Senate Minutes
November 28th 2017

Chair: Alan Lee
Secretary: Brigitte Kelly

1. Call to Order
   a. 6:35pm
   b. Quorum 38.66
   c. Quorum Met with 45 members

2. Roll Call
   a. Card Swipe for All Senators Present

3. Approval of Minutes
   a. Senator Milbourne Motion to approve
   b. Senator Milholin Second
   c. Consent Called
   d. Motion Passes

4. Special Reports
   a. Fees
      i. Ken Smith - University Budget Director
         1. The process of setting tuition and fees and the fee increase
         2. We look at the tuition rates and fee rates for the university for each year, we use many different interpretations
         3. We needed to make sure there was a 0% increase for undergraduate students
         4. Maximum fee allowed this year was 3% - the board of governors will look at the committees on campus and form a committee to look at tuition, fees, application fees
         5. We did not a tuition committee - we decided to not raise tuition for anyone this year -- we should be cognisant of that
         6. Fees committee - academic affairs, turchin, athletics, business affairs
            a. Students had six representatives for this committee
            b. We only had one date for the fee committee meeting for an hour

7. On the fees
   a. Mandatory Fees - general fees, board of governors must approve
b. Campus fees -

8. The timeline
   a. People give presentations to the committees and then the chancellor approves and then it goes to the board of governors and

9. Fee Increases
   a. The mandatory fees are held at zero
      i. Debt service fees - $55 dollar increase comes from the sanford hall renovation - not one of the best halls on campus - 4,200-4,600 students go through that building everyday and it does not have the structure to support that amount of students
      ii. We are at our last resort to fix this building, there is no other way to fix this building without the state’s help and they will not
      iii. Fix elevators, fix bathrooms, fix sprinkler systems
      iv. We are decreasing other service fees in order for this fee to be able to be decrease
      v. 1.89% fee increase instead of 3% increase
      vi. This will allow our debt ratio to be 1.2% which is required
      vii. This was the only mandatory fee that is increasing

b. Campus Fee
   i. They are not going up
   ii. Athletics is not going up
   iii. Bookstore is not going up
   iv. We need to look at housing, transportation and parking
      1. Increase housing rates by 4% which will raise one million dollars (this is for renovations and to pay employees who work in housing areas) - increase in the STEAM rate
         a. 2,200 beds being built
      2. Parking will be going up $36 or $3 a month - this will generate $300 a month, first increase since 2003-2004 academic year - this is for the Watauga High school parking lot
3. Transportation will increase $6 and generate $100,000 in revenue - this is to offset the appalcart and saferide expenses - we will be losing a $200,000 grant and there is a lot of expenses coming our way - this $100,000 will help offset issues, this will add a second route to Green route and Red route

10. Very small Increases

Questions

DJ - I noticed that you lowered some fees for a fee is that possible for all

Ken - those fees are specific for that debt, we have borrowed money, when it comes to lowering those fees we try to refinance or look at how much we are paying and try and lower it a dollar or something, once that debt is retired then it goes away

Greg Steckbeck - the money from the parking fee going to the watauga high school lot what is going on this that

Ken - We are looking at how best to use that

Barry - we are definitely looking at that to increase student parking, there is no way we could park students there with a good concious, it’s very isolated and we need to do a lot of work to make it safe, lighting, pavement, security fence and security cameras, we are looking at that

Greg - will the athletics be involved

Barry - I can’t speak on the athletic sides

Grayson - I find it difficult for students to not be able to park there

Barry - it is absolutely security, there is a parking area that you cannot see from 105, no security fence and we don’t want to get into a situation where people can walk into the woods and walk out and we don’t want people to be able to hide, new river lighting put up temporary lighting but there is no permanent lighting

Grayson - If there’s going to be a construction of an athletic facility I can’t help but think athletics would build a lighting system, I find it misleading to find parking is not possible
Barry - oh it is definitely possible, we just must provide security

Dejon - I know we were talking about residence halls, 6 demolition halls

Matt - We are looking at a multiple year plan, 5-7 year plan. We don’t want a reduction in bed space or students to pay for living, first build a facility to use for swing space, non-renovated halls - 14 renovations since 2002
- East Hall - non-renovated - built in 1955 - never have done renovations
- Gardner
- Coltrane
- Justice
- Eggers
- Boey

Dejon - there were 2,200 beds mentioned where will they be built

Matt - 1,800 beds come from swing buildings and then the other 300 must come at the end of the construction - probably around year 6 or 7 before you realize where those 300 beds are
Housing is a self funded area - we are dependent of the students - we are very price sensitive
We can’t do too much too quick

Franklin - Point of personal privilege with intent to return

End of Fees Report

Old Business
1. Elections Court Chair Approval
   a. 14 minutes for opening statement
2. 051-009

Milbourne - Rules Report

Walt
Start by thanking Alan for this nomination
Substantive Merit
- 4th year in student government
- Wrote four bills
- Student Conduct Board member for a year
- Student Organization Conduct Board for a year
- Director of Legislative Operations
- The Elections Board Chair
  - Chair the court that arises for this period of time
  - Hears about the violations during the election process
  - If someone feels their electoral process has been infringed then you can file a complaint with the court to be decided
- He has tried fourteen cases before the court and won all of them
- Successfully completed five bias training
- Served as a chair for 5 impartial committees (Rules Committee and ASG Committee)
- Served on elections all four years
  - Rick Hamrick
  - Hooker
  - Clayton Lee representative
- I worked closely with Travis the Director of Elections to update the elections bylaws
- I am a senior and won’t be here next year, I don’t have a stake in anything
  - I think it is important to uphold these rules

Vision
- Application process for positions on the court
  - More holistic process for applying
  - If you don’t meet the requirements please apply
- Training
  - Ensure there is a great candidate interest meeting and the policies and procedures meetings
  - Impartiality and bias training for Elections board and
- Sanctioning
  - I would like to do more non traditional sanctions
    - The sanction was a letter of apology to the student body
    - This is an educational process, they should learn the rules and apply the rules

Recommendations
- 2 former rules committee chairs
- Statement from Vice President Alan Lee (3 reasons, experience, moral compass, passion for student government, he is passionate)
- Statement from Travis

Aliyah - Point of Personal Privilege Without Intent to Return

Greg - Why do you want this position
Walt - I have always respected this position, it maintains the internal integrity of the organization, if you look at the previous bills many were about internal substantive policy within SGA, I have a real passion for policy

**High level of impartiality**

Fonville - Due to you already having so many commitments how will you make this top priority

Walt - I was employed last semester for the democratic party and now that the elections are over they won’t be employing him and that frees up 6-7 hours next week

ASB - can you elaborate how the elections board members that you choose will be unbiased

Walt - my experience with the conduct board, there are many different resources in the leadership office that we can have professionals train both the elections board and j board

Joanna Faith - As the only person who has served on board, I understand the length of discussion that goes into the sanctions, I’m curious what the conversations will look like for deciding

Walt - I plan to address this in the training, we will go through and act in accordance of the bylaws and go through the conventional sanctions and then move into a non-traditional form, I’m aware of a 5-10 different ideas

Joanna Faith - you have some ideas do you have any idea of what those will be

Walt - written letters from the campaign of apology, this allows the campaign to state their case and also apologize. Also maybe mandated training for improperly hanging materials. As members, the elections board gets to choose the sanctions not me

Walt - I appreciate your time as a senator, I appreciate taking this time out of your schedule, I do hope you will vote favorably

CLOSED SESSION

Chair - I will not ent motion

Neese - I move to approve walt Grayson

Lundy - Second
ASB - Objection

Franklin - Point of Order, the motion automatically dies

ASB - I motion to move into discussion of Walt Grayson

Neese - Second

Wilkes - Consent

Motion passes - move into discussion

Wilkes - I have worked with Walt last year, he knows his rules and his bylaws, he is very in tune with them, one of the biggest things he emphasized was that people are educated and they know what they are doing, making sure they all know the rules, Walt is so passionate

Strahan - I move to end discussion

Milholin - Second

Brown - Consent

Neese - I move to approve Walt Grayson

Second and Consent called

Hughes - Where are the iclickers?

Chair - I think

ASB - can I call for a roll call vote

Moody - I get what ASB is saying, but if you are the last person then they might be swayed by the roll call vote

Chair - because there wasn’t a specific way to vote then I can decide

Bri - can we do a hand vote

Hancock - heads down hands up?
Milhollin - I agree with Moody, unless the vote is cast, it is difficult to be swayed

Neese - Rescind my motion

Neese - I move to vote for Walt Grayson via hand vote

Chair - all in favor of voting for walt grayson
All yes
ASB no
Abstention - Greg, James

Chair - motion passes

OPEN SESSION

Chancellor Everts - I Walt J. Grayson hhhhhhhhh

Walt - sworn in

Fonville - Rules Report
- 051-009

Bill 05’-009
- Presenters
  - Michael DAvis
  - Connor Hughes
  - Lauren Moods

Hughes - this bill reforms the election bylaws, most of this bill is just an incorporation of long standing statutes

Lago - everything we did was in the interest of
- Elections Board to Elections Administration
- Judicial Board to Elections Court
- Interest meeting for those who want to run for SGA
- Policies and Procedures meeting is now run by DOE and Elections Court chair and the maximum of 6 was changed to a minimum of 6
  - Also now have Elections Administration and Elections Court be at the meeting so that the candidates and the members of the board can see everyone’s faces
- We will be reading the entire election bylaws at that meeting, so that everyone sees and hears it
- When there is a violation - before there wasn’t a large process, it was sent to elections administration and then they decided to send it to elections court but now when someone files they will have to cite the specific section in the bylaws that someone is violating
- We need to make an amendment

Hughes - this university should not be limited by the financial situation of potential leaders, we are lowering the campaign budget from $750 to about $600 which might change the nature of the campaign and may cause students to be more fiscally conservative

Lago - I’d like to thank Travis for helping us, and thank you for Walt

Dejon - there is a 2.75 for the elections court chair, we is that different for the president

Lago - this is for the most important person of the election

Davis - we need someone with great time management

Dejon - election administration members don’t need a GPA

Lago - there are nine members and one chair

Hughes - when someone is presiding over a meeting there needs to be a level of institutional knowledge

Davis - even though there isn’t the election admin. GPA there is still a senate one

Dejon - do election admin. Have to come from senate

Davis - no

Dejon - for the declaration of winners

Hughes - arbitrary thing

Chair - any questions
Chair - any motions
Moody - I motion to vote

Dejon - object

Chair - objections require two thirds vote
Ayes - majority

Motion passes - objection passes

L.Ago - I move to make an amendment
Section 7, Position requirement
“The membership shall be jointly nominated by the elections court chair”

Motion passes

Dejon - I would like to motion that we lower the GPA requirement from 2.75 to 2.5 for two minutes

Cummings - is there something to where we could make the 2.5 one higher?

Chair - no

Melolin - I think the reason it is higher because the President could be put on trial and the person responsible for the outcome of the trial should have a higher level

Franklin - I don’t think it is a true necessity, we should make it less restrictive, I support this

Davis - I agree, the consideration people are making is about time management

ASB - we should lower to 2.5 because people can be

Dejon - I motion the we amend the bylaws to change the GPA to 2.5
Abstentions - cummings, brown, williford, hughes

Lago -
Section 5
“The membership shall be nominated by the director of elections”
Chair - all in favor
Abstentions: Larocca, Milholin, Allison, Kenedy, Singletary, Wiliford, Annabelle Blackwell

Amendment passes

Greg: I motion to vote for 009

Chair: Hand vote
Nays: None
Abstention: Milholin

Motion passes - Bill passes

Walt: Rules report for 051-010

Presenters:
Andrew Strahan - Allow transfer students to rollover their GPA from their previous institution, right now transfer students' GPAs go down to zero no matter how well they did. When you are getting ready to graduate there is an option to include the GPA from your previous institution. No other schools do this, schools in other states don’t do it.

Claire Brown: Were we sent this bill?

Chair: On Nov. 17th

Fonville: How many transfer students are there at App State?

Strahan: 1,338

Fonville: How many of them did you speak to about this?

Strahan: 45 online

Cahill: Will this effect the transfer students already here?
Strahan - up to the administration

Smith - will this bill extend to students taking a class at a community college

Strahan - yes

Joanna Faith - whenever I see a GPA from Appstate i assume that is work done at app state, in your research have you found is it not misleading

Strahan - are you talking about quality, if you made a C or above in a class then appstate takes the credit but not the GPA

Joanna - survey was under 100, do you feel this represents the want of transfer students

Strahan - this is an option for students, it does not hurt anyone in anyway

Hancock - how would this affect dual enrollment seniors

Strahan - all credits from a university will be taken into account

Milholin - does the bill has all the friendly amendment that exists

Walt - we will do that

Davis - have you talked with any grad students or employers,

Strahan - every time you send a transcript it is a fee, this would cut out the middleman and they would see one GPA not four

ASB - point of information, a good survey is around 3% of the population and 45 out of 1,338 is 3%

Brown - if a school is less rigorous than it is not fair

Strahan - if appalachian state takes the class then it is up to app state's standards

Lundy - point of personal privilege without
Smith - office of transfer research what did they say
Strahan - “this is the policy this is how we do this”

Smith - what are some example schools

Strahan - Troy University, Alabama, George Mason, JMU

Hughes - Point of information, this bill focuses on college credits not AP credits I encourage to write a bill about a AP credits

Davis - what is the feasibility

Strahan - this is minimally controversial

ASB - i motion to end questioning

Second and consent called

Dejon - I would like to motion on the bill

Chair - all those in favor of bills 051-010
Davis, Annabelle nay
Wilkes abstention

Bill 051-011

Connor Hughes - I’m back, this bill is mind numbingly simply, this policy for tardiness stated that 7 days in advance they must receive the 7 names of the delegates and if they aren’t sent in in time then we don’t get a vote, this bill is introducing the idea of having a backup list of delegates for ASG meetings

Milholin - friendly amendment - combine resolved clause #3 and #1 and changing the wording

Hughes - accepted

Chair - any motions

Fonville - I motion that we vote on bill 051-010
Chair - all in favor
Motion passes - 051-011 passes

Walt - rules report for 051-012

Presenters
Lauren moody
Andrew Strahan

Strahan - we all know that our relationship with administration has not been the best, this year the sergeant of arms will send an invitation to administration so that they can better hear our opinions

Joanna Faith - the 2nd to last resolved, can we quantity for the notice if a meeting has been moved

Joanna Faith - I move to amend 015-012 the second to last resolved clause
Replace “beforehand” with “48 hours prior to the meeting”

Chair - all those in favor
Ayes - major
Absettion - dj and connor hughes

Amendment passes

Franklin - I move to add Jackson Widener

Fonville - I move to amend where's clause #9 “regularly take place”

Chair - all those in favor
Ayes - all

Amendment passes

Steckbeck - I move to vote on the bill

Chair - all those in favor of
Aye - yea
Nay
Abstain - franklin
Bill passes

Informal Discussion

Brigitte - Director of IT Support

Tomiwa - Hospitality House has a solar panel
Mountaineer meal plan share - making a facebook group

Walt - DOLO - very impressed with everyone
Legislative workshops Thursday at 5:30 Linville gorge
- Elections Court Chair - applications are OUT

Madison - next Tuesday is the state of the university address
I need you to fill out the RSVP on the appsync page
Remember this is a serious this that is going on here
If a senator asks a question then assume Alan knows

Anderson - Board of Trustees in next Thursday and Friday - Reading Day and First Day of Exams
Cabinet Evaluations by the Senators - this is anonymous
We are having a senator speak at state of the university and we want a senator to speak

Lee franklin - I am making another branch of government

Alan - make sure that you are paying attention
Adrian - duck theory - a duck doesn’t look like he’s going that fast but underwater they are working so hard you just can’t tell
Fake it till you make it

Dejon - i move we adjourn

Meeting adjourned - 8:33pm