SSA Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

# 7:00 AM | September 30th, 2019 | SSA Office, Memorial Student Center

1. Call to Order at 7:02am
2. Roll Call

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| President Canon | x |  |  |
| Vice-President Johnson | x |  |  |
| Director Roberts |  | x |  |
| Director Serier | x |  |  |
| Director McConville | x |  |  |
| Director Gentz | x |  |  |
| Director Beaulieu | x |  |  |
| Director Nadeau | x |  |  |
| Director Kangas | x |  |  |
| Advisor Witucki | x |  |  |

1. Approval of Minutes

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2. Postponed discussion
3. Discussion
   1. Director Kangas

Chancellor STF Suggestions  
Kangas: Met with Traxler about student Tech Fee, chancellor wants a clause (Sunset Clause) put in that if the committee goes below $5,000 one time fee, the committee would be disbanded and the fee would run departments, this is not a student tech fee, Tech fee policy says must have a committee of students to administer the fee. Very concerning. Traxler says Cabinet is unified with the not changing of the reoccurring costs.   
Canon: Sunset Clause makes no sense, not the purpose of the Student Tech Fee. Meets with Chancellor today will talk about it.   
Nobody supports it.  
Beaulieu: can we make a resolution against it? Yes. See below.  
McConville: do we have to approve it? Chancellor has the final say.   
Witucki: We need to get read up on the policy because if they are going to sunset the committee, sunset the fee too good luck to them finding a million dollars.   
Canon: During meeting with the Chancellor, Will bring up pathways forward campaign has money for Lab Refresh, Why cant they use this? 10 million for Lab/class refresh.  
Do we Deny the money for the Lab refresh? Will it lay off the student workers? No, is this the best way forward? Stopping the funding for it will cause other problems down the line, more acceptable to recommend a smaller amount. Before lab refresh was paid through departments, that wasn’t as standardized/reoccurring. This is not how it should be. This is the first time the Lab Refresh is reoccurring, if we don’t approve it will they need to look for other places to find the money? They probably wont, its not fair to us that they are trying to do this.   
Beaulieu: They had all summer to figure this out and two summer reps that they didn’t use.   
 Kangas: This is the opposite of what they were supposed to do over the summer, it was supposed to make a larger pool of allocable money for student not this.  
Cannon: What do we want to do? Sunset Clause is bad (all agree)  
Beaulieu: Can we change it from full reoccurring to part one time?   
Kangas no, because the system isn’t set up like this, we also have staff on the tech fee, which is another problem.  
McConville: Can the staff be paid for elsewhere?  
Kangas: No unless Traxler wants to pay fir it herself.  
Witucki: That’s what this is all about, on Monday’s budget meeting you will find out there is no money.  
Cannon; Do we know the names of the two staff?  
Kangus: No. This is a problem from many years ago, IT is usually the first to be cut.   
Serier: We should figure out why they are pushing for such a big jump in price.   
Kangus: Mac Labs are very expensive, this was funded through departments before.   
McConville: Who uses them?  
Kangus: GIS Students need the labs for the powerful computers, after that open lab hours, so like CNIT Students can use them for coding. But any student can go in and use the Equipment. Student Tech Fee requires that any student can use them, so a sociology major can use the labs if they want to.   
Serier: how do they track that?  
Kangas: There is a program, plus there is a swipe card for check in, CNIT was thinking about cutting lab hours due to lack of student use.   
Canon: where are the lab hours posted, because I didn’t know this?  
Kangas: you need to be in the program to know the lab hours.  
Canon: that is not right, because it’s not available to everyone then,  
Kangas: There is no website or anything that I know of with the hours posted.

Beaulieu: They should advertise this somewhere.   
Witucki: think in the long term, don’t lose your voice in the process, you may lose some battles but don’t lose your voice. This committee is just advisory to the chancellor. They are playing fast and loose with this.   
Nadeau: This is a seg fee, right?  
Kangas: No Tuition Sur-Charge.   
Canon: next steps?  
Kangas: talk to Traxler and Lions Sunset Clause is a non-Starter, then figuring out how to move the lab cost to other areas, if unable to do/unwilling we need to fund it partly at least.   
McConville: why is there a student tech fee if we don’t have control over it?  
Kangas: Idk  
Witucki: 36.09(5) Used to be different changed under walker admin, New changes make it more vague but you only are told to have control over one fee which we administer already.   
Kangas: System has an Oct 2023 student fee review   
Canon: we should lobby now if possible?   
McConville: we need to make sure the term limit goes that far  
Kangas: this is a Regents thing not state,   
McConville: half the Regents go that far.   
Canon: Perfect we should start talking to those people now and then poke them again in 2023, its not delegating what the next congress do per say? Right?  
Witucki: Do you have a regent opportunity tomorrow? There was an email sent last night saying a meeting for chancellor search committee tomorrow, use those opportunities to grease different avenues, that is politics. Some Regents are on your side there, figure out which ones those are and talk with them. System Lobbying is weird, Vice President of Financing is in Charge of Student Tech Fee, find old policy and figure out what the heck is going on, remember the people there are sympathetic to campuses, they know that campuses are broke and need to make stuff work weather it is broken rules or funding it, you have divided gov’t and probably will for a while, Executive branch is in charge of budgets of systems, Vice President of Finance would have all the info. There is the old 36.09(5) and a memo (stout tech fee guidelines) that should be brought up again due to the reminder to chancellor on there.   
Kangas: who approved this change?  
Witucki: Could be anyone but it might not have gone in front of the Regents because that can happen on occasion.   
Serier: During downtime of meeting I can talk to other regents about this. Do we Have a 50th outlook group the 48th did, but now we do stuff through connect? This doesn’t work for outside email groups

* 1. Slack Open Records  
     Canon: through my own research, as long as we aren’t conducting business it should be okay, but 5 of us in one room is considered business. Our Slack is used as a notice board. Email chains with like seconds between them is also considered business. What I propose to the body to get the paid version of Slack to export all the messages of slack somewhere for storage. DOJ compliance is vague and out of date, was going to reach out to them about if slack is complaints.  
     Witucki: Its not for Business, (Canon: Correct) if I was a constitute could be given an export of it? I could be printed yes? (yes) if there is a request, you need to present it. This is usually done through paper, printed off, and you can charge for that. (Serier: There can be a constituent account that is view only) University Justice could have access to review it.   
     Canon: Suggest to body to get paid version for exporting services, if print version doesn’t work, if we want to stay with slack.   
     Kangas: $12.50 per person   
     Serier: the print version is not the worst so we could do that?  
     Witcuki: I would print off all of it at the end of the year for archives.   
     Kangas: why can’t we use teams?   
     Canon: Nobody use teams, people use the slack (kind of) people respond here.   
     McConville: we should use it if we don’t need to pay for it.   
     Beaulieu: Serier has a point, we can just print it and that is fine.   
     At the end of the year, Beaulieu and Johnson would help Roberts to get it all printed off.   
     McConville can we just screenshot it all and put it on connect, Yes,   
     In April we will screen shot it all and put it on connect in a folder, Kangas, Beaulieu, Serier, McConville, Roberts, and Johnson will all help.
  2. Making SSA Meetings More Accessible

Canon: Meeting on Wednesday morning to get asl interpreter at meeting, also to get microphones.   
Witcuki: we have requestable listening assist devices in all meeting rooms.   
people are pretty knowledgeable about this.   
Canon: I am trying to get it so students don’t have to get out and ask for this because that is a lot of work on the student, we should be doing that pro-bono ourselves especially for short notice requests. (Balue is on board)   
McConville: What is a listening assist device.  
WItucki: no this just routes any microphone through headphones/hearing aids, We could give you as many microphones as we need. It is just added to the cost of the room reservation,   
Beaulieu: It would be expensive, but we should because GSA used this and it was used by the disabled students as they were able to come and feel more welcome which could have the same effects at our meeting.   
Canon: because of GSA they have a flat rate, with out meetings being weekly we could get a cheaper rate, I’m thinking like 2-3 hours if they use that all or not.   
Witcuki: Students wouldn’t need this in caucus as they have their own interpreter, but having one accessible for the gallery would work best.   
Canon: this would be expensive for this year, because is just is expensive, we would go through rollover this year, and make a co-sponsorship form for all our student orgs.   
Witcki: $50 per hour. $5,200 for the whole year  
Beaulieu: we need to think about the logistics as it might not be the same person each time.   
Canon: Clock in and clock out system would be best, as meetings don’t always go as long.   
Witcuki: you might get dinged on travel.  
Canon: We have the funds and society has not been accessible so we need to make a change, with no universal design, (Witucki: Senate has, according to the law) this should be the bare minimum, not above and beyond.  
McConville

d. City Council – What do we want to talk about?   
McConville: Council member Merrill wants to know what our plans are for this year, I will also talk to city council and the mayor itself. I know lighting is the main issue, anything else.   
Witcuki: Night walk is after October; Child care center has bad lighting. Campus planning has lost of issues I can send you.   
McConville: Anything else?  
Beaulieu: Trash and Recycling around the city.   
Canon: Inspection Program, inspection was cut and made voluntary   
Serier: Council member Merrill was going to talk about it with us last year and that didn’t happen.   
Canon: I will bring this up at Senate to ask for other stuff to talk about.   
McConville: What is the Long term?   
Canon: Making the Student life better, Senate is one year so we don’t plan for after that.

1. Updates
   1. Information Technology  
      Busy last week, Seg fee meet and greet – standard. Access to Learning meeting – start Access to Learning. Meeting with Traxler on Friday created justifications for our tech fee.
   2. Sustainability  
      Finalized a motion of senate tomorrow, water bottle filling station. Waste reduction work group Compost bags are not really compostable (Witucki: Bags are compostable! They compost on the shelf, other universities have issues, don’t spread bad rumors about it because it could hurt the whole program) looking into other compost bags, events backyard bash getting the same bins next to each other, finalized Oct 15th burrito event.
   3. Diversity  
      Emailing to senators to get them updated on by-laws and constitution, all students one email on hate and bias, watched a movie for diversity week, looking at constitution for gender neutral language, search committee has all the tool so that should be easier, motion for committee on Wednesday about diversity initiatives
   4. Financial Affairs  
      FAC is getting ready for Contingency 1, been responding to just in time requests and rollover, working on rollover cap policy invited Stoutonia, and BDP about this
   5. Organizational Affairs  
      Seg fee meet and great, org reregistration at leadership summit, lots of emails about that and looking at org constitutions emailing reminders, her campus had questions about their constitution and talked with me. Stools and Cords are in the works, application is written and will be advertised in connect soon, Karista 1 on 1. Darrin, Schinke, and Miller on that Committee
   6. Legislative Affairs  
      SAS- Ray Cross complaints “Water State”. Constitution Committee Thursday 5-6 pm, Law about updated voter registration regulations, (opening bylaws too? Not planed but can be done? Do the same thing as constitution)
   7. Communications  
      absent
   8. Vice-President  
      emailing, setting up Merrill meeting, attended leadership summit, meeting about grand opening of commons and north hall rain location and where to hold the event and so forth, talked to Rhonda about travel for sustainability summit and systems reps.
   9. President  
      Seg fee meet and greet, presenting to Senate in Nov. raises lowers and so forth like last year, met with senator sericher about regs-glp implementation on all classes – Minideeds lawyer? Presidents round table at leadership conference. Tried to start university court but ran into constitution issues so that is on back burner, one interested party told them it will wait 2 weeks, ATL meeting about how it will work. Went to Fac talked about rollover edits, other than that regular report
   10. Advisor  
       no report
2. Announcements  
   Johnson: Systems reps if you want to come please let me know!
3. Adjourn  
   8:29am