

SAC Senate Meeting 29/10/18

Minutes: 48

Start Time: 3:19

End Time: 4:07

BUDGET MEETING IS POSTPONED

- After looking at the budget act and constitution, budget meeting can't be today as all executives must be there.
- Ethan is unavailable as he is at playoffs for soccer.
- Association senators also cannot currently vote so based on these factors we cannot do a budget meeting
- Budget meeting will be postponed until next week.
- Today will be a senate meeting

REVOTE ON ALL ASSOCIATIONS

The EXEC will issue a re vote for all associations due to the unconstitutional votes on feminist club, get fit, Nssair, and stage crew.

- Everything passed on EXEC
- Only reason that an association cannot pass are the 2 criteria on the constitution
- 1. Association needs to be 5 years old
- 2. Association must pass a vote with 75 percent success
- Due to the unconstitutional nature of last Senate Meeting, EXEC decided to pool everyone together.
- This would make it so the Senate wouldn't single anyone out.

There should not have been a discussion singling out different associations- questions should be asked to all associations equally.

Noah: If we automatically allow associations to pass due to the fulfillment of the 2 criteria, it would mean that clubs will automatically become associations every 5 years (which never happened in his experience).

Sammy: That is how it should be done. If it meets all the criteria in the constitution there should be no reason as to why we would reject them.

Noah: We've always debated the validity of the association, this is a new thing.

Evan: We should do what was based on the constitution, and these 2 rules are what currently defines what passes.

Max: One of the criteria is a 75 percent vote, so we have a right to voice our opinions.

Evan: There shouldn't be unconstitutional opinions though. The discussion should only be based around the 2 rules.

Laine: (in addition to Evan) You should not be putting your personal beliefs into the vote.

Constitutionally everyone should be in favour for each club as your vote is solely based on the constitution.

* everyone starts talking*

Evan: We were putting these clubs at a disadvantage as we voted for them separately. We should put them all into a pool to vote as one.

Diba: Since we are re-voting on associations it's only fair to reopen clubs to association status.

Sammy: We feel that what we did last year was unconstitutional. In previous years it was unconstitutional as well. We seek to change that.

Max: Why is there even a part on the association charter that asks why you need association status if it is being accepted onto the grounds of the 2 criteria?

Joey: We like to read

Jaleelah: Why is there a vote at all if the constitution mandates them to be an association anyways?

Sammy: Because in the constitution it says there must be a 75 percent vote.

The Senate: there is clearly a conflict between these 2 criteria.

Gibbons: Going forward, we can have a better mandate as to what makes a club an association.

Evan: we singled out some associations and rejected them.

- That was unconstitutional as they were rejected even though they fit the criteria to be an association.

Sammy: EXEC grouped up associations instead of singling people out in previous years

Noah: Sounds a lot like constitutional literalism

- laws aren't meant to be taken literally.
- As such, the constitution shouldn't be taken literally as well.

Sammy: It is Evans job to interpret the constitution, his interpretation is what we go by.

Sammy: Keep in mind that voting against means that none of these are clubs become associations.

Dale: There is only one criteria to vote for or against a club. That is that it must be above 5 years of age. There is nothing else that constitutes its decline.

Jack:well, there's also the 75 percent law.

VOTE TO PASS ALL ASSOCIATIONS

(Association senators cannot vote yet)

7 for

4 against

2 abstaining.
No associations have passed.

Dale: There won't be clubs and activities if there are no associations.
chaos

Shap: There are a lot of ramifications for no associations.

- This is not a time for a protest, right now is the time to pass associations.

Sammy: Remember, do what represents the school and aids the school.

Nick Dotsch: You guys are voting on nothing. You are voting for all associations or no associations. It makes no sense. Now you're saying no clubs deserve to be associations because of petty ideas.

Max: We are misinterpreting how these 2 clauses interact.

- They conflict with each other.

Dale: The motion on the floor was defeated.

- You must re-open this for another vote to re-open this discussion

Noah: We should take a step back and focus on just the 4 that didn't get passed instead of all associations simply not passing.

Dale: Point of information, the EXEC believe that all clubs meet the criteria.

- The student council believes that these are all deserving of association status.

Noah: We should vote on each association individually.

Noah opens up a motion to revote on each association individually.

VOTE ON THE MOTION TO RE-VOTE ALL ASSOCIATIONS INDIVIDUALLY

Initial Vote: 11 for, 2 abstain.

Dale informs the SAC EXEC that they have their own vote. A revote will commence.

Re-vote with SAC EXEC: 11 for, 5 against, 1 abstain

Motion has passed. The Senate will go through each club individually once more.

ASSOCIATION PASS

BAA-Pass

Buddies-Pass

DECA- Pass

Drama- Pass

Epigram-Pass

GAA-Pass

Feminist club- Pass

Get fit Friday-

- 14 for
- 1 against
- 1 abstaining
- Pass

Simon Shay and Nick Dotsch leave

GSA- Pass

MESA- Pass

Music- Pass

Debate- Pass

NEMO- Pass

NSSAir-

- 11 for
- 6 against
- **No Pass**

Second Harvest- Pass

Smartrisk- Pass

Social Justice- Pass

Stage Crew

- 12 for
- 5 against
- **No Pass**

UWAY-Pass

WeiNss- Pass

Yearbook- Pass

All passed except for Stage crew and NSSAir.

CLUB CHARTER PASS

- Because I am a girl- **Pass**

FINAL BUSINESS

Malcolm- Last meeting i was rough against social justice. I asked a question about the mandate of social justice. The way I worded it has hurt feelings. I would like to say that I have nothing but respect for social justice. I would also like to apologize for anything that I have said that is offensive.

Dale: If I was NSSair or Stage Crew, I would want to know as to why I did not make it.

- They meet the criteria but were declined as associations.
- The EXEC should tell the why they did not make it as an association.
- We need a reason as to why we didn't approve them.

Hannah: I think that why a lot of senators voted against it is that it didn't represent people in the school as NSSair and Stage Crew have very few members.

Hedgecock: Was that criteria applied to everyone else?

Senators: Yes

Diba: In response to Dale the reason why I voted against them is that they don't need association status to expand. They just don't represent that many people.

If anyone has any more reasoning for voting against these clubs, message one of the EXEC so we can relay it back to them.

Max: The amount of people is not entirely relevant to how important it is as an association. Imagine GSA had 5 people. Would we still reject their association status?

Vlad: This meeting was unconstitutional.

Sammy: No it wasn't as we looked at each club objectively.

CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION

Vlad: When can we vote to change the constitution?

Evan: It can be changed every 3 years

- Next year
- If it is crucial Evan and Dale can re-amend it.

Joey: If people feel that there is need to look at it this year, it can be done but it must be up to the SAC president to decide.