

Senate 3/14/19

Diversity committee bylaws bill

Nicole

- Clean up and re work of what is there
- Possibility of office hours
- Involved with IME
 - Section 4 g
 - Working on with that calendar
- Elaborate on what happens if people drop out of the committee

Questions

Jack

- Who did you work with
- Answer- worked with Andrea

Motion to vote

Vote

All aye

Bill passes!

Bill to amend senate bylaws

Nicole

- Trying to assign meaning to what a resolution is and what it does
- If we decide to take a stance on something we should be able to do some action as well
- Tangible action is the motivation behind the amendment
- Examples from the past
 - Awesome things to say and respects everyone's effort
 - But, resolutions are submitted to the student body and it is just more that students have to read but there never seems to be any action from ASLC/senate
 - Want to influence people to have a stance but to also take that stance and do something based on action and involvement
- Nick- are you saying just a stance is not enough
 - Nicole - no but it encourages action
- FSU- what does action mean here? A statement can be seen as action and be all that students need. Do we need to put action plan/event/stance in the resolution?
 - Nicole
 - Action is vague on purpose

- Sparked senators to think of a wide range of things
 - Parameters need to be made surrounding what a resolution means/does
 - Students need to see something more than an email/stance of how we feel
- DSU- maybe clarify between internal and external resolutions. Internal can require actions and a plan but external are harder to act on so maybe they can remain as they are
- Violet- this is a good bill but the concern is the action part. In the last resolutions have said we support the creation of majors etc. so it is hard to require action when sometimes a viable solution is just a claim of support
 - Nicole
 - If it something is in senates purview, that's ok
 - We are the connection between administration and students
 - If the consensus is that action needs to be clarified than maybe we can talk about that

Motion to open debate

Alden- Debate mode is interesting. Nicole can respond to points whenever she wants, everyone else gets to speak only two times and on a time limit

- Alex- likes the sentiment of action but concerned on future interpretations without Nicole around. Hard to clarify in a whole, good, successful way. It may disused people from writing resolutions if they do not have an action in plan. Do think we should promote action but I don't think actually codifying it into the bylaws is the way to do it I.
- Nicole
 - The goal is to make people think about that a resolution means/entails. For the future, if examples are made now then that will provide a basic understanding of how it all works and what action may be defined as. A lot of the wording in govt documents is vague and left to interpretation already
- Hannah
 - This would be a good thing to think about/encourage in future training, not a bill
- Nicole
 - Making a statement on our own administration sets a good tone for the student body
- Jack
 - Starements to the administration is something that affects students directly
- Nicole
 - External vs internal is important to focus on
- Max
 - Say there's something like how osu employees are treated, we can address an external issue in an internal way. Hard to argue that it affects our student body but should be allowed to pass. Leaves it in a vague state and brings up exceptions

- Violet
 - Action would be determined by the Chief Justice
 - Second, there are other ways for senate to make a statement besides the resolution
 - Ex-the recent emails about attacks in Portland
- Nick
 - Agrees with the sentiment but cautious to box in resolutions. Would much rather work with the body and leave senate the responsibility to decide when action is required and when it is not
- Alex
 - Would favor to encourage senators to attach actions when it's possible but not make it a requirement
 - We can always vote or amend resolutions if we think they do not include enough action
 - Too hard to define action and direct impact on student body
 - Nicole- that's the ideal but right now that is not what is happening. Action is a broad term but that's almost on purpose, bold lines around resolutions is not the goal here
 - Only sees how this is a positive change
- Hannah
 - Example about helping another student govt has occurred before and so it is easily possible to happen again
 - The definition of action and the decision on that definition made by one person (CJ) is the struggle
- Alden
 - Historical resolutions context
 - Middle East studies minor and the entrepreneurship center
 - The resolution itself could be defined as the action
- Nicole
 - What if direct impact was added to include reflection of
- Jack
 - Are we ending at 7?
 - Alden- does anyone want to set adjournment at 6:45
- Nicole
 - Straw poll
 - Mixed results
 - 4 aye
 - 6 nay
- FSU
 - What if resolution just included a section that explains the impact/reasoning behind its passing and why it has been sent to the student body
- Nicole
 - Love to talk to those who voted nay and encourages everyone to review past resolutions

Bill has been tabled

Bill to establish Saab historian

- Hannah
 - Establish a new large position to the board
 - Has worked with Saab before
 - Too much work for one person to do in their own
 - Adding a position to balance things and alleviate the work
 - Been approved by Saab

Vote

Bill passes

Bill to establish the position of Saab historian to the ASLC constitution

- Hannah
 - Working on who the advisor is since faculty members try to get more for their own department

Vote

Bill passes

Legislation done

Committee reports

Alex

- Thanks for all the work everyone has done for the textbook subsidy committee

Jack

- Community spaces committee is meeting with a lot of people
- Tamarack will open after spring break
- Facilities and sustainability talked about what's happening in the rose garden
- Tables will be distributed to outside areas soon

Adjourned