Associated Students of Fort Lewis College Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/9/25

Location: Senate Chambers

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| **Name** | **In Attendance** | **Absent** |
| **President Bitsilly** | **X** |  |
| **Vice President Hall** | X |  |
| **Speaker Miguel** | **X** |  |
| **Senator Acosta** | **X** |  |
| **Senator Childers** | **X** |  |
| **Senator Carlton** |  | excused |
| **Senator Guidry** | **X** |  |
| **Senator Bolduc** |  | excused |
| **Ambassador Morley** | **X** |  |
| **Senator Johnson** | **X** |  |
| **Senator Hot** | **X** |  |

**Administrative Parliamentarian: Kyle Hornbuckle**

**FAB Director Miller: In Attendance**

# Call to Order

* 1. Meeting called to order by President Bitsilly at 6:05pm
  2. Quorum established.

# Consent Items

* 1. No objections. Items passed by consent:
     + Approval of tonight’s meeting agenda as amended.
     + Approval of last meeting’s minutes
* Childers motions to amend agenda to place item 4 guest speaker to after item 5. 2nd by Miguel.

-vote: passed unanimously

# Public Participation

* 1. Kate: a notice that 250 students have participated in student elections
  2. Asa Whirlington: running for President of ASFLC for next semester.

# Guest Speakers

* + - Dr. Heather Shotton FLC Presidential Finalist
      * Currently serves as vice president of diversity affairs
      * Has diverse experience in higher education and administration and leadership

-Carlton motions to suspend parliamentary procedure for duration of guest speaker time. 2nd by Miguel. Passed unanimously.

Discussion:

What are your goals for being FLC President?

* Focus on retention and graduation and that students are supported in their passions, career goals, classrooms and graduation.
* Strategic Plan support and meeting the changing needs of students.
* Creating long term stability for college campus.

Is there a particular issue or problem you are excited to tackle?

* Enrollment and responding to the needs of students
* Creating more spaces for transfer students
* Shift thinking on how FLC serves students

Any experience of working at a bigger college to bring to FLC?

* No perspective in coming from a bigger institution as those perspectives already exist here
* Can bring more of a focus in how we treat faculty

What areas of FLC should we focus on that sets us apart from other schools

* Already doing all the things that sets us apart
* FLC is a unique place, there are certain things you can only do at FLC
* FLC has been unafraid to be bold

What innovations can you bring to FLC?

* Reenvisioning the transition of students entering FLC
* Work that we can do around feeling like students belong at FLC
* Continue to lean into the innovation in how we address wellbeing

Should we be worried about budget cuts?

* Most FLC funding comes directly from the state and not federal level
* Every year the process of funding FLC occurs
* FLC continues to keep an eye on any changes in federal aid as it also effects students.

Questions to the Table: what do you see as the most pressing issues for students.

* Safety concern in the halls at Crofton and Camp. Would start with housing staff and how FLC can address this.
* Worries about Financial Aid and how this will change over the next few years
* What does student ready look like to help protect retention? Focus on clear pathways to graduation, making sure courses are accessible, career readiness, evolving learning practices, and addressing basic needs.
* What initiatives could improve the lives of transfer students? Focus on how we are building communities among transfer students and connecting transfer students to existing students
* Implementing safety measures such as security cameras or other measures to reinforce feeling of safety? Talked to the chief of police to make sure boxes are functional, at any time on campus you can call someone and have them escort you if you do not feel comfortable walking alone.
  + When pressing the blue button, it can be a bit expensive as it goes straight to dispatch. As such, the school has looked into security cameras for campus.
  + While they would like to install cameras in the halls of dorms, they worry it would feel like an invasion of privacy
  + Not a lot of students know about the ability to call campus police. Would like to see this information is made clear to students on campus that this is an option
* Is there any plans to expand online classes? Some earlier feedback was students did not want online courses, however that was after the pandemic. Can reassess what students feel about online courses and see what should be done.
* What does shared governance on FLC look like? All policies created on FLC should be addressed by all roles on campus. FLC has a solid foundation on shared governance already.

# Discussion and Action Items

* + - S.B.25-05 AISES Travel Grant
      * Carlton motions to adopt S.B. 25-05 2nd by Childers
      * No discussion
      * Passed unanimously
    - S.B.25-06 RSO II Re-Registration
      * Childers motions to adopt, 2nd by Carlton
      * No discussion
      * Passed unanimously.

^-^ hello person reading this in the future

# Committee Reports

* 1. Constitution Committee
  2. Student Services Committee
  3. Legislative Affairs Committee
  4. Public Relations Committee
  5. Financial Allocation Board

No Committee reports

# Executive Board Reports

* 1. President Bitsilly
     + Meeting with Governor Polics about CO student voices coalition
     + Meeting with Transportation director from city of Durango to discuss the transit center
     + Upcoming events:
       - Career Expo April 10th
       - Sports Performance Center Grand Opening April 11th
       - 20th annual Skyfest April 11th
       - Lacrosse N7 Game April 12th
       - End of Year Social Dance April 15th
       - Indigenous Garden Project April 10th
       - Admitted Student Day April 18th
       - Annual De-Stress Fest April 24th
  2. Vice President Hall
     + No report
  3. Speaker of the Senate Miguel
     + No report, but states Senators did a good job this semester
  4. FAB Director Miller
     + Last FAB meeting occurred yesterday April 8th.
  5. Chief Justice
     + Student Court did not form

# Adjournment

* 1. Table Business
     + April 17th from 1-4 at FLC amphitheater is the National Day of Action. Talking about the importance of academic freedom and student readiness.
     + April 12th is Earth Day
     + Economic Alliance is looking for a marketing intern.
     + April 25th Pop up Thrift store event
  2. Hero Award
     + Acosta gives Hero award to Childers
  3. Adjournment
     + Meeting adjourned by Childers at 7:25pm