

*Senate Meeting – 07 November 2012*

## **Agenda**

### Seventh Student Senate Meeting

- 12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
- 12:15 – Jula Wildberger (Chair of the Department of Comparative Literature and Agenda) will have an announcement to make.
- 12:25 – Executive Report - Mimi on the state of the Club's Committee and the Club's Room.
- 12:35 – Film Rep (Adriana Banta) has an announcement to make concerning the Planet.
- 12:40 – Economics Rep (Max Schleich) and Film Rep (Adriana Banta) presenting their goals and projects.
- 12:50 – Presentation Amendment by judiciary committee
- 13:05 – Presentation potential sophomore and junior representatives
- 13:15 – Old business + New Business.
  - Announcements and Adjournment.

## **Minutes**

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

*Meeting begins (12:14PM)*

1. Sven (USC VP): Introduces Jula Wildberger (Chair of Comp Lit Department)
  - a. Revising English placement process
  - b. Looking for student feedback - working with the SGA seemed best venue
  - c. Please write in an informal way about your experience with the English placement test, short answer is fine, encourage you speak your mind freely
  - d. Write to Hannah Lee (a84815@aup.edu) – in order for you to write freely
  - e. Already sent a message to all of you through SGA – please send out to your constituents asking for their feedback too
  - f. Will come back to SGA to present results from student feedback
  - g. The more feedback the better
  - h. Any questions or suggestions?
  - i. Dana (CS) – is there specific criteria we should ask for?
    - i. Prof. Wildberger – actually, we prefer a short answer, whatever students wish to say; how does it look from the student experience? (main question)
    - ii. Do not want to come with a questionnaire and pre-determine student answers
    - iii. Hannah will collect and organize info and present it appropriately

- j. Please tell constituents that it
  - k. Laura (ICP): more feedback on the placement test or program in general?
    - i. Prof. Wildberger – for now, specifically looking at the test; in the future we will return to the idea of reforming the program
    - ii. This survey will lead to next step – again, open question, we encourage all responses
2. Mimi (Treasurer and Clubs Committee Chair): update on Committee and Club's Room
- a. (Hands out flyer – to be attached)
  - b. Club's room is not where we hoped it would be yet, realize that it's not appealing to students and particularly clubs yet
  - c. Making a preliminary list of what we need to purchase to support the space; email Mimi this week if you have suggestions (sga\_treasurer@aup.edu)
  - d. On Monday, had a meeting with Club Heads – they gave suggestions and discussed budget requests
  - e. AUPPA – discussing a trip (model UN)
  - f. White Mask – unsure where they are going; maybe connecting with AMR
  - g. Roots and Shoots – fundraising still; collecting cans for food drive; will have a budget for next week
  - h. Future Business Leaders – new club, encouraging entrepreneurs
  - i. Debate Club – working on MUN trip, still holding weekly sessions
  - j. Kevin Fore – there will be more budget requests soon; already saw Wine Club ideas; next 3-4 weeks should have a lot of budget requests;
  - k. Kevin Fore – White Mask is being taken over by a freshman, still figuring it out; AMR's president has stepped down, Max Hague and Maya Lorton are taking over now to finish out semester
  - l. Kevin Fore – students do still want the Club's room to be a study space for all students too; acknowledge that this space is precious, and this room will allow for that
  - m. Approval for Wine Society – last meeting you approved first request
    - i. First event with the French Department – very successful, 34 people attended; very good for a club at AUP
    - ii. Collaborating with Alumni Affairs for Holiday Bash, setting up 7eme page, etc.
    - iii. Did not use all of first approved budget – this new request would support 4 tastings
    - iv. Intends to partner events with other clubs and departments
    - v. Club leader is very consistent, dedicated, proven herself to committee; one of most active clubs on campus
  - n. Sven (USC VP) Questions?
    - i. Max (Econ) – first event was with French Department? Yes.

- ii. Stephanie (IBA) – congratulates Wine Society, but will they lose out if there are too many events too fast? Perhaps two a semester instead of regular?
  - 1. Mimi (Treasurer, CC) – she’s thought this out well, as a collaboration; it’s never just wine society, it’s always new and different
- iii. Laura (ICP) – what are the other events she’s planning, outside Holiday Bash?
  - 1. The goal was 10-15 people for first event to be successful; we aren’t asking for all events to be huge, to have 35+ attendees, and is varying type of events
  - 2. Kevin Fore – she asked for six, we convinced her to have five; seems reasonable to us considering
- iv. Max (Econ) – when is next meeting?
  - 1. Kevin – not set up yet, working on pairing up first
- v. Laura (ICP) – why would she request a budget when she doesn’t know when the meeting is yet?
  - 1. Mimi (Treasurer) – trying to make the process as smooth as possible; a lot of setting up the event involves knowing she will have a budget to work with; Club’s Committee is keeping them in check
- vi. Laura (ICP) – seems unfair to allocate to this club when others are still struggling, especially with events far in future
  - 1. Kevin – she has presented more details than any other club to us; if she doesn’t host events, the money will come back – has to be proven as successful and only used for this event
  - 2. As for other clubs, they have different situations; two more clubs next week
- vii. Stephanie (IBA) – shouldn’t the left over funds from the last event be enough for one more tasting?
- viii. Max (Econ) – don’t we only have six weeks left? How will she fit all that in in the time we have left? She has money for a second tasting; four seems too much.
  - 1. Mimi (Treasurer, CC) – maybe we can compromise with two.
- ix. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) – Any money not used will come back, even if she can’t spend it in time; there are not many active clubs, this one is; we shouldn’t set up too many road blocks and keep her from being active; let’s support her and her endeavors considering her activity
- o. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) – moves to approve. Adriana (Film) seconds.
- p. Points of discussion/questions?
  - i. Laura (ICP) – club budget isn’t huge, club’s room will need money; more clubs still; she does still have money, and she can

come back with another request soon; trying to keep our budget organized

- ii. Adriana (Film) – how does this fit in percentage-wise? How is our budget right now?
    - 1. Mimi (Treasurer, CC) – 2% last week, also, with White Mask (used to be biggest user) not active, the budget is in good shape; remember, budget not used is re-absorbed
  - q. Ryan (MCT) moves to previous question
  - r. Majority approved
  - s. Budget approved by majority vote
3. Adriana (Film) announcement:
- a. I write for the Planet – feature piece for December on teachers; in order to be accurate, I would like you to send a survey (5 questions) to your constituents
  - b. Will send survey to you, the Senators, please send it on
4. Adriana (Film) and Max (Econ) goals for year:
- a. Adriana (Film) – already had a lecture, Scott Rosenfelt – was successful, really great, wide age-range of students including grads and freshmen; meeting with Department Head (Craven) on projects
    - i. Film Showcase in December – showcasing student work
    - ii. Spring – still being formulated; trying to involve Film students in Study trip with Cultural Programs
  - b. Max (Econ) – Restructuring the curriculum a bit, difficult, but want to offer more and more difficult courses; still in debate, in meetings with many Econ Professors discussing right now; Economics open house should be at the beginning of December – all are welcome; will have a speaker too – still working out details
  - c. Any questions? No.
5. Pierre (JC) presents new amendment:
- a. Pivotal amendment presentation today – first showing outline (already shown in earlier meeting) to remind Senators where we are headed
  - b. Article VIII. today (to be attached)
  - c. Read aloud to Senate
  - d. Comments/questions?
    - i. Stephanie (IBA) – what about the omission of an annex?
      - 1. Pierre (JC) – we should clarify that
  - e. Stephanie (IBA) – moves to approve; Darcee (MPL/MPPA) seconds
  - f. Madison (History) – if revised yearly, at what point of the year is it revised?
    - i. Pierre (JC) – left that vague on purpose; schedule of the process will be set by Judiciary Committee and Executive

Board, allows for each new team to have flexibility; desire for yearly revision, but idea being that it will not need to be as frequent over time

- g. Laura (ICP) moves to previous question
  - h. Majority agrees
  - i. Voted in by majority
  - j. Laura (ICP) – since it’s a constitutional matter, shouldn’t we vote by role call
    - i. Sven (USC VP) – that’s up to chair, it was a clear majority, so no need
6. Sven (USC VP) – presentation of possible new Senators
- a. Sophia Christou for Sophomore Rep. (reads speech)
    - i. Understands gravity of the situation (of impeached Senators), still in discussion with administration, etc.
    - ii. Here today to get back to relevant issues – Danite (previous Rep.) asked me to be here
    - iii. Goal: student jobs – help sophomore class jump into job market, has heard from peers that it is a concern
    - iv. Any questions?
    - v. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) – could you repeat your name please? Yes. Sophia.
  - b. Miriam Youssef for Junior Rep.
    - i. Florian (previous Rep.) recommended me
    - ii. Always been active at AUP – volley ball team in the past; would be grateful to be a part of the Senate this year
    - iii. Questions?
      - 1. Stephanie (IBA) – until end of the semester or year?
      - 2. Sven (USC VP) – constitutionally interim – must be reelected in spring
  - c. Dana (CS) moves to accept two new interim Senators, Ryan (MCT) seconds
  - d. Further comments or motions?
  - e. Laura (ICP) moves to previous question
  - f. Two new senators voted in unanimously
7. Announcements
- a. Stephanie (USC Communications)
    - i. 7eme Calendar – now up online and functioning; please use this for reference on all campus events; please use new form to submit a communications request
    - ii. Art History Department Open House – December 10<sup>th</sup>; all are welcome to attend (encouraged)
  - b. Laura (ICP) – working on new lecture series for department; first event on the Presidential Election Results, Tomorrow (Thursday) C-12, 7:30PM

- c. Sven (USC VP)
  - i. Raise hands if you have gained access to email accounts – for those of you who haven't, please contact helpdesk
  - ii. General Student Assembly promotion:
    - 1. November 20<sup>th</sup> Grand Salon, Bosquet at 5PM– one of the most important events of the semester; you must communicate it to your constituents; opportunity for students to have voice heard; you are all required to be there
  - iii. Please remember to send feedback to Hannah Lee
  - iv. Please help Adriana (Film) with survey
  - v. Please support Laura's (ICP) event
  - vi. Mae (GC) and Laura (ICP) please present next week
  - vii. Tomorrow morning special invite event – pick up a flier; send Sven (USC VP) tonight you plan on attending

*Meeting adjourned (1:14PM)*