Senate Minutes  
February 6th 2018  

Chair: Alan Lee  
Secretary: Brigitte Kelly  

1. Call to Order  
   a. 6:33pm  
   b. Quorum 38.66  
   c. Quorum Met with 40 members  

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

3. Approval of Minutes  
   a. Senator Williford motion  
   b. Senator Milholin Second  
   c. Senator Davis Consent  
   d. Motion Passes  

4. Special Reports  
Jonathan Hyde  
- I first gen college student raised by a single mom from tampa bay florida. Went to florida state university, wanted to be Jodie Foster and studied criminal justice. Went into education, worked in student affairs and then took his first prof job at cornell for a few years. In charge of multicultural living learning unit. Went to USC to do doctorate work and loved working with minority community. His wife teaches at USC from Boone online. After graduating USC he went and lived in Baton Rouge, LA. Great cajun cook, cajun holy trinity. There is a live Tiger at LSU. Has a six year old daughter named Avery, she will be in the vagina monologues, and a six month year old named Jackson, he likes trucks.  
- I care about students, that’s why I do what I do. I try to put myself in your shoes. I think about policies, processes and customer service and all the things that can make you successful here. I need you to tell me what’s going on, I’m going to try and be visible. I care about diversity and social justice. I know what it means to have limited access to things, higher education gave me opportunities I never dreamed of. My favorite thing about App is we are a combination of a school that feels kind of small but also a big time school with huge opportunities like studying abroad or doing research.  
- I have two offices in this building or in the admin building. If you want to talk to me one on one about anything in the world, shoot me an email. Come by and see me, lets connect. My area of oversight includes Dean of Students, Legal Clinic, of Campus
housing services and parent student programs, mental health programs. If you want to
know about anymore of those then reach out to me.

Strahan - Thank you so much for coming in, what is the biggest thing you want to make better at Appalachian State

Hyde - My personal passion are first generation and rural student success at the university, I want them to find their passion on campus and become involved. When students leave I want them to love it and felt like they were taken care of

Larocca - Why appstate?

Hyde - The opportunity for this job, leroy is pointing to himself, to be honest it was the students. I also wanted the right combo of a big and small feel, a school with a football team, I wanted a school that engaged students and people who cared. Making sure that all constituent groups know what they are doing. Right now I’m focused on learning and meeting and developing relationships specific to this place. Here, there is room to grow on diversity and social justice issues, I want to integrate the dean of students office to be a part of those conversations. I recently was a part of the MLK day of service and that was an incredible experience. I want to know a full year cycle of this place and then tackle issues.

Club Council
Advisory for the 400+ orgs on campus, we aren’t a club but a resource for all students. We have several different committees and the application is due Friday.
- Club Development (for new clubs on campus)
- Finance (for granting money to clubs, $40,000 each year for clubs)
- Organizational Success (CORE Conference, Town Halls, CORE meetings)
- Marketing (internal and external)
- Student Engagement (getting students involved, Club Expo, Talent Shows)
- Programming (Homecoming)
- Membership (handling the recruitment process, assigns leadership positions)
Applications are on appsync and are open now until Friday. Club Council has just a huge impact on the campus. It is a council of 30 members and other spots opening.
Elections
Walt (Elections Court Chair) and Travis
Elections Administration Board
- Director of Elections is Chair
- Each member of the EAB is assigned a campaign team and then is requested to monitor them via social media and others
- The members make sure the Election Bylaws are being followed properly
- EAB helps clarify the rules for campaigns and makes sure they do not go over budget
Elections Court
- Walt is to set the agenda and schedule the meetings and appoint the members
- The members configure who is guilty
- If you have a concern with a case then go to Walt
- If you are a candidate or on a Pres. VP campaign then all questions go to Walt and not the members of the Court
- What if you’re writing a bill with an Ecourt member and I’m on a campaign?
  - Then continue to work with them in a professional manner and maybe have someone else present

DeJon - What if you know someone on the board or court and have a personal relationship with them?

Walt - If someone is on the court that is your friend then that would be a substantial conflict of interest, but it depends on the situation, if your best friend is on ecourt and you were running then that would be bad

Travis - Last year there were members of Anderson’s sorority and I just would have not assigned them to her, but I would expect them to look past it

Connor - I remember you said earlier that the chair does not do any voting?

Walt - The chair is not allowed to discuss or debate but they are allowed to vote

New Business
Election Board Members
- Kennedy Singletary
- Hannah Parrish
- Cassidy Chambers
Milbourne - I motion that we change bill 051-017 to be tabled for only one week

Milholin - Second

Hughes - Consent

Motion passes

Milholin - I moton to send all new business to rules

Hughes - Second

Lago -Consent

Motion passes (All new business sent to Rules)

BILL 051-013

Presenters:
Andrew Strahan
Hannah Parrish

Rules Report:

Strahan - There is a problem with the student workers, we are losing student workers who are getting underpaid and overworked. They are developing unhealthy habits. We have three different options #1 request more money from bog #2 raise student fees, most students work 10 hours a week and make $7.50 an hour, if those 3,000 students were given a raise then the fee would equal $540,000 but the individual student fee would be $30.00. #3 raising the price of luxury goods in dining halls, food services is the largest student employer on campus. The student dining facility work completely on their own and they rent out.

J. Mark - Semester based or annual based?

Strahan - the $30.00 would not be surpassed because that is the absolute most

Cummings - You mentioned that the foods you would be raising the price does that include chick fil a a?
Strahan - I'm pretty sure chick fil a rents out the space, they set their own prices, we are talking about cakes, sodas and pies.

Cummings - Would that include the workers in chick fil a?

Strahan - Yes

Griffin - What other schools have a set minimum?

Strahan - they do not, but NC State start their employees out at $8.00 -$9.50 and other sister schools have an even higher wage.

T. Will - MY is the last option raises the prices on the cheapest foods and this makes students have to pay more

H. Parrish - Everyone feels that pain too, but to be honest 30 cents is not going to make a difference

Strahan - most of the healthy food is there because it is reasonably priced

Larocca - Does this include items in the market

Strahan - We did not discuss anything in the market, we need to experiment first

Larocca - the student fees, is that an addition to the luxury goods?

Strahan - No those are two separate options

Cahill - If what is paying for the wages is coming out of student fees then why do we also need to push the luxury goods

Parrish - the student fees would go to all the other students

Hughes - Resolved clause with the calculations, you used the number of a 75 cent increase, 1st resolved says sometimes they start out at 7.25 and not 7.50, could you reflect on the employees with those two different wages

Strahan - Most start out at $7.50, that is a generalization though
Hughes - If you had to take a gander at the numbers could you do a percentage

Strahan - 90% of students make less than $8

Fonville - In your opening, workers have been lost? Do you have an amount?

Strahan - They did not give me specific numbers but one of their biggest fears is losing employees because they cannot pay to train and pay new employees. The cost would be more efficient to keep and not rehire and train

Parrish - food services has to keep hiring

Williams - 3rd Whereas, you referenced student employees, if you pass it this way the raise for minimum wage is only for appstate students, im concerned about those students who are not at app

Strahan - Student employees wage starts at 7.50 but those who are not students already make 10.50 from the start

Lago - The survey about food prices is changing?

Strahan - The numbers change from the poll every day 70-75% of students would be willing to pay 20 cents more

Jared Mark - My hesitation is the fact that it would raise the student fees and I know appstate prides itself in having the lowest student fees. This previous year we are paying 14,000 and next year its closer to 15,000

Strahan - I did run a survey asking students who knew if there was a $55 increase and majority said no.

Parrish - We pride ourselves in having happy students

Strahan - We are saying our students are worth $7.50 an hour, and they are worth more than that

Milbourne - What's the backup plan if this doesn’t work out, would you come back to the senate to discuss it?
Strahan - this is an experiment, we have discussed raising market prices, we don’t know how the numbers

Milbourne - If this doesn’t work out then

HAncock - do we set the prices in the dining hall in the market or does the company decide?

Strahan - the producer will give a price and the seller will determine the price

Cahill - Is the $30.00 a flat rate?

Strahan - $30.00 is the most, I would like to do anything from $18 to $25, there is not reason for it to change

Cummings - Will employees need a safe serve certification

Strahan - I think food services would but I’m not sure

Milholin - Pam Cline, what were the reservations in whereas clause (5 from resolved)

Strahan - worried about losing employees, laying off other employees but there is no reason for any student to lose their job.

Milholin - reservations about creating enough budget to fill the gap, but that does not matter with the student fee?

Strahan - Yes, if we raise fees we'll be putting more money in the budget

Milholin - App State food services website, is has meal prices and the budget is $2300 and the highest meal plan is $1800 which is deceptive

Strahan - I can’t go department to department, Pam did express food insecurity and that’s why we went with the luxury items

Cummings - I appreciate you for doing all this research and caring, I’m sure Anderson can keep up conversations

Larocca - luxury items, what is your intent of informing the students
Strahan - We can if we needed to, we also need to think about students who would not buy those items if there is an increase

Hughes - I yield my time to anderson

Anderson Clayton - I looked into this last semester when students were telling me they worked for the university and they couldn’t eat. I don’t like student fees but this is a really cool solution and I know we can find money in the budget somewhere

Strahan - We are not a governing body, this is just a recommendation, Pam showed the numbers and she was only a couple hundred dollars over labor cost which is impressive, food services is very tightly run, this is a sure way to guarantee that students would be paid $8.25 and hour

Hughes - I move to end questioning

Strahan - I loved being about to talk to you all about this

Hughes - I would like to move into discussion

Phipps - Second

Escobar - Consent

Hughes - I think what needs to be reflected is this bill is a start, does this bill solve all the problems, no, my main concern is are students losing jobs, looking at surveys when the minimum wage goes up then the unemployment goes down, i’m going to add an amendment to make sure that we are making sure students do not lose their job

Davis - You guys put a lot of work in, great job

Milbourne - My concern with this bill is the implementation process, I feel like something can go wrong and feel like increasing the price of cake won’t have an effect and I feel like if they look at the market then I want them to come back to us

Strahan - Both of what you are offering seems great, just a rebuttal most reasons minimum wage does not work out is there is no comfort

Cahill - comment on Connor’s comment, I agree, there will be a lot more student interest in jobs and I think current students should keep their jobs
Mark - I want to commend you both, I want to see discussion between us and Matt Dole or Paul Forte

Milholin - In response to connor, food services is always hiring and perhaps they might not hire as many students

Strahan - One thing you mentioned was competition, hell yeah we want competition, we want students who want to work here, competition is key

Milbourne - I feel like this bill needs to pass but we need to take time, we have a lot of concerns but it needs more structure

Hughes - One things I would like to note that the concerns are true that there is no worry about students losing their job, this amendment just provides a safety net

Steckbeck - Jobs are only lost when the minimum wage is raise and puts the supply and demand out of equilibrium, the employers have enough demand but not enough supply, this bills is coming up for the means for them to employ, I’m not sure the cake is going to make any different to this solution

Lundy - 70-80% of students didn’t know, if this bill passes lets get this info out

Williford - Based on what Anderson said about students not having enough money, I think we would pass that today, the fact is students are not getting the food they need and put the stress on their academic career, if there are things that need to be adjusted, there are going to be solutions through

Moody - I want to address that increasing the student wage is going to greatly increase people's interest in jobs, it will increase some but there won't be a large influx of job seekers. Soda and other luxury items will be increased and I think that will help alleviate the cost

Williams - I move to end discussion

Motion passes

Steckbeck - I move to table bill 051-013 until next week

Strahan - Objection
Christian - Point of personal privilege without intent to return

Mel Phipps, Sydney Hand, Cristian Mercado, Sarah Carr Barnes leave the meeting

Vote via iClicker
16 for
19 against

Revote due to confusion
Voting on the objection to table the bill
A - Yes to tabling
B - No to the tabling

Vote
22 yes (61%)
12 no (12%)
2 abstentions (6%)

Second called
Consent called

Vote for tabling the Bill (50% for this vote)
A - vote for the table
B - not table
C - abstain

Vote
17 yes 46%
18 No 49%
5%

Hughes - I’d like to amend to include “The Appalachian State University Student Government Association Recommends” as a friendly amendment (Strahan accepted)

Hughes - I move to amend the first resolved clause “Contingent upon no student workers will lose their job due to a wage increase

Davis - Second
Lago - Consent

iClicker
A - accept the amendment
B - Decline the amendment
C - Abstain

Vote
33 yes
1 no
3 abstained

Lundy - I move to vote on the bill

Hughes - Objection, I would like to be added as a sponsor on this bill

iClicker Vote on the Objection
A - Agree with the objection
B - Disagree
C - Abstain

Vote
8 Yes
14 Yes
14 Abstain

Lundy - move to vote on the bill

Second and Consent called

iClicker Vote
A - Yes
B - No
C - Abstain

Vote
26 Yes
8 No
2 Abstain
1 Person sucks at voting

Hughes - I move to table the next bill until next week

JAred MArk Nay
Dejon Alex Korbin Abstain

Dejon - Jan 25th the Rules Committee met to review the elections court nominees

Lundy - Point of Personal Privilege without intent to return

Mark - Point of personal privilege without intent to return

Appointees:
Lauren Moody - served on rules for the past semester and this semester, rating things in a non biased manner, I am excited about this position
Thomas Stednecky - I have spent the last year on student and university conduct board, last three years as an RA and President of RHA, I hope this gives me the opportunity to be a student leader
Joanna Faith Williams - I have been in senate since sophomore years, I’ve been on election court before last year, I learned so much last year, thrilled to be nominated and bring that previous experience
Angelina Nacca - I do not have any experience with SGA but I have experience with She’s the First and I am a plemons scholar, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere -MLK
Connor Hughes - I helped Walt and Travis write the Elections Bylaws and I like to be impartial
Grace Williams - Leadership comes from college of business, I am excited to promote justice on campus, I am excited to learn more

Milholin - I move to end questioning

Strahan - Second

Louis - Consent

Closing Statements
Moody - thank you
Williams - I am thrilled to be a part of this, this is a great opportunity to do this
Nacca - Thank you so much
Hughes - Thank you
Williams - Thank you for coming out and listening us today

Steckbeck - I move to vote on all the appointees as a slate

Milholin - Second

Davis - Consent

iClicker Vote
A - Approve
B - Disapprove
C - Abstain

Vote Results
31 Yes
1 No
0 Abstentions

Appointees Approved to Elections Court

Zhuravleva - Point of Personal Privilege without intent to return

-- No Longer at Quorum --

Meeting adjourned 8:13pm

Anderson Updates:
- Dance Marathon, Please sign up for SGA team!
- Replacements for Environmental Sustain and Social Sustainability
- Constitutional Amendments Hearing 5-6:30
- Attend ASG and BOG meeting, Council of SBP is looking into the tuition and fees process to make it more cohesive
- BOG there is a new health care mergers, what that would do is an increase in student fees
- We can’t not have those diversity officers on campus
- Hope you saw the statement I released last week, Spencer was suspended from the team, I reached out to the player who was spoken
Rules Members Approval
Claire Brown

Rules Report:
Jan 25th
Sufficient in all categories
Three comments: thank her, no high level corruption charges, great addition to the team

Opening Statement:
Brown - thank you for having me, after being in senate I wanted to recognize I was seeing the passing of bills but I didn’t understand the process of writing bills. I offer an unbiased opinion and indifferent opinion

Williams - Any low level corruption concerns?

Brown - No

Swanson - Boyd - Rules Committee is a big commitment, as a busy student are you going to be able to handle the demand of the schedule

Brown - I was very active in Student Government and athletics in high school

LaRocca - You mentioned you worked with Rules Committee last year?

Brown - No

Closing Statement: Thank you for having me

Neese - I move to approve senator Brown for Rules Committee

FRanklin - Second

Hguhes - Consent

Voice Vote -- the ayes have it
MOTION PASSES

SB 051-014

Rules Report:
Jan 25th
Favorable in all categories

Presenter: Connor Hughes

Opening Statement: I am not in the best health. To give a bit of background, I went to St. Augustine which is an HBCU and they had plots. A plot is a chunk of land which NPHC Fraternities and Sororities get to decorate and make their own. This is an appropriation bill, they are currently raising $34,000 and this bill is to support them

Cummings - I motion -

Chair -

PArrish - Can you clarify scholarships

Hughes - They sent out an email and overall they are looking for $100,000, I’m not sure how they are going to differentiate those cost

LaRocca - Is there clause that states how big the plots would me

Hughes - They are somewhat determined already, this is just a support bill

Swanson-Boyd - How would the funds be allocated?

Hughes - We do have funding that we can choose to orgs if we feel like it is for a good cause or for events, this is coming from the SGA budget entirely

Closing Statement: Thank you so much

Cummings - I motion to add myself as a sponsor by friendly amendment

Hughes - Accepted
Neese - I move to approve senate bill

Franklin - Second

Hughes - Consent

Voice Vote: Ayes have it

**MOTION PASSES**

Chair - Ask Chris or myself if you have any other questions

FRanklin - I move to adjourn

Hughes - SEcond

L Ago - Consent

**MOTION PASSES**

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm