ii. Kathleen Rocks moved to close and vote
 - 1. Ariana Zlioba seconded
 - b. approved

VI. General Orders

- A. SO1516- 10 Re: Election Approvals Amendment
 - a. Zach Waterson: Currently, a vast majority of election materials be approved by the election committee, not only physical materials but also social media use. This amendment rolls them back to only apply to physical materials.
 - b. Abe Jenson moved to consider
 - i. Kathleen Rocks seconded

- iii. Katelyn: Hall presidents?
 - 1. Zach: hall presidents can endorse?
- iv. Mae Raab: Secretaries?
 - 1. Zach: secretaries can endorse
- v. Jack: as a director who is not a senator, can I endorse?
 - 1. Zach: Yes
 - 2. Jack: what is the difference in the positions of weight then?
 - a. Zach: maybe we should have a discussion about that
- vi. Louis: celebrities?
 - 1. Zach: we can't prevent people from using people outside of the university
- vii. Jack Kill moved to consider
 - 1. Sarah Kim seconded
 - 2. Jack: I'm leery of this amendment because if i was just a hall senator, i personally feel that an member of this campus should be able to speak their opinion in public. I think it weakens discourse
 - 3. Kelly: I think there is a difference between informing your hall about the campaign and endorsing a ticket.
 - a. Zach Waterson: your example of hall council is great, and there is nothing wrong with turning to In order to protect Student union from turning into a polarized arena, I think it is reasonable to ask someone accepting a leadership role
 - 4. Sib: why can cabinet members endorse but senators can't? I'm curious because I feel like people would blindly follow a secrearty over the senator
 - a. Cab members dont vote in senate, and dont represent a constituency like senators do
 - 5. John: we are leading people who can decide for themselves
 - 6. Christine: as senators we are the liaison to the halls and so we would be giving a leg up, versus secretary is
 - 7. Louis: there are a lot of positions other than those on cabinet that cannot endorse. So I think the question we have to ask is where do we draw the line?
 - a. Zach: I think we need to consider whether or not the opinions formed, however well thought out, will be delivered with undue weight.
 - 8. Bryan: In the past election we had two members run who were in student government, so is it really a question of whether or not you had better information/ access?
 - 9. Wilson Barrett: It does seem unbalanced

10. I didn't read up and notice that I would lose my power to endorse, so maybe this is something that can be made known to students, especially freshman. Also I know I have less influence than an athlete, esp on social media
 11. Marisa: regarding an endorsement: do private conversations count?
 - a. Zach: that's why we added this clause - private discussions are fine and you can absolutely give an honest answer in that setting.
 12. Wilson: can i say I feel strongly and want to talk to you so come to my room after and I'll tell you
 - a. Zach: be careful about how organized you make it
 13. Louis: If senators weren't on this, would they be able to make endorsements as individuals?
 - a. Kaitlyn: It gives you the opportunity to say that if we did not have the current language
 14. Wilson Barret moved to go into voting
 - a. Christine Zavakos seconded
- viii. On a vote of 18-5-4 this passes
- E. SO1516- 14 Re: Freshman Class Council Election Amendment
- a. Zach: thank you for that discussion!
 - b. Kelly Smith moved to close and vote
 - i. Kathleen Rocks seconded
 - ii. Wilson moved to vote
 1. Amy Smikle seconded
 - c. Passes
- F. SO1516- 15 Re: Social Media Amendment
- a. Jack Kill moved to consider
 - i. Isabel Fox seconded
 - ii. Amy Smikle moved to close and vote
 1. Christine Zavakos seconded
 - b. passes
- G. SO1516- 16 Re: Student Body Election Date Amendment
- a. Closing a loophole found in this election season, where the campaign season is two and a half weeks long every seven years
 - b. Jack Kill moved to consider
 - i. Christine Zavakos seconded
 - ii. Louis: please pass this
 - iii. Wilson Barrett moved to vote
 1. John Kill seconded
 - c. passes
- H. SO1516- 17 Re: Student Body Election Finance Amendment
- a. Zach: one of the big goals of judicial council is to make it easier to run for student body president and vice president. I thought that was unfair to

students of low income, so this amendment introduces reimbursements to candidates.

- i. Louis: FOAPAL?
 1. Zach: I lean away from it because judicial council should have autonomy over spending
 - ii. Isabel: will the money come out of judicial council budget?
 1. Zach: yes
 - iii. Michael: worst case scenario judicial council president is selective, and will not give money to certain candidates. Should it be approved by election committee instead?
 1. Zach: bigger problems if so and j council should have sovereignty over the funding
 - iv. Wilson Barrett moved to consider
 1. Abe Jenson seconded
 2. JP Bruno moved to vote
 - a. Jack Kill seconded
 - v. passes
- I. SS1516- 17 Re: Recommendation on Bill Cosby's Honorary Degree
- a. Jack Kill moved to consider
 - i. Amy Smikle seconded
 - ii. Bryan Ricketts: Procedural thing; the resolved clause is asking them to do two things - resolve recommendation and resolve further recommendations
 1. Alex moved to consider
 2. Amy, Katherine to close and vote
 - iii. On a vote of 21-0-6 passes
 - b. Bryan Ricketts: my constitutional duty to pass this on to the provosts office and give you updates as they get back to us
- J. SS1516- 19 Re: Resolution Requesting Transparency on ZJU
- a. Michael Finan, Kathleen Rocks, John Kill
 - b. Abe Jenson moved to consider
 - i. Sean seconded
 - ii. Wilson:
 1. The reason we specifically put him is to make the resolution more specific but we are thinking this could be sent to the provosts office as well
 - iii. Ryan Heard: how much will this be communicated to
 1. Michael, Kathleen, we want to hear all the updates
 - iv. Bryan: you might want to consider as a body that this will either happen or not so you might include language that asks them to consider better communication to have further transparency, ie future projects
 - v. Marisa: the following resolution addresses that by creating a committee

- vi. Zach: we can speak on behalf of the student body so peggy and i recommend that you amend it to say "requests" - more tactful. Better for communication and tact to say this.
 - 1. Jack: to give more clarification of language use, we were very devoted and did research - given white pages, notes from faculty senate - there are considerable issues on this and it is clear we were not given transparency we should have been. We are not afraid to make this a public thing, letter to observer.
 - a. Zach - I don't want to remove "present" i just want to add
 - 2. Jack moves to amend
- vii. Abe moves to close
 - 1. Sarah Kim seconded
- c. passes
- K. SS1516- 20 Re: Resolution Proposing Standing Committee on ZJU
 - a. Michael Finan, Kathleen Rocks, John Kill
 - i. We learned that notre dame basically has a committee for everything. And this is important and lacks student involvement
 - ii. Seamus: do we know for a fact that they have failed to involved students
 - 1. Kathleen: one had 5 professors on it to discuss the curriculum
 - iii. Christine: maybe someone has talked to someone unofficially
 - 1. Kathleen: we want formal routes
 - 2. Friendly grammar amendment: "adequately"
 - iv. Zach: Peggy also recommends to add request
 - 1. Amy: Friendly amendment
 - v. Becca Blais: friendly amendment
 - vi. Amy Smikle moved to close and vote
 - 1. Abe Jenson seconded
 - b. Passes
 - L. Student Union Awards
 - a. Michael J. Palumbo Award Approval
 - i. Bridget presents nomination for Zach Waterson
 - ii. Amy Smikle move to consider
 - 1. christine Zavakos seconded
 - 2. Amy Smikle moved to close and vote
 - a. Abe Jenson seconded
 - iii. approved
 - b. Frank O'Malley Teaching Award Selection
 - i. Bradley Gregory, Brandon Ashfield, Ed Hums, Michael Meyer, Tadeusz Mazurek
 - ii. Winner is Michael Meyer

c. Irish Clover Award Selection

- i. Sam Gambardella, Tabitha Ricketts, Paul Manrique, Nidia Ruelas, Bryan Ricketts, John Ritschard, Janie Goodson
- ii. Faculty: John Ritschard, student: Bryan Ricketts

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

- A. Isabella: Ryan Halls wheelchair basketball - sign up
- B. JP: Wednesday class council is doing something free skate compton april 6th
- C. Alex Fincher: Department of Health and Wellness is hosting
- D. Abe: Last Lecture series, last one at 8:30 is Chris Stevens
- E. Zach: thank you for considering the amendments
- F. Abe: fisher regatta
- G. Nidia: thank you for being here you all are great

IX. Adjournment

- A. Jack moved to close
 - a. Isabel Fox seconded
- B. JP Opposed
- C. Adjourned at 7:54