



Associated Students of the University of Utah

2023-2024 ASUU Senate, Cycle #6

General Senate Meeting Agenda

March 21, 2024 | 6:00pm | Union Pano East

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**I. Call to Order**

- a. Senate Chair will call the meeting to order to convene the General Senate session.

**II. Roll Call**

- a. The Parliamentarian will take and document roll call in collaboration with the Secretary.

**III. Land Acknowledgement**

“We acknowledge that this land, which is named for the Ute Tribe, is the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes. The University of Utah recognizes and respects the enduring relationship that exists between many Indigenous peoples and their traditional homelands. We respect the sovereign relationship between tribes, states, and the federal government, and we affirm the University of Utah’s commitment to a partnership with Native Nations and Urban Indian communities through research, education, and community outreach activities.”

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- a. Time for the Senate to formally vote to approve the previous General Senate’s Meeting Minutes as transcribed by the Senate Secretary.
  - i. Meeting Minutes: Lucas Moves, Woychick 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - ii. Approved

**V. Public Forum**

- a. Opportunity for members of the public (i.e. any non-Senate community members) to spend time talking with and/or presenting to the Senate.
  - i. Law School Admissions Presentation – Reyes Aguilar
    - 1. Application File Components
      - a. Statements, Letters of Recommendations, Credential Assembly Service Report, Application Form, Resume, Application Fee
    - 2. Enrollment 12-18 Month Process
      - a. LSAT is changing
      - b. Research schools
      - c. Get information together

3. 2 questions: do you have the necessary skills and intellect to succeed and how do you improve our school?
4. Financing law school
  - a. Research, strategy, resource acquisition and resource allocation
  - b. Life time investment
  - c. Due diligence
  - d. Application, enrollment, licensing
  - e. Don't let debt or bad credit effect your plans
5. Websites
6. Contact information
7. Questions?
  - a. Subotic: Thank you for reaching out. How many people go to federal courts?
    - i. We are working on making ourselves more nationally known rather than just how we are mainly in state.
  - b. Reese: How does going to school in a different jurisdiction
    - i. The bar is universal now so it is not as important to go to school where you want to practice, it also is effected by which field you would like
- ii. Graduate and Professional Student Council Presentation
  1. [Grad Representation ASUU.pdf](#)
    - a. Wants major structural changes to ASUU structures for more representation
    - b. Option 1 Bicameral Legislature
    - c. Option 2 Tricameral Legislature
  2. [Grad Representation Slides.pptx](#)
  3. Questions
    - a. Neff: What if we added seats in assembly and senate to make more room for graduates, what are your personal opinions on making your own chapter, what have other schools done?
      - i. That is a good idea, we do not want a separate government, other schools have separate governments

## **VI. General Announcements**

- a. Time for any ASUU Senators to share out any important announcements with the group.
  - i. Foley: ASUU Showcase is next Wednesday, you need to be there, its from 11-3

## **VII. Executive Committee Reports**

- a. Members of the Senate Executive Committee will have time to share out updates from their areas (i.e. what they and their teams are working on.)
  - i. Chair Truax
    1. Has legislation today on survey funding
  - ii. Vice Chair Israelsen – absent
    1. Working on CSC charter
  - iii. Treasurer Neff

1. \$27,600 spent, we have \$8,000
- iv. Parliamentarian Ault
  1. Legislation tonight with Anna
  2. CSC has a meeting on Monday
- v. Secretary Taylor
  1. Please speak up I can't hear over a lot of the sound behind me.
  2. I have 3 pieces of legislation being presented tonight by Rep. Johnson
  - 3.

### **VIII. Ex-Officio Reports**

- a. Ex-Officio members of the Senate will have time to share out updates from their areas (i.e. what they and their teams are working on.)
  - i. Academic Affairs Director Carson
    1. N/A
  - ii. EDI Director Estorpe
    1. N/A
  - iii. Finance Director Subotic
    1. Travel Funding is going well and we have 2 bills for next cycle
  - iv. VP of University Relations Shewell
    1. ASUU scholarship deadline is coming up, working with undergraduate affairs for financial requirements, we have tickets for grand kerfuffle, inauguration is April 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. Attorney General Ho
    1. Ramen and rebook went well and we say an increase of 400 person increase during elections

### **IX. Old Business**

- a. Time updates on any legislation that was introduced during previous sessions.
  - i. Confirmation: Deputy Chief of Staff - Cole Murphy
  - ii. Confirmation: FYC Director - Arden Cook
  - iii. JB 05: Legislation to Create Honors College Representation in ASUU
  - iv. JB 07: Legislation to Fund CEB
  - v. SB 07: Legislation to Fund College of Nursing Prom
  - vi. SB 08: Legislation to Fund College of Engineering Event

### **X. New Business**

- a. Time to introduce all new legislation to the Senate floor.
  - i. Confirmation: Emma Parkin (Senator for the College of Social Work)
    1. Presentation
      - a. Sophomore
      - b. Ran for the position because it was open and saw an opportunity to help
    2. Questions
      - a. O'leary: are you related to Luke Parkin?
        - i. Yes
    3. Debate

- a. N/A
  - 4. Vote
    - a. Yes 9
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- ii. SB 09: Legislation for the BSG Refund Request
  - 1. [SB 09 - ASUU BSG Refund Request.docx](#)
  - 1. Presentation
    - a. Would like reimbursement for the “Eccles Gala” for \$3,800
    - b. Over 300 students attended and included catering, drinks, photo booth, and decorations.
  - 2. Questions
    - a. Neff: We only have \$4,000 to allocate
    - b. Oleary: Have we funded this in the past, how much was approved
      - i. Yes, traditionally \$4000
  - 3. Debate
    - a. Neff: I think we can allocate this
  - 4. Vote
    - a. Yes 9
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- iii. JR 06: Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech
  - 1. [JR 06 - Rep. Kotter, Sen. Lucas on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation
    - a. Would like to support make measures that would protect academic freedom and freedom of speech at universities in the state of Utah as legislation has been passed that would prevent the language of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.
  - 3. Questions
    - a. N/A
  - 4. Debate
    - a. Neff: Fundamental rights
    - b. Steele: Clarification, just making sure that this just about the language and not EDI
      - i. Yes, it is about freedom of speech and the next bill is about EDI
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes 9
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- iv. JR 07: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
  - 1. [JR 07 - Rep. Kotter, Sen. Lucas on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.docx](#)

2. Presentation
  - a. Would like students of the university to oppose any measure that would prevent universities from using official channels to support DEI on campuses and for students
  - b. DEI is imparitive for college campuses
  - c. Trigger Warnings for Statistics
3. Questions
  - a. Williams: Do you have thoughts on why allocation of funds would be better for a DEI group?
    - i. Efficiency
4. Debate
  - a. Neff: I think this can be touchy, but I am going to oppose this due to political beliefs. I respect the opinions of others, I know that are scholarships for those not in those groups
  - b. O'Leary: I think this more about choice rather than programs. We can't even wrap the Block U for Veteran's Day and Pride Week. I don't know a lot about scholarships but many community stakeholders have taken away from the community.
  - c. Taylor: I think these porgrams are important because of my experiences as someone who is LGBT, Disabled, and who has family who desperately needed these kinds of programs. So I'll be supporting this.
  - d. Kotter: I agree the ideal is that we are all humans and we should be able to love and accept, but that is not the reality we are currently in.
  - e. Motion to 2 minute debate
  - f. Steele: In regards to DEI scholarships, scholarships are based on more than just demographics.
  - g. Milan: There are scholarships for White people, It's just masked
  - h. Williams: The language and sources need to be more cohesive.
5. Vote
  - a. Yes 8
  - b. No 1
  - c. Abstain 0
  - d. Passes
- v. JR 08: Funding and Supporting Gender-Inclusive Restrooms
  1. [JR 08 - Funding and Supporting Gender-Inclusive Restrooms \(Cycle 5\).docx](#)
  2. Presentation
    - a. Project fund to create more gender-inclusive bathrooms across campus. Requesting \$30,000 from general reserve. Supports at least 1 gender-inclusive in each building.
    - b. Clarification: Project fund is specific for building construction.
  3. Questions
    - a.
  4. Debate
    - a. Neff: I know some people have expressed discomfort with the gender-neutral, I don't think that this is the best use of money

- b. Truax: People have asked me specifically for gender-neutral restrooms, and not all restrooms will be converted to gender-neutral. I think you should vote yes just cause they are good.
  - c. Locke: It's exactly like the Family restroom with the floor to create more comfort, Pres. McDonald has implied that she will put funds towards to this. This is not going to be taking away from ASUU and helping students feel more comfortable. They are still making the budget hence why she has not given a solid commitment.
  - d. Steele: We have many students who need these restrooms. We've contributed before
  - e. Taylor: I don't think this is the worst allocation of funds since there are plenty of restrooms that need upgrading
  - f. Lucas: These won't be updated until they are on a list for updated. Would a smaller amount be more comfortable for you?
  - g. O'Leary: The school should be putting money first. I want to see the school contribute first because we don't want to waste the money, need a written commitment. I don't want it to be just student funded since it is a student need that has been presented. Because more thoughts came up.
  - h. Ault: Why are your points being presented now that weren't presented in assembly.
5. Vote
- a. Yes 7
  - b. No 1
  - c. Abstain 0
  - d. Passes
- vi. JB 05: Legislation to Create Honors College Representation in the ASUU legislative Branch
- 1. [JB 05 - Legislation to Create Honors College Representation Within the ASUU Legislative Branch.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation
    - a. Creates an honors college senator and assembly representative.
  - 3. Questions
    - a. Williams: What are the specific changes?
      - i. Whereas clauses with demographic information
  - 4. Debate
    - a. Neff: We have been opposed in the past, but I think your tenacity shows your passion
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes 3
    - b. No 5
    - c. Abstain 1
    - d. Fails
- vii. JB 07: Legislation to Fund QR Code Signs for Elevator and Handicap Buttons
- 1. [JB 07 - Rep Johnson. QR Code Sign Funding.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation

- a. To put qr signs next to elevators and door buttons to report when they are broken. Requesting \$4,500
  - 3. Questions
    - a. N/A
  - 4. Debate
    - a. N/A
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes 9
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- viii. JB 08: Legislation to Change the Confirmation Process
  - 1. [JB 08 - Rep. Johnson, Confirmation Redbook Change.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation
    - a. To create a committee dedicated to confirmation of appointed positions.
  - 3. Questions
    - a. Ho: Point of Information: Missing sections of Redbook and would need to edited
    - b. Neff: Can you explain the bill in 2 sentences
      - i. This is to save time on confirmations during the senate meeting and to confirm people before
    - c. O'Leary: This does eliminate the confirmation process for appointed position.
      - i. Yes, this is just to save time for beginning and middle the year appointments.
    - d. Lucas: Would you be open to amending the verbage.
      - i. Yes
    - e. Williams: Table
  - 4. Debate
    - a. N/A
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes
    - b. No
    - c. Abstain
    - d. TABLED
- ix. JB 09: Legislation to Fund Marketing and Incentive Resources for Campus Firearm Safety Survey
  - 1. [JB 09 - Legislation to Fund Marketing Resources for Firearm Safety Survey.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation
    - a. Asking for funding to get marketing resources for campus firearm safety survey. Asking for \$560
  - 3. Questions
    - a. Lucas: Where are you planning on distributing the survey?
      - i. I am trying to distribute evenly across campus
    - b. Neff: What are the campus policies on concealed carry?

- i. State law says anyone is allowed to conceal carry on campus. You have to have a permit on campus.
  - 4. Debate
    - a. N/A
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes 9
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- x. JB 10: A Bill to adjust the ASUU Budget  
[JB 10 - Budget Amendments.docx](#)
  - 1. Presentation
    - a. Adds minimums and maximums to student activity fees.
  - 2. Questions
    - a. Lucas: Have you talked to Sezanee? Why 33%?
      - i. Yes, I consulted her on the bill on all parts of the bill. It is just because that should be the maximum should reflect the fee and what is historic.
    - b. Ault: Point of Clarification: Directors of Finance is plural
      - i. That was just how Redbook was before the bill.
  - 3. Debate
    - a. N/A
  - 4. Vote
    - a. Yes 8
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- xi. JB 11: A Bill to update Ex-Officios to the Legislative Branch from the ASUU Executive Cabinet  
[JB 11 - Joint Bill Ex Officio.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation
    - a. To remove executive cabinet to improve attendance.
  - 3. Questions
    - a. N/A
  - 4. Debate
    - a. Lucas: I whole heartedly agree
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes 8
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- xii. JB 12: Legislation to Fund the CFA Mural  
[JB 12 - CFA Mural.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation



- a. Wanting funding to create a mural in the Fine Arts building to promote student films and to create a collaborative space.
  - 3. Questions
    - a. Lucas: Where did you get the idea?
      - i. I have been wanting to do this for 3 years and I was feeling inspired to create more art to cover the blank walls.
    - b. Neff: Who is your favorite artist?
      - i. Didn't hear
    - c. Easterly: Where have you looked in other departments?
      - i. I'll be using protospace for 3d printing
  - 4. Debate
    - a. O'Leary: The building is very brutalist and I think this is a great addition.
    - b. Neff:
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes 9
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes
- xiii. JB 13: Assembly Funding
  - 1. [JB 13 - Assembly Funding.docx](#)
  - 2. Presentation
    - a. Assembly needs more funding to better support RSOs. They need \$20,000 from the general reserves
  - 3. Questions
    - a. Neff: How much money do we have left in the general reserve?
      - i. Subatic: \$90,000
    - b. Lucas: How did you run out of money so fast this year?
      - i. It is because more RSO's were asking more funding because of volume and because more requests are being sent.
  - 4. Debate
    - a. N/A
  - 5. Vote
    - a. Yes 9
    - b. No 0
    - c. Abstain 0
    - d. Passes

## **XI. Senatorial Forum**

- a. Time for Senators to share out with the group regarding any initiatives, programs, or projects of interest. This is a great opportunity to recruit fellow Senators for support.
  - i. Senator Easterly
    - 1. Next year I'll be on my CSC and I'm working on parking.
      - a. O'Leary: I can help you with this
  - ii. Senator Lucas

1. Student reached out to try and create a partner pass for the Student Life Center
- iii. Senator Mukai - absent
- iv. Senator Roelofs - absent
- v. Senator Romney
  1. Left
- vi. Senator Steele
  1. Was mainly working on bathrooms and honors college
- vii. Senator Watrin
  1. N/A
- viii. Senator Williams
  1. Been studying for BARE but got people on CSC
- ix. Senator Woychick
  1. N/A

**XII. Adjournment 9:30 PM**