



Graduate Student Congress
Associated Student Government
University of Arkansas

CABINET MEETING MINUTES

28 November 2016
Arkansas Union, AU 647
3:30 PM

ATTENDING: Johnson, Ward, Jeter, Burbridge, Sims, Park, Wilkinson, Blanchard, Rep. Marino, coadvisor Cantu, coadvisor McAllister. ABSENT: Vranovci, Hawkins, Nguyen.

- I. Call to Order: Johnson, 3:37 pm
- II. Attendance: see above. Quorum met.
- III. Approve Minutes last Cabinet meeting. Approved.
- IV. Approve Agenda. Approved.
 1. JOHNSON: Any objection to adding Interdisciplinary Resolution from last meeting to this months' agenda? No objection noted.
- V. Reports
 - a. Speaker (10 minutes)
 1. Meeting with Graduate Council and Faculty Senate regarding the Life Event Resolution. Meeting postponed because of questions they have.
 - b. Vice Speaker (5 minutes)
 1. The last professionalization development program we sponsored had only 7 in attendance. We will host no more because it's a waste of time. PARK: there were good questions from the audience.
 - c. Secretary (3 minutes). No report.
 - d. Treasurer (3 minutes). No report.
 - e. Parliamentarian (3 minutes). Requested extension of time to 15 minutes for extended discussion on Policy and Procedures Committee work. Second. Passes.

1. The committee is working on legislation to change the way the student government works. We're not ready for the 1st reading. The committee is small, but wanted to present the draft and elevate it to Cabinet level and discussion of the impact of the resolution. We want to separate the government to graduate and undergraduate divisions. The GSC would be its own body. Both branches would be united by a supreme constitution.

2. We would change budgeting and funding, e.g., sending graduate students to conferences.

3. Yields rest of time to MARINO.

4. MARINO:

a. Distributed a packet, entitled "Associated Students Supreme Constitution Proposal," to each Cabinet member. This proposal would do the following: 1) formally create a Supreme Constitution as overall governing authority for both the ASG (undergraduates) and Graduate Student Congress; 2) acknowledge two student bodies, the undergraduate and post-graduate; 3) layout funding and budgeting in conformity with the changes, including the addressing of student fees. The packet also contains a Program Allocations Board White Paper.

Marino said that there would be two equal branches of government, with a Supreme Court for both together.

The Supreme Constitution would be a document supreme to other documents. It would not supersede the Constitution.

Gives 6 more months to work out.

We would create our own Constitution and Code for each group.

Has Supreme Court governing both. We would approve not every Justice, but only certain approvals. The undergraduates will address a Chief Justice.

Proposed: interim budget—small increase over budgeting level. Creates permanent fee structure. Separate graduate and undergraduate student fees. This area can be a 2-year period of discussion. We aspire to 20% funding.

Names of the groups will stay the same.

GSC would control its own legislation, funding/budgeting, etc.

Art. I, Sec. I: add "student" and "student body" to address who represents whom. We can speak independently.

Actual finance layout—spells out how spending will occur. Still uses OSA for aegis and still uses GSIE as support.

GSC responsible for own RSOs and their funding.
Requires 2/3 vote by bodies and a referendum—no
change to officeholding and representative positions
of the 2017-18 academic year.

Want permanent, enduring document to govern us for
decades.

5. BURBRIDGE: a lot for us to take in right now. Solicited feedback
from all.

6. MARINO: more revisions and edits to come.

7. WARD: can we contact you regarding individual sections?

8. MARINO: email me. January: meeting: discussion on it then.
Has been meeting with individual leaders from branches and
administration officials. All are open to it more than they were more
than 4 years ago.

9. JOHNSON: What is the difference between “graduate” and “post-
graduate”?

10. MARINO: “Postgraduate” is all-encompassing and included in
the numbers for proportions and statistics for certificates,
diplomas, etc.

11. JOHNSON: preference for “graduate-professional student.” No
confusion.

12. WARD: agreed. Less confusing.

13. MARINO: should we call it GPSC?

MOTION to extend discussion by 5 minutes. Second. Passes.

14. JOHNSON: fees—the Treasurer would separate out total fees.

15. MARINO: 14% of what GSC gets from PAB. Not changeable.

16. JOHNSON: Did you talk with the GSIE?

17. MARINO: In January so that the Graduate Council can work on
it. Also, we need to change some names on the White Paper.

18. JOHNSON: advising—how do you see the advising working? Advising is unpaid. How many hours?

19. MARINO: this issue came up. However, the Graduate Council sees this working out. It would be on us to get advisors, not the Graduate Council. Faculty advisor has to determine amount of participation and advising. Faculty advising is about how the faculty see things—faculty perspective, how faculty governance acts. We're in the hands of the faculty for completing our programs/degrees. Totally up to faculty advisors the amount of advising.

20. JOHNSON: fees and budgeting?

21. MARINO: increase in oversight. No change to RSO payout.

MOTION to extend discussion by 10 minutes. Second.

BLANCHARD: opposed. This is the first rundown. We can address more later. Passes—extend by 10 minutes.

22. JETER: What is the makeup of the Supreme Court? How many graduates and undergraduates.

23. MARINO: Clemson [benchmark SEC institution] doesn't delineate by graduates or undergraduates. It has an Attorney General and appointed judges. Supreme Court is a separate thing. We approve only certain people. There would be 12 judges, 3 on appeal and the other 9 above that. This would be a separation of coequal branches. The Supreme Court would not be housed within the ASG for greater impartiality. We would take care of things within our own Constitution.

We would need to scrutinize and review critically the document that he gave out.

24. WARD: How does Judicial fit in with the implementation?

25. MARINO: It would stay until the ratification of the new Constitution? Each branch would have its own determination.

26. SIMS: Any impact on campaign finance or election mechanism?

27. MARINO: No. Elections are not in the document.

28. JOHNSON: ASG could assign duties to Judicial?

29. CANTU: You need to talk with the Deans of the GSIE immediately. This is a busy time of the year.

30. MARINO: Going through comps. Will schedule now.

31. PARK: RSOs—serving only graduate students or all students?

32. MARINO: up to ASG and GSC to determine that. GSC could afford more for graduate-relevant things. Approval process better clearer; there were many complaints from students regarding this area.

33. JOHNSON: RSO classification.

34. MARINO: RSO submits registration for process.

MOTION to extend discussion for 2 minutes. Second. Passes.

35. BURBRIDGE: general timeline to move forward with this.

36. MARINO: When is the spring General Election?

37. McALLISTER: General Election is March 6-8.

38. MARINO: When is the February GSC general meeting? We have to pass it in January with a 1st reading at that time, then late January/February to others to go to referendum, 2 weeks before.

39. JOHNSON: Judicial can push it back before Spring Break. Can do it during runoff after Spring Break.

- f. Legislative Affairs and Advocacy (3 minutes)
 - 1. Met with board to select graduation speaker. Still checking and working on it.
 - 2. No Little Rock legislature meeting.
- g. International Concerns (3 minutes)
 - 1. Will meet with off-campus housing regarding their operations and process. Will send documents on this area.
- h. External Affairs and Marketing (3 minutes)
 - 1. Coffee December 5, Gearhart 206, 8:30 am to 9:30 am
 - 2. Advertise for bowling?
- i. Social Chair (3 minutes). Unable to attend. No report.

j. Facilities (3 minutes). No report.

k. Grad Student Life (3 minutes). No report.

VI. Old Business

1. The Interdisciplinary Resolution tabled until we submit it to the GSIE for review. BLANCHARD: sent it to Dean Koski today. No response. Soliciting Cabinet opinions.

2. JOHNSON: talk with the Deans about the I/D Resolution. In the past, the Deans sometimes would be able to fix a situation. Make them aware of it and we can go forward if they can't fix it.

3. WARD: it looked as though we were trying to make people do their jobs. It's the graduate student's job to research what the faculty is researching/topics/interests.

4. BLANCHARD: removed that paragraph before submitting it to GSIE.

5. WARD: address all graduates, not just the interdisciplinary.

6. CANTU: best to discuss this resolution with Dean Needy.

MOTION to table to January. Second. Passes.

VII. New Business

a. JR XX-- The Campaign Reformation Act of 2016-17

1. JOHNSON: ASG spent ridiculous amounts of money for Executive Committee last election: \$40,000.

MOTION to pass. Second

JETER: wishes the record to reflect concerns with the 1st Amendment.

b. JR XX-- The Pangburn Safety Awareness Act of 2016

1. WARD: Sweet and kind-hearted piece. The Resolution remembers a scooter-related death. Spring: program to raise awareness for helmets and scooter safety.

MOTION to recommend pass. Second. Passes.

VIII. Announcements

- a. All ASG Holiday Party, US Pizza, December 6, 7 pm
- b. November 30: ASG President Flocks will deliver the State of the Students' Address

BURBRIDGE: move to return to Parliamentarian's business. The Packet: do we give it to the body or wait till we hammer out details?

JOHNSON: we can send the document out to the body for the December meeting.

MARINO: will prefer to make changes first, then the body can think on it.

JOHNSON: can hold till Thursday am before sending out. Will give time for changes and markups.

MARINO: send out Thursday with changes.

JOHNSON: we'll send it out for December general meeting

Advisor Reports (delayed from above):

1. CANTU: no report
2. McCALLISTER:
 - a. The November 19 Lunch and Learn was successful.
 - b. Working on the General Election to begin February 2, with campaigning February 26 and voting in March.

IX. Adjourn: 4:40 pm

SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW,

Garrett Jeter

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GSC Secretary

REFERENCED DOCUMENT: "Associated Students Supreme Constitution Proposal," complete with organizing documents guide, draft budget breakdown, draft University of Arkansas Associated Students Supreme Constitution, and PAB White Paper