



Senate Minutes 10/20

- I. **Call to Order - Sam**
- II. **Roll Call - Cat**
 - A. Not in attendance: Sciences Senator Kamryn Burnside Evans and CPVA Senator Rio LaFevre
- III. **Approve Minutes from last meeting**
 - A. Approved
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. **Updates from all active committees -**
 - B. **Near Peer-** Committee is in the process of crafting a bill that explains in greater detail of the services Near Peer would be providing. It would include the possibility of adding SuperUsers and flagging comments. Hoping to have it ready for when the school goes all online in November.
 1. Rep. Paz-Rather than having someone look through all the flagged posts, is there an alternative? Sen. Matheson-It would be marked and taken down. Other universities use this as a method to monitor students' communications with their professional peers.
 - C. **Healthcare-** Committee is working on a survey for the students and working on writing a resolution or bill to present to the Senate.
 - D. **Proctorio-** Committee is planning on distributing a survey to the professors and talking about possible adjustments to Proctorio. Further research is needed before presenting a resolution to the Senate
 - E. **CAST Program-** Meeting set up with the leaders of the CAST Program
 - F. **Budget and Finance Committee-** Approved 2 funding requests. Currently the constitution states that the club must match the money put in by the Finance Committee, most clubs are not able to do this, so this is a reminder to clubs that this is a requirement to be a club.
 - G. **Clubs Committee-** Helping clubs get money to help match the amount of money they're asking for. In order for clubs to be official, there is a President's Training; Clubs is trying to find a way to create a module on canvas for easier access. Clubs Food Drive competition as an opportunity for clubs to get the financing they need.
 - H. **SLEC Committee-** Mask-up Campaign: email sent out to student leaders. Those in STIL should take a sign from the STIL Office and walk around the library to remind students to keep their masks on when indoors, on-campus, and off-campus. Red Friday: it's a good way to promote school spirit and a way to express unity within the student body, especially during these hard times. Tips on how to study: students have reached out to organizations involved and the event has been scheduled for the 12th of November in the Living Room.
- V. **Sexual Assault Survivor Peer and Advocate-** (Refer to SUUSA S.B 002: Bill: Sexual Assault Survivor Peer and Advocate)
 - A. Sen. Walton-Short term goals: getting educational pamphlets through the Health and Wellness Center (HWC) to update the outdated information, and add an online version. The HWC has been trying to get an advocate from Canyon Creek Services on campus three times a week. Not sure yet on the funding requirements, but the advocate would fulfill the goals of the bill. Long term goal: urging administration to have one designated peer ally through the CAPS program specifically trained to deal with sexual assault. The peer ally would need to be a non-mandated reporter; if they're employed through CAPS, this is possible.
 - B. Sen. Matheson-What is the difference between non-mandated and mandated reporters? Sen. Walton-A mandated reporter is legally required to report any crimes to Title IX. Anyone employed by CAPS is a non-mandated reporter, so whatever they are told does not need to be reported unless the client wants to report
 - C. Rep. Oschner- If the bill was passed today, what would happen next? Sen. Walton- The first thing would be to start working on the educational pamphlets. The next thing would be administration



would see the need for an advocate from Canyon Creek. And then the training of a peer ally would be the last step.

- D. Sen. Matheson- Do we have any data from the Police Department about SUU student sexual assault victims? Sen. Walton-Not specifically from the Police Department
- E. Sen. Cox- Are pamphlets the best way to reach students? Sen. Walton- the pamphlets would be for students who are waiting for CAPS and for immediately after an incident, so students can get information quickly. Another thing the pamphlets would have is resources and information about consent.
- F. Sen. Matheson- What about adding a QR code to the tear-away flyers in the bathrooms that will send the student to the online form for the resources they are looking for.
- G. Rep. Moore- If it was offered in a discreet way, we would all be shocked at how many people would use it because it can happen to anyone, so we would be surprised at the impact it would have.
- H. SPB Pres. Kante- So moving forward, we would hire someone to be the advocate for students? and what about salary? Sen. Walton- Hopefully administration would grant that, but the salary is unknown for now. However, they're in really close contact with the director of the HWC.
- I. VP Academics Jacobsen- Part of what we're trying to do with the student ally is to not take any additional funding from other things. The Canyon Creek advocate is a different situation, but the peer allies are a program that has already been started. And the conversation has been started to add a sexual assault training aspect to the allies responsibilities.
- J. Sen. Cox- SOMething is better than nothing, This is a great starting point and thank you for taking time to begin the conversation to help bring awareness to something that affects so many within our student population.
- K. Sen. Matheson-Is there a way to pass the bill and then bring it back to the Senate for clarification? Sen. Walton- Yes. The student voice is saying this is something they need, so at the end of the day the students need and want this so we as a senate need to make it happen.
- L. Rep. Partida- is there a way to give these resources to those who can't go to a physical office? Sen. Walton- That is what the Health and Wellness Center is trying to do and maybe reworking the Title IX website for those who are off-campus as well.
- M. **Motion to Call to Question (Division)- All in Favor (Rep. Danny Partida absent from vote)**
 - 1. **Motion Passes (bill moved to SBP Nouman Kante)**

VI. Close