Associated Students of Fort Lewis College Meeting Minutes

Date: September 4, 2024

Location: Senate Chambers

**Members In Attendance**: Brittany Bitsilly, Carmen Hall, Thomas Bearden, Morgan Carlton, Matt Miguel, Robin Bulduc, Kyle Hornbuckle, Kimberli Childers, Cynthia Acosta

**Members Absent**: Julian Hamilton, Jonathan Broadus

**Guests**: Amber Grenhart

# Call to Order

* 1. Meeting called to order by President Bitsilly at 7:02pm.
  2. Quorum established.

# Consent Items

* 1. No objections. Items passed by consent:
     + Approval of tonight’s meeting agenda
     + Approval of last meeting’s minutes

# Public Participation

* 1. Student Dominick Damper announced his interest in once again serving on the Student Court

# Guest Speakers

* 1. Amber Grenhart, Director of Student Union and Event Services
     + Amber started out by acknowledging the recent issues of undercooked food and insufficient supply within the past week. Emphasized that both her office and Fresh Ideas management are taking these issues very seriously and changes are already underway (*e.g.* hiring additional staff, better training) to ensure that students get the high-quality food service to which they are entitled.
       - Several ASFLC members noted that they have also seen positive changes with the new dining contractor, including greater variety of food options and more vegetarian options.
       - Senators and President Bitsilly report that many students are deeply frustrated by the fact that hot breakfast ends at 9am. The demand is for hot breakfast to be available later into the morning. Additionally, if hot breakfast is not available, that should be more visibly clear to students before they swipe their card to enter the dining hall. Students have reported feeling like they wasted a swipe when they do not realize that hot breakfast is unavailable until after entering the dining hall.
       - Amber represented that she will revisit the question of hot breakfast cutoff with Fresh Ideas management, and in the meantime they can hang a highly visible banner announcing hot breakfast cut-off to students in line.
     + Amber went on to present updates about Fresh Ideas dining options.
       - Fresh Ideas is offering a variety of new stations in the dining hall, Starbuck coffee at the coffee shops, the new and improved meal swap program, a fresh food vending machines in Jones and Reed, and a fancy coffee vending machine in Reed that will be accessible 24/7.
         * Amber cautioned that some students are running out of meal plan swipes before the week is over, probably because there are now so many options for using the swipes and these options are available all day.
       - Zia is coming! It will be upstairs in the former Rocket. Timeline is unknown because they are awaiting construction contract approvals for the remodel that needs to occur before Zia moves in.

# Discussion and Action Items

* 1. Senate Resolution 24-01 - “Constitutional Amendment”
     + Senator Bolduc moves to adopt SR24-01; Senator Hornbuckle seconds.
       - Senator Bolduc argues that the proposed new meeting schedule will allow for more hands-on and collaborative workshopping between committees so that the Student Government can act more effectively and efficiently.
     + Senator Bearden moves to amend the resolution number from 24-01 to 25-01; Senator Carlton seconds.
       - Motion to amend passes unanimously.
     + No further discussion on SR25-01
       - Motion to adopt SR25-01 passes unanimously.
  2. Senate Resolution 24-02 – “Devinski Elianor Senator Confirmation”
     + Senator Miguel moves to table SR24-02; Senator Bolduc seconds.
       - Motion to table SR24-02 passes unanimously.
  3. Speaker of the Senate Election
     + Advisor Alminas explains the responsibilities of the Speaker of the Senate.
     + President Bitsilly invites nominations for the Speaker position.
       - Senator Carlton nominates Senator Miguel to be Speaker.
         * Senator Miguel accepts the nomination.
       - Senator Miguel nominates Senator Hornbuckle to be Speaker.
         * Senator Hornbuckle expresses gratitude for the nomination, but respectfully declines.
     + With only one nomination, President Bitsilly calls for an election by show of hands for Senator Miguel.
       - Senator Miguel is unanimously elected Speaker of the Senate.
  4. Values and Priorities
  5. Decorum and Expectations
     + Senator Hornbuckle moves to table the final two discussion and action items (“Values and Priorities” and “Decorum and Expectations”; Senator Bolduc seconds.
       - Motion to table these two items is unanimously approved.

# Committee Reports

* 1. There are no committee reports this week because committees have not yet been assembled. This will be our top agenda item at next Wednesday’s workshopping meeting.

# Executive Board Reports

* 1. President Bitsilly
     + Welcome and looking forward to the year ahead. Will normally have a full written report to share with the table, but no report this week.
  2. Vice President Hall
     + Echoes the sentiments of President Bitsilly. Confident that this will be a good year for the table. Will also have written reports to deliver in future meetings.
  3. Speaker Miguel was just elected to the position, so nothing to report yet.
  4. FAB Director Miller
     + Introduction and call for three Senators to sit on the Financial Allocation Board.
  5. Chief Justice – no Student Court assembled at this time.

# Adjournment

* 1. Table Business
     + ASFLC is co-sponsoring Rock the Vote on Friday (September 6) at 5pm at the Outdoor Amphitheater.
     + Presidential Debate Watch Party next Tuesday (September 10) at 7pm at the Outdoor Amphitheater.
  2. Hero Award
     + President Bitsilly explains the Hero Award and gives this year’s inaugural Hero Award to Senator Bolduc for hitting the ground running and writing the first piece of legislation that the table passed this year!
  3. Adjournment
     + Meeting adjourned by Senator Bolduc at 8:20pm.