



ASLC Senate Minutes

November 1, 2018

I. Introduction by Vice President

A. As per the constitution, we're recording Senate meetings; our Pio Log guest is also recording, and this is the standard going forward. If you'd like to change this, you can write a bill.

B. Brief Review of Senate Bylaws

1. Powers of representatives: some were unsure about this. Reps have the full powers of Senators -- proposing and voting on bills, resolutions, and funded resolutions. This is outlined in the Senate Bylaws.

C. Brief Review of Rules of Order

1. We have a few members of senate absent today, so the idea of quorum: we need to have a simple majority of the senate voting body here in order to have senate. Without a majority, we don't hold senate.

2. The biggest change will be speaking limits. During any agenda item or motion, everyone gets two one-minute opportunities to speak. This is only for senate voting members, I don't know if it applies to non-senate members. I will call on you or note if you raise your hand. Please don't just jump in with a discussion. This way everyone gets a chance to speak.

3. We vocalize votes with "aye," "nay," and "oy." Casting an "oy" vote requires a clarification of why you're casting it.

4. We've also brought up points. Two types: points of order and information. These can be brought up by anyone in the senate space. A point of order is in the event of a violation of the rules. A point of information is to request information on a topic -- not to give information.

5. Three kinds of motions. All motions require a second; no motion requires a vote to do the motion. Two motions don't require a vote in the motion. The motions that require a second and no vote are a straw poll (that is, an informal vote) and a motion to open debate.

Motions that require a second and a greater than one-half majority vote: motion to fix the time of adjournment, motion to adjourn, motion to recess. I couldn't find anything about forbidding members of the senate from leaving briefly (for example, to use the bathroom). Motion to recess is for the whole body to stop operating. A motion to enter executive session requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote; it's for all non-voting members of the senate to leave. Motion to alter speaking time: this can be altered at will with a one-half vote. Motion to extend discussion: bylaws are ambiguous about speaking time, but this requires a one-half vote. Motion to add something to the agenda. Motion to reorder the agenda: simple majority. Motion to refer to a committee: essentially if you think a matter in the senate is better discussed by a committee. Motion to vote requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority and motion to table also requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, as does motion to enter executive session and motion to suspend the rules of order, motion to create an ad hoc committee (a committee to look at a specific issue), and motion to close debate. You won't use many of those, but it's my job to make sure you're informed about them. I will be lenient about people making small mistakes, but not myself. As it turns out, most motions work the same way.

6. Maxine: can we make this doc available to everyone?
7. Alden: Yes, of course. I can email it to the senate body for reference. These are the things the senate body needs to know to comply with the rules of order.

II. Legislation

- A. FA18 SB005: A Bill to Amend the ASLC Constitution, presented by Senator Jack Bishop '21 and Senator Nicole Dean '21

1. Alden: This was tabled last time.

2. Jack: How does this process work? Should I read it again?
3. Alden: I think you do because it was tabled.
4. Jack reads the bill.
5. Jack: Should I explain again? I'll do it, why not. I just want to remind everyone who was skeptical of this bill last week and might have felt sympathy for Kenneth and his thoughts on the bill and his frustrations. Just two little things: Nicole and I conferred with multiple members of cabinet who would be impacted by this bill, and they all approved of it. I just want to remind everyone of how urgent this is, and while it's sad that Kenneth is no longer with us, I feel like a lot of grievances that he aired were not so much about this bill as they were his personal grievances with
6. Sherlock: Motion to vote
7. Ben: Second
8. Unanimous vote on voting
 - a) BSU: aye
 - b) ISLC: aye
 - c) DSU: aye
 - d) Jack: aye
 - e) Max: aye:
 - f) Naylor: aye
 - g) Annika: aye
 - h) Celeste: aye
 - i) Maxine: aye
 - j) Sherlock: aye
 - k) Ben: aye
 - l) Jacob: aye
 - m) SAAC: aye
 - n) FSU: aye
 - o) GLU: aye
9. The bill passes.

B. FA18 SB006: A Bill to Amend the Student Organizations Committee Bylaws, presented by Senator Max Colmenares '20, Senator Celeste Kurnik '22, and Senator Ben Seiple '21

1. Ben: This is longer than two pages, so I don't need to read it, but it's a rewrite of the SOC bylaws. It strikes some antiquated language. Any questions about it?
2. Jack: Just in general, there have been a few of these bills passed or brought up in recent weeks where it's just a rewrite of an entire section of bylaws or the constitution. It's fine in a situation like this where it's just antiquated language, but I feel a little uncomfortable voting when we don't know what specifically was changed and I would like to get other people's approval on that.
3. Ben: If you have any questions on what was changed, the old SOC bylaws are on the website. I don't believe there was anything specific changed, just language related to subcommittees, which SOC doesn't have.
4. Celeste: It says things like SOC can't function without a large amount of public people, at least four senators, which has not been the case for a long time. Tom is technically supposed to have a paid secretary, which was decidedly unnecessary. There were some other things.
5. Ben: We changed the specific requirements for amounts of money requested and what that means for having to meet.
6. Celeste: reads a portion of the bill regarding a requirement for meetings
7. Violet: What are your opinions -- since you're taking away the required amount of people, and it's a lot of money -- how are you guys accounting for it not being just two people giving out money? I mean that would be fine, but did you take that into account?
8. Celeste: You have to have three senators so there can't be a tie.
9. Violet: Does that feel sufficient to everyone?
10. Ben: Tom, correct me if I'm wrong, but applications go out to the student body so everyone can apply, right?
11. Tom: Yes. The old bylaws require twelve members, which SOC has not had for many years, so we changed that because we just don't have that many

people in our committee. The application is open to anyone, so if anyone wants to join, feel free. We do have three, because I've talked to many people asking if they wanted to join, and I got three. This is so that we can function within the bylaws. There's also ways in applications from clubs that other clubs can express where they think their money should be going, so club leaders tend to decide where the money goes, not just senators.

12. Sherlock: would like to bring attention back to Jack's point that it's not our job to go through and compare two documents to see what's been changed; that's the job of the people bringing these forward. There's a way -- other actual legislative bodies, when they bring previously written documents -- where everything in italics has been changed, everything struck through has been removed. I'm sure you're not trying to pull a fast one on us, but I think this is a slightly annoying precedent.
13. Violet: I think this is your job, because you're given the bill 48 hours in advance, so preferably everyone would read through it and have questions ready for today.
14. FSU: Tom, what did you mean that the clubs have a say in the allocations process?
15. Tom: they specify high-priority, necessary items for the clubs to function and for the student body to benefit. Later this year, I'm meeting with Jason Feiner and Charlie Ahlquist to make this a larger part of the process. I know a lot of people think of SOC as a group that sits there and hands out money, but we read through their documents and discuss and debate it.
16. FSU: To be clear though, it's just them writing about their own clubs, not anyone else's?
17. Tom: Yes, but the questions we ask them tend to be about the student body as a whole.
18. Ariel: I see where Jack and Sherlock are coming from, because generally when a bill is presented it states the exact changes that are happening. If there are senators passionate about setting a limit to how much legislation is changed, you can always write a bill about that.

19. Helen: also, we have an archive of past documents, so if anyone in the public wants to see what a former document looks like, they can look at that and see where the changes come from.
20. Sherlock: I understand this but I think it's the purpose of legislation to be clear, so if someone five years from now has to go back and compare, I don't think that's very efficient on our part, to just rewrite legislation with no clear signs of what's being changed.
21. Maxine: Sounds like you should write a bill.
22. Tom: I should say -- we didn't rewrite all of the bylaws. We didn't take all of the SOC thing and scrap it and rewrite it. We took the current bylaws, put it into this, and changed a couple of things.
23. Ben: In response to Sherlock, I understand the paper trail may be difficult to follow but I think it's more efficient to do it all at once rather than having many bills in a row. I think it may be easier to comprehend the actual structural changes this way.
24. Helen: I just want to reiterate that cabinet has no power in the decisions you make; this is just a question that I have. So you're rewriting the document -- so if the bill passes, these are the new rules. I'm hearing you and hearing you say that people want to look back at past documents, but they hold no power once new documents are passed. I don't see this being as large of an issue, as once the new doc is passed, the old one holds no power. People don't necessarily need to see the changes. Am i missing something?
25. Jacob: I think the point you brought up is important, but it's more the point that Jack brought up. Someone could slide something past senate in the current system. As senators, we should be looking at things 48 hours before, but there could always be something that slides through the cracks. It would create more work for the author of the bill, but I don't see what would be bad about it.
26. Celeste: I have a list of every article and exactly what we did -- I assume that's what everyone did when they rewrote the bylaws for their committees. So I think that could really be seen when you look at this document. You could also ask to talk to a senator -- you have two days to share emails, meet with

them -- there are so many of us that that's the insurance system to make sure something doesn't fall through the cracks.

27. Tom: last thing I'll say because Cabinet doesn't have power here, I'm just giving information on the thought process behind it. It was formatted this way because if you listed out every change, it would mostly be confusing because it doesn't have context. Most of our changes were in context -- just grammar or something to make it make sense -- so we could have listed them out but I don't think most of you here who haven't read the bylaws would understand.
28. Maxine: As someone who's not in SOC, could any of you answer does any of this change the structure of how things happen now or is this just changing the bylaws to make things fit?
29. Ben: It makes our functioning constitutional without the six senators required by the old bylaws.
30. Maxine: so it doesn't implement anything new?
31. Ben: It just makes the SOC bylaws clearer about how we actually function.
32. Max: we added one section to Article II, Section 5, Subsection b, Roman numeral III, adding a conflict of interest -- it doesn't just constitute membership in a club, but a relationship with a member of a club. Just for transparency.
33. Motion to vote -- unanimous
 - a) BSU: aye
 - b) ISLC: aye
 - c) DSU: aye
 - d) Jack: aye
 - e) Max: aye
 - f) Naylor: aye
 - g) Annika: aye
 - h) Celeste: aye
 - i) Maxine: aye
 - j) Sherlock: nay
 - k) Ben: aye

- l) Jacob: aye
- m) SAAC: aye
- n) FSU: aye
- o) GLU: aye

34. The bill passes.

C. FA18 SB007: A Bill to Amend the Auditory Bylaws, presented by Senator Ben Seiple

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1. Ben reads the bill.
2. Ben: May I propose an amendment?
3. Alden: Yes.
4. Ben: Corrects “as may staff members” to “as many staff members”
5. Alden: You’re the bringer of the bill, so the bill is friendly by default.
6. Ben: This changes the amount of allowed auditory members from four to as many as the auditor sees fit. If there are many qualified people who want to work for the auditory, they shouldn’t be excluded because of a limit to the number of members of the auditory. Are there any questions?
7. Motion to vote -- unanimous
 - a) BSU: aye
 - b) ISLC: aye
 - c) DSU: aye
 - d) Jack: aye
 - e) Max: aye
 - f) Naylor: aye
 - g) Annika: aye
 - h) Celeste: aye
 - i) Maxine: aye
 - j) Sherlock: oy -- applicant to the auditory staff, conflict of interest
 - k) Ben: oy -- applicant to the auditory staff
 - l) Jacob: aye
 - m) SAAC: aye
 - n) FSU: aye
 - o) GLU: aye

8. The bill passes.

III. Senator & Representative Reports

- A. BSU: nothing to report
- B. ISLC: started planning for next two big events in the next few weeks. Faculty member and a student will participate. As for international fair, in the process of getting the theme for the event together -- something about equity, empowerment.
- C. DSU: nothing to report
- D. Sen. Jack Bishop: People are getting real tired of the flickering lights in Watzek. If a senator could have any impact over that, I wouldn't even know where to begin fixing that.
 - 1. Violet: Email facilities and maybe just make your position clear. If they don't get back to you -- there's a specific person, Janice Carter, who's helpful. It might not be the right person but they can guide you well on the next steps.
- E. Sen. Max Colmenares: Working on the SOC bill; still fiddling with the wording in survey about drug policy on campus. I mentioned last week that I'm trying to put forward a resolution on reexamining the drug war in terms of public health and reducing the criminality of drug use to put forward something in favor of reduced prison sentences, modeled after something in front of the US House or Senate right now. I want to make sure it's based on the opinion of the student body. Wording: the war on drugs has failed, is racially charged and has disproportionately affected communities of color. This would urge Lewis & Clark to rethink wording about drug use. ASLC should support the enactment of civil remedies and restorative justice for those found guilty of drug use and apologizes to communities who have suffered from this. This is more specific because I realize I've been vague about it. I'd be happy to talk to anyone about it. Writing a survey that isn't biased -- if you have any thoughts, I'd love to hear anything about it.
- F. Sen. Nicole Dean: absent
- G. Sen. Naylor Finnerty: I have some concerns with the state of the building. Just figuring it out.
- H. Sen. Annika Jackson: I'm going to start working on Finance Committee bylaws, that should be in by Tuesday.
- I. Sen. Celeste Kurnik: nothing to report

J. Sen. Maxine McCuller: I've started working on a resolution with FSU and QSU. Some of you may be aware that the Department of Health and Human Services is run by a conservative who is trying to revise the definition of sex in Title IX to be about gender and gender identity. Under the Obama administration was loosely defined in order to protect people against hate crimes. I'm trying to rewrite that because it very negatively affects trans people.

K. Sen. Jacob Muscarella: absent

L. Sen. Sherlock Ortiz: nothing to report.

M. Sen. Ben Seiple: I had meet your senator office hours yesterday and heard two concerns from a constituent: the inability to get into buildings other than those in your dorm complex. I'm curious about how I would be able to fix this -- who I would contact, and of course I'm more than happy to accept help

1. Jack: I don't think that's an issue that needs to be fixed. I think that's a policy for a reason. I know people who would have been put in danger if other people were allowed universal access to dorms. I don't think that's something that should be fixed.
2. Alden: As someone who's been with ASLC for three and a half years, this has been an ongoing discussion without resolution.
3. ISLC: what was the concern?
4. Ben: the concern was that they couldn't get into other buildings.
5. Annika: you can kind of almost get in. people will wait around and let you in.
6. Sherlock: I feel that that's even more unsafe than having swipe access. Anyone who looks college-age could get into the dorms -- I've done it before. I've never asked anyone, "oh, do you live here? Who are you trying to see?" to address what Jack brought up, we already have restraining orders on campus. I have also known people who have had these brought against others who felt unsafe, and I think that if we had swipe access and there were others who felt unsafe or uncomfortable, clearly they have done things to have it removed.
7. Maxine: I think if it's a recurring issue, it may be a good topic for an auditory survey or public forum or something, especially if it comes up a lot.

8. Celeste: I would disagree about having a survey -- if you're trying to get into a building and you don't have a key card, it should be because you have a friend and you need to get in, so they can come let you in,
9. Mary-Claire: could be extremely unsafe in the event of a shooting
10. Max: In my first year, swipe access was universal for L&C students regarding an event at the Ray Warren Symposium. Even if it's entirely impossible to get to a building without a key card, it's creating a mental barrier if someone's worried about someone being able to get into their building.
11. Sherlock: It was universal swipe access until November 2015. I spoke to Sandi Bottemiller, head of Campus Living, and she said that it was revoked due to an anonymous, racially-charged message. The response to your question about why someone would want to gain access to another building - - I spoke to some alumni who graduated last year, the main reason I would see is that there are a lot of common-area spaces which could be flourishing areas of community but because they are isolated to only the people who live in those areas, they're not as universal, so when I was speaking to my friends, they'd say "Platt-Howard main lounge would be where you would go to see what was happening on a Friday night," whereas now that doesn't happen as much. There are people there from time to time, but it is not a very lively place. Especially with the removal of the DSAs -- Manzie DSA used to be the place to go if you wanted to find out if there was a party -- I think we need to find other ways to create community. I think one of the reason people transfer away is because they don't feel there's community
12. Alden: we can have this as an agenda item at the next meeting
13. Maxine: I think a lot of what we do is going over bylaws and revising things, I think this would be a great opportunity for someone to make this a project and bring together alumni, parents, etc.
14. Mikah: Ben, Sandi would be the person to go to about historical context, and the BART (Bias Assessment Response Team) would be the people to go to about that

15. Ben: second point -- some community member had concerns about Maggie's not selling medicine, because medicine is sold at the bookstore; however, the bookstore closes early and is not as close to the residential areas on campus.
16. Violet: point about the previous topic -- we can form an ad hoc committee about this issue. I have the power to form one, and you can also form one, if this is something you want to work on and look into.
17. Alden: You can form an ad hoc committee with a two-thirds vote.
18. Ben: motion to form an ad-hoc committee, since there seem to be diverse opinions and it would be conducive
19. Alden: We need to the committee to be named
20. Ben: Residential Swipe Access Ad Hoc Committee
21. Sherlock: seconded
22. Jack: Point of info, what's an ad hoc committee?
23. Alden: They're a way for people to organize and work together on a matter leading up to a bill or a resolution cooperatively. When an ad hoc committee exists, I will always put time on the agenda for them to give a report.
24. Alden: all those in favor of voting to create an ad hoc committee on residential swipe access?
 - a) All aye
25. Alden: all those in favor of creating this committee?
 - a) All aye
26. Alden: We have created an ad hoc committee on residential swipe access.
Who's chair?
 - a) Ben is chair
 - b) People serving on it: Jacob S, Sherlock, Maxine, Max, Celeste, Annika
 - c) Ben: I'm just going to email all of you and if you want to be taken off the list let me know
27. Ben: I was curious about what you thought about the medicine. I think it would be nice if Maggie's had medicine because it's closer to residential campus and it's open later.
28. Alden: I actually once asked Maggie's about something like this, and the manager informed me that Maggie's and the bookstore agree to sell things at

one location but not another, and I imagine that Maggie's can't sell medicine if the bookstore can't.

29. Mikah: When was this conversation?

30. Alden: Earlier this year.

31. Mikah: I was just curious because I'm in charge of ordering for the bookstore and I order everything I want.

32. FSU: I also work at the bookstore, and someone from Maggie's came in one day to the bookstore to ask about our pricing on medicine -- if they compete, more students will go to one than the other.

33. DSU: I work at Maggie's, and Ken orders all the stuff for Maggie's; he works at the Dovecote, and I can talk to him about it.

N. Sen. Jacob Serafini: One of my campaigning points was trying to spread more information about our STEM majors and things that are available to Olin, so I'm thinking about how I'm going to do that and advertise some of the minors that are available in STEM. One of these is neuroscience, which is a minor but not a major. I'll get back to you on that.

O. Sen. Alex Webb: absent

P. QSU: absent

Q. SAAC: two home volleyball games this weekend

R. FSU: Working on a resolution with Maxine about the Department of HHS. If those laws were to be enacted, they would affect Title IX, which is very applicable to campus, so those would affect students directly and really dictate how our Title IX office operates and who is affected by those laws.

S. GLU: We just had our Dia de los Muertos event, and tomorrow we're having a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the Bon.

IV. Cabinet Reports

A. Mary-Claire: nothing to report

B. Violet: Marshall and I went to Board of Trustees last week -- visit me in office hours if you want to know more. Highlights: health fee was passed unanimously, tuition will be going up 3.5% (as opposed to 4%); there was previously some talk about a three-year residency requirements, but it's not going to happen, at least for a long, long time -- it wouldn't increase retention rates, and we have a significant number of

juniors and seniors living on campus this year; tuition goes up every year, but so does the discount rate

1. Sherlock: were there any discussions regarding renovations of Templeton or the residence halls?
 2. Violet: Yes, that was part of the strategic plan, which you might have seen around campus. To their surprise, students didn't think renovating Templeton was particularly important; residence halls and improving mental health care and facilities were more important. They want to ultimately build more residence halls but i don't think that's going to happen in the near future. There's a large demand for apartments and singles.
- C. Mikah: I'm on the Committee on Enrollment, and we're looking to update departmental websites for faculty, so what on the website did you see as prospective students that you liked or think that should be added?
1. FSU: on some majors' sites, there's a clear PDF of requirements; on others, it's much more challenging to find, and having that available for all majors would be helpful (psychology as a good example)
 2. Annika: there are a lot of teachers and adjunct faculty who aren't listed on the website, so updating that would be good.
 3. Celeste: It's good when a major has a list of what jobs graduates held or what grad programs they went to -- or testimonials, or something like that. That was eye-catching for me.
 4. Max: the neuroscience minor specifically has requirements explained but doesn't outline what prerequisites you need to take in other departments in order to take the neuroscience classes
 5. ISLC: one thing that's really helped me in the BCMB major is that they have an example four-year plan listed
 6. Jack: It's been difficult for me to pick an overseas program that matches up well with my major because there are a lot of moving pieces in terms of which courses are offered.
 7. Maxine: I'm a philosophy major, so something that was attractive for me was that there was a lot of stuff on the homepage of the major -- lots of writing and questions -- other departments' pages were more barren.

8. Mikah: Anything related to enrollment questions, let me know. We discussed the Neely scholarship and gap year policies and things like that. We have representatives from the major groups on campus and we meet every Friday. I sent senators and reps a doc for holding office hours. One hour a month would be good. So far only two of you have done that.
9. Helen: I put out my application for the auditory, and I had lots of qualified applications, so thanks for passing that bill tonight, because I don't like turning down people who have a lot of ideas and are excited. Also, ask me questions about anything with regard to ASLC, college in general, what you can do as a senator -- also, think about surveys. Max contacted me about his survey and that doesn't fall within the jurisdiction of auditory, because that's more within the college. You can talk to me and I'd be happy to run a survey.
10. FSU: what kind of surveys are we allowed to run through ASLC? Do we have to go through IRB?
11. Helen: as far as I know we don't have to go through IRB. Some of the ones in the past have related to communication methods or transportation.
12. William: Finance Committee met this week and funded a grant for Model UN to go to Seattle for their annual conference. Going to put an assistant to the treasurer application out.
13. Tom: we met as an SOC committee last Friday and were able to allocate funds for the first time. Women's lacrosse got some money. I helped revise the bylaws a bit, but my senators really picked up and ran with it. Emailed other groups, reached out to them, answered some questions.

V. Advisor Report

- A. Harold: Last week we had the accreditation team come to campus. Did anyone go to the student question? [No.] This is a peer-review process for institutions; we've spent seven years gathering data, and our institutional research department produced a several-hundred-page report about how we're furthering our mission and doing everything we mean to be doing, and they come check on that. That was your chance to make your voice heard in the process. That's what schools go through to be accredited. Next Tuesday is election day in the US, so since y'all are a democratically

elected body, so I hope you pay attention to that and take care of yourselves and the people around you.

- B. Mikah: we have a midterm election viewing party next Tuesday in the Watzek Classroom from 7-9 with pizza and snacks and democracy and fun.
- C. Harold: Next week, Ray Warren Symposium is happening. The keynote is happening Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights, and the Race Monologues on Friday, where your peers can tell their stories.

VI. Public Comments

- A. N/A

VII. Final Remarks

- A. Alden: I encourage all of you to go to Ray Warren. I wanted to open up a question to the Senate: do we want to have a session during next week in order to attend the Ray Warren events? Past senates have cancelled the meetings for that.
- B. Violet: I don't think so -- in past years, senators have just missed the meeting, and the VP has been more lenient.
- C. Alden: We'll have a normal session, but if you'd rather go to Ray Warren, that won't count as a normal absence.
- D. Annika: Depending on how many people attended the symposium over senate, would we have enough people to vote?
- E. Alden: If we didn't have at least 50% of the voting body, we wouldn't have quorum, so we wouldn't have a meeting. I'd encourage everyone to come to senate, but if you really want to go to the symposium, please email me. You should go to the other events, maybe the ones that don't coincide with the senate meeting.
- F. DSU: I'm a curator for the art show and we need volunteers to sit in the gallery, so please let me know if you're interested.

VIII. All in favor of adjourning