Senate Minutes
March 20th 2018

Chair: Alan Lee
Secretary: Brigitte Kelly

1. **Call to Order**
   a. 6:33pm
   b. Quorum 28
   c. Quorum Met with members

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

3. **Approval of Minutes**

4. **Announcements**
   - Olivia Patterson
     - Both her and Madison Muire have worked to create an advisory board between ASU PD and the students of Appalachian State
       - Do you have anymore nominations? We want all corners of campus covered, Andy Stevenson is excited to work with us and use this committee to make hiring decisions
       - Email pattersonom@appstate.edu to nominate
     - SGA is sponsoring semicolon week this year, suicide prevention week, this raises suicide prevention
       - Helping serve contact tables
       - Second week in April
   - Elizabeth Titty
     - Bumped the Faculty/Staff nomination post on Facebook
     - Office Hours with the Provost 4-5 tomorrow in Beacon Heights
   - Nick Williams
     - I encourage you to keep this attendance up
     - Appalcart steering committee
       - Recruiting students to look at the comprehensive plan
       - 2-3 days of meeting, not a large requirement
     - Lee Franklin will be working on voter registration for May 8th primary, help them register voters
   - Alan Lee
     - Reschedule roller skating
     - Bowling instead next Friday

5. **New Business**
Strahan - I move to amend 10 seats to 8 seats
Second and Consent Called

Ayes have it

MOTION PASSES - seats gone from 10 - 8

Milbourne - I move to remove the sections of Lauren Moody’s amendment

Second and Consent Called

Moody - I move to discuss for five minutes

Second and Consent Called

Moody - having student senate president is a key part of this bill and what we are trying to accomplish in this bill. We are aiming to empower the legislative branch and not make it subserving to the executive branch, vice president is voted on by the student body and while I’m all for the president being voted on I am not for having the student body vote for who governs us, the student body has not seen a senate meeting, we made a lot of strides this semester protecting the senate's legislative rights, we need to look on whether you need to repeal this amendment and whether you want it to be subserving

Milbourne - We talked about this throughout the day, this bill is very important that we do not strip the vice president of first, chairing the student senate and second, their appointment powers. I understand the exec branch having power over senate but the Vice President is over the legislative branch, if the VP comes from the senate but changing the duties is not necessary

Steckbeck - Point of clarification, the Vice President is enumerated under the exec branch

Moody - Point of clarification, that is under the current constitution

Moody - This issue is not about the VP being in the exec branch, but they are still voted on the exec ticket, VP and Pres share powers but they ran on the same platform, we are here to not serve our President’s platform but our constituencies

Brown - I move to take a straw poll

Milbourne - Object
Brown - I withdraw my motion

Milbourne - I move to extend by 5 minutes

Milbourne - the Vice President run on a Pres and VP ticket and the platform is written by both candidates, it is both people bringing together ideas

Moody - I wasn’t saying it was the President’s platform, I was saying they run on the same platform

Wilkes - I want to be clear to all of senate, if we were to make a student senate president then that person would just be a supporter of the President, if we leave it like it is now then it levels the playing field, I like it better that way
They do run the same platform but much of the platform is made by speaking to constituents

Steckbeck - Job of SBP is a tough job and two jobs are better than one, supporter doesn’t make it more demeaning, the senate is viewed as “this administration's senate” and this would change it to be of the same level of the exec branch

Swanson-Boyd - Add about creating our own platform, I agree but we should respect the the exec branch has put into their platform, keep in mind as a collective senate that this is about cooperation and not separation

Davis - One reason this is difficult, if we appoint a senate president then the VP and Pres could chare duties

Franklin - I move to extend discussion indefinitely

Neese - Second

Swanson-Boyd - Consent

MOTION PASSES

Mark - I move to vote via straw poll to repeal the student senate president amendment

Second and Consent called

MOTION PASSES
Strahan - yes is for VP, no is for student senate president

Results:

No results found

Anastacia-Swanson Boyd - I move to vote via voice vote

Results:

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Milbourne - I move to vote

Moody - Objection

Moody - If the bill does fall this way, this is our bill to change and if everyone is in favor of repealing student senate president, final thing, having the vice president chair this, that is taking the power away to who chairs us

Milbourne - I just want to say, I understand people feel like they have not been empowered, but add a qualification that the VP has to come from the senate, I do not see how we have been deprived of power

Smith - I agree with DeJon, we as a student body elected the president and vice president, if you guys disagree with that then why are you hear, if you want to be a part of the future senate, i feel like, the 51st senate did amazing so if you want to change everything that is restructuring
everything that is taking place, we would mess things up in the future, I barely talk so yeah, I agree with lauren, a student senate president makes sense, right now alan is doing a great job holding this position

Cummings - Point of personal privilege with intent to return

Franklin - I don’t necessarily that a senate president would not work, but the most effective change for the least amount of work, the current amendment still allows the Pro Tempore, what can we get behind that we can all agree on, what we can do to have the most effective student body president, my original proposal is a good idea

Davis - Alan is doing an amazing job but I think the new position would allow them to share the work

Milbourne - The load on President and load on VP has been beared for years, I understand you think that would make it easier, the VP is always here but the President may not be, the communicate with each other, imagine if Alan was not able to be here and who would be going to those meetings, the President has the highest voice and to cut that cord does not make any sense

Smith - I agree with DeJon, what senator Davis said, to offload the President’s load is the Chief of Staff’s job, the Pres and VP work together, why should they be over senate and over cabinet

Lago - Point of privilege with intent to return and motion to end discussion

Franklin - I move to vote on senator milbournes amendment

MOTION PASSES

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OBJECTION PASSES
Mark - Article 4, subsection B adding “SBVP must have two consecutive semesters of SGA senate experience”

Williams - Point of Clarification, experience with senate

Moody - do you mean they need to be a senator?

Chair - Any student experience

Milbourne - They need to have senate experience, not SGA experience

Second and Consent called

Neese - clarify language?

Franklin - after ASU SGA insert “senate”

Second and consent called

Voice vote:
Ayes have it
One nay
Two abstentions

Hughes - I motion to amend article 6, section six to lower the requirement from ¾ to ⅔ in the impeachment clause

Milbourne - I object

Vote on objection:

BBNBB
BNBBA
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AAAABANB
ABBABN
AANAAA
BAN
Neese - I move to start discussion indefinitely

Hughes - I do not intend to impeach anyone, ¾ is pretty astronomical standards to impeach someone, I do not understand why we have higher standards the US Government

Franklin - judging by number of abstentions, this is not something we care about, I don’t care about, I want to move on to something more substantive

Williams - I move to end discussion

MOTION PASSES

Voice Vote:
Ayes have it

MOTION PASSES - ¾ TO ⅔ TO IMPEACH

Franklin - I move to change article 4, section 6, point a and b

A. The President shall nominate up to four (4) additional Executive Directors to serve on the Executive Cabinet along with Treasurer, Chief of Staff, and Director of Elections.
   a. The title and purpose of an Executive Director position shall be established by the President.
   b. An unpaid Deputy Director may be appointed to assist an Executive Director if permitted by the President.

B. The Vice-President shall nominate the Directors of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Legislative Operations, External Affairs and any other Director who will serve as a liaison to a senate committee.

Clarifying the sections and cleans up language

Second and consent called

Voice Vote:
Ayes have it

MOTION PASSES - AMENDMENT ADDED
Swanson-Boyd - Point of PP With intent

Franklin - art four sec 4 point c subpoint f “strike that” and under vice presidential duties

Voice vote: ayes have it

MOTION PASSES

Milbourne - I have an amendment, for the Rules Committee, increase seats from 6 to 10
Rules section, article 5, section H

Second and Consent called

Voice Vote:
Ayes have it

MOTION PASSES

Milbourne - Is there a clause saying this bill with go into effect for 2019-2020 year?

Franklin - SB 051-022

Williams - Lee, we discussed supremacy clause? Where is it?

Franklin - Supreme Clause

Mark - I’d like to be added as a sponsor

Franklin - I accept

Wilkes - Referendum? There is no specific for guidelines to vote on referendum, I would like to proposed section 8 in article 2 to include a clause about how to vote on the referendum; whole student body 5% have to respond and 50%+1 will pass the amendment

Chair - This bill doesn’t matter, this wouldn’t go into effect until it would be voted on

Wilkes - I will rescind it and write a bill later
Milbourne - dates for referendum

Franklin - amended last meeting

Biaggi - I move we vote on bill 051-022

Roll Call

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ABAAAA
AAAABA
NABB

A: 30
N: 3
B: 5
BILL PASSES WITH 79%

Larocca - POPOWITZ

Hancock - POlklehrfbvhwkejhbewbvqePPWITR

Chair - Regular senate meeting, non-controversial and low impact bill

Hughes - nominations for a committee?

Swanson-Boyd - I move to approve last meetings minutes

Second and consent called

MINUTES APPROVED

Brown - I motion to send all new business to rules
Second and consent passes

MOTION PASSES

Hughes - I would like to nominate the following people for the committee:

Second and consent called

NOMINATIONS PASSES

Mark - POPP TWITTER

**SB 051-015**
Feb 15th 2018
Gen - Objective
Gen - Research
Gen - Tech Merit
Fav - Const

Franklin - establish a section at the beginning of the meeting for students to voice concerns

Cummings - we talk about serious issues, Library, saferide and we think the study body has the right to come in and ask questions

Wilkes - Willing to make friendly amendment to say minimum to maximum of seven

Franklin - We want there to be a minimum but no maximum to how many people could speak

Neese - If it’s a minimum but not a real minimum why is it in a bill

Franklin - there has to be a sign up sheet, that sheet needs to have seven slots at all times

Franklin - Please vote for this bill thank you

Steckbeck - I motion to vote on the bill via voice vote

Results:
Ayes have it
BILL 051-015 PASSES

SB 051-017
Senate Appropriations Act
Feb 15th 2018
Fav - Obj
Fav - Research
Fav - tech
Fav - Const

Committee extends their thanks to the presenters

Hughes - Gucci

Milbourne - Bet

Cummings - The name of the bill

Milbourne - this is a bill to appropriate the money senators need to make the name tags they want

Hughes - I remember the process, making this a line item, I thought this would automatically take place but it did not

Milbourne - the reason we wrote this bill is there was confusion about whether or not this was going to happen

Mercado - Nametags going to be personalized to everyone?

Milbourne - Senator names constituency, pronouns

Strahan - how long would to take for the nametags to get here

Wilkes - turn around could be 3-5 days

Williams - Amendment, frick jk

Cummings - when it comes to constituency does that include committee

Hughes - it would be who elected you
Milbourne - if you were reelected it would be your new constituency

Williams - line item for this year, wouldn’t it make more sense to include in the budget next year

Cummings - same look as cabinet having name tags

Hughes - aesthetic purposes, this will be new

Cummings - I don’t want it to look like there is a power dynamic

Hughes - I don’t see the power dynamic

Harrison - We have nametags and the sustainability aspect of it, I think there should be a requirement of a senator to have the nametag, the senator should wear it proudly, maintaining a budget

Milbourne - My original goal was to keep the name tags plain, but talking with senators like hughes they wanted it to be personal

Lago - order constituency name tag for however many seats are available

Hughes - If you do intent to make that amendment make sure you keep in mind the seat changes

Moody - Does this establish procedure for all future session

Milbourne - it would be just this session, but if we amend to include constituencies then it could be yearly

Franklin - We have already allocated the funding, this is just to decide to buy them

Szczep Wowski - isn’t the point of the nametags to have the name tag?

Milbourne - that's why we have two senators representing because this is the decision of you guys

Cummings - If we voted and passed this bill then we would have these within 3-5 days, it doesn’t make any sense to get these now since we almost have a new senate session, we only have three meetings after today
Milbourne - this would be perfectly valid if we were putting names on them but if we are not then it would not matter

Cummings - Can i motion for this bill to be tables

Brown - Suggestion of sustainability, place on name tags to place a sticker and the constituency would stay the same but the sticker could change

Milbourne - I do not have an answer

Neese - Wouldn’t it be simple to bridge the gap with names but also just include “senator”

Milbourne - just want to clarify this was supposed to be done in september

Hughes - thank you

Chair - move into discussion

Davis - so moved, why is it march and we still don’t have the nametags?

Parrish - I get sustainability, nametag with senator does the recognition matter that much, lets order them for next year

Franklin - name, senator would work so we could reuse it, I’d like to yield to President Clayton

Clayton - I don’t see why y’all needed nametags, with senate we always have retention issues, I didn’t want to buy name tags and put $400 towards people who might not show up. What if we did what some of y’all said in the room and say senator on the nametag so the tags are reusable, SGA budget was not spent on name tags, I really thought this name tag was going to be handled, if you want to order them there are four weeks left and this is what you are debating on

Robert - Would it be a bad idea if we just put the seat, just the senator seat

Hughes - If we do implement that route, next year if the senate decides to order them then

Strahan - I call for a straw poll whether they want the name tags or not

Second and
Franklin - Objection, I move to amend the second resolve clause to have the name tags include “constituencies and distributed on the previous meeting”

Ayes have it

MOTION PASSES

Franklin - I move to vote on the bill

Cummings - Objection, I move to table this bill, I rescind the objection

Franklin - I move to vote on the bill

Results:

ABNAB
BABAA
BBBAAA
AAAAABBA
AANBBA
AAAAAA
BNBN

23 YES

17 NO

BILL 051 - 017 PASSES

BILL 051-019 ASG PRESIDENT BILL

Hughes - this bill advocates for the ASG president to be able to have a vote on the board of governors

Wilkes - I move to end questioning

Hughes - Thank you
Swanson-Boyd - I motion to vote

Second and Consent called

BILL 051-019 PASSES

BILL 051-024 DUE PROCESS AND ELECTION BYLAWS

Presenters: Lee Franklin, Connor Hughes, Lauren Moody

Feb 22nd 2018
Fav - obj
Fav - research
Fav - tech merit
Fav - const

Moody - this sets up a snap election for student body

Franklin - you should define due process

Neese - I move to approve this bill

Second and consent called

Results of Voice Vote:
Ayes have it

BILL 051-025 WITHDRAWN

BILL 051-023
MOUNTAINEER MEALSHARE
GEN - OBJ
FAV - RES
FAV - TECH
FAV - CONST

Presenters: Diana Cahill, Michael Davis

Cahill - this is a completely new concept, there are two parts to this
1. Communal bank (student to student)
   a. Students can donate $10 or more to this bank
   b. Students can apply to receive money from this bank
   c. There is a list of partners and the application would go through a process
      i. Financially responsible

2. Guest Meal
   a. If someone comes to visit App, each meal plan would get a certain amount of
      money allotted for guest swipes
   b. This can also be donated to mountaineer mealshare

Williams - Financial aid, I do not receive financial aid because of my parents but they do not
contribute to my funds, I am privileged I used to have to work even though I didn’t have to

Cahill - this is a very individualized process for each student, they look at students in a case by
  case basis

Davis - we want to use all the money and we feel as though there is going to be an abundance of
   students applying

JOseph - where is the money coming from for the guest swipe

Cahill - that is not coming from the donor bank, a lot of this is with administration and is still
   being decided

Davis - they already started implementing

Joseph - none of the donations will go to the guest swipe?

Cahill - lets say I donate to mountaineer mealshare, that will not go to guest, but if I have access
guest money at the end of the year that can go to the common bank

Parrish - Guest swipe will increase in the amount of meal plans?

Cahill - we can’t sepak to that and this is a new thing, I don’t know

Davis - administration hasn’t set a plan for anything, we don’t know if they are even going to
   approve this plan at all, I would look favorably upon a friendly amendment to make this a
   support bill
Clayton - there will not be any increase to your meal plan, there may be a food services increase, implementation process has already started, I did not the entire university would receive guest plans

Steckbeck - is this more of a support or a policy bill?

Davis - as it stands right now it is policy

Williams - i move to end questioning and table the bill

Second and consent called

MOTION PASSES

Williams - I move to table all business and adjourn

Second and consent called

MOTION PASSES

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:30PM