

Senate Meeting – 17 April 2013

AGENDA

23rd Student Senate Meeting

- 12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
- 12:15 – President Schenck speaking.
- 12:30 – Budget requests by SGA treasurer Mimi Adrien
- 12:50 – Jessica Lynch and Ford Leland presenting ASM's budget
- 13:10 – USC Vice President on elections
- 13:15 – Old business + New Business.
 - Announcements and Adjournment.

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:15PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): Welcome;
 - a. Objections to the Agenda - Laura (ICP): I would like to add another budget request; concerning
 - b. Seconded by Amy (MIN/MAIA)
 - c. Majority approved

2. Sven (USC VP): calls forward President Schenck
 - a. President Schenck: while I've been gone, I've visited 7 states in 14 days; it's fabulous to meet all the students coming to AUP; I am so convinced now that we're beginning to put out there exactly what we want
 - b. President Schenck: apparently now we have a whole new slate of SGA officers; I really look forward to working with all of you and all of the senators as well. As you know, this is the 50th Anniversary year, and I've had to travel a lot; next year I will be able to be on campus much more - I am really looking forward to being home next year (I have been all over the world this year). It has been quite a year.
 - c. President Schenck: A quick summary of where we are right now; first, your learning is the most important part to me - the academic rigor - academics is our number one goal; I have enjoyed working with Dean Gordon, who's movie is all of the talk in the US lately; this year, he's had really important work, such as the searches for faculty; across the entire academic spectrum (many departments)

have had successful searches; The Dean has also been working on re-conceptualizing our entire graduate program, newly “The AUP program of Graduate Studies;” we are going to go to more modularizing and individualizing graduate programs for next year; we are also looking into a new summer session; currently it’s a 7 week session, and we will probably move to two sessions 4-5 weeks.

- d. President Schenck: in finance, we are in the middle of the budget process; we will take our first draft to the board soon; you are probably concluding your budget process of the year now – maybe over the summer; we send our budget for the next year starting in May; we are hoping to add an alumni board to AUP – targeting 30-50 people; I want to create a sort of training ground for alumni to later become members of the board of trustees
- e. President Schenck: we are also working on the campus plan; trying to find and purchase real-estate in the 7th is the hardest things I’ve ever done in my life; we were looking at a building on the rue de l’Universite – this isn’t a stable enough project; the second project was at le motte piquet – I love it just as much as the first one, the same size; it has a three story atrium – we would use the atrium as the grand salon, include the library and academic resource center; they would not rent to us because they thought of us as a school not a university; a year later, they said they were ready to sell; this building currently is owned by 21 family members; we have been negotiating with them for three months, they finally decided to sell, and then they decided to rent not to sell; they are fighting with one another over it, but they don’t have a tenate; I remind them twice a week that we are still interested; there is a third building on rue de Grenelle too; it’s a much larger building, and we are in active negotiations with them now. Stay tuned. I wish I had more information for you now, but we will not stop until we find this building for you; hopefully we will have closed by the end of the summer.
- f. President Schenck: we are going to begin on a three-year plan to renovate the rest of campus; working with an architect; this summer we will start largely with Combes but also some in Grenelle; the final cosmetic stuff won’t happen until later – windows, roofing, etc. have to come first.
- g. President Schenck: I am also pleased to say that a team of students including the SGA along with student affairs sent me a vision statement for the future of the Amex; we want a new café/bar in the new building; I asked these students to send in a vision statement so that as we continue to make decisions about this, we can keep a student perspective in mind; there will be a significant change, an integration with the library, etc., in the new building; some students thought that maybe a meal plan would be a good addition; we currently have between 30-60 rooms in Campusea; we are working

with them to get a new building, on the bus 80 line, we would be able to offer housing to every incoming freshmen once that comes to fruition. There would be a fairly liberal opting-out process too, we don't want to make students do this, just have it as an option. The parents want to hear about dormitories, not about the mission statement of the school, that's all over the country; if we can offer that housing for at least the first year, that would be huge; that will probably be prepared around 2015.

- h. President Schenck: Admissions; last year our applications went up 500% last year; we added extra essays, etc. this year to weed out a few applicants; so far, admissions is consistent; we have people confirming earlier; we restructured our process in the US, and the stats are the same; admissions is going up everywhere, our percentages of students applying world-wide are consistent. I am continuing to work on more and more countries around the world.
- i. President Schenck: finally, on Outreach and Advancement; I am ready for this 50th Anniversary to end; AUP got it's first million dollar gift from an alumnus this year, so it has payed-off. They wanted this to mostly go into ARC. It was a student that I had once, worked with, admired, enjoyed, so I am very pleased. Alumni have given much more generously this year; this will all go into the new student life and learning center; I hope I can meet with you again before the end of the semester to give more information
- j. President Schenck: I have questions for you; would the new student government team, including senators like to have training again this year, should I invite the leadership coaches?
- k. Sven (USC VP): I would like that, but I think we need to discuss that as a team.
- l. President Schenck: Patrick (USC President), you may remember how this worked last year; you could leave this semester with a tremendous sense of connectedness.
- m. President Schenck: Any questions?
- n. Laura (ICP): Thank you for coming. As a graduating student, I have a question about academics; it's very complicated to apply in Europe with our accreditation system; is that something that you are keeping in mind? I know that we are accredited in France, but I had trouble getting accepted at the Sorbonne because of our system.
- o. President Schenck: First of all, we will never be accredited by the French – of every country in the world, it only recognizes public universities as accredited in their system; we have recognition, as a superior status and of our research status; no one would set up here now, given French labor law and democracy – there is a reason why no one else has; there was someone very open to helping us get accredited this way – Marc Montheard helped put together the dossier on this; the French system looks for the number of hours you are in a chair, for example, which is not how we measure it; we

had to help align our process with the French system – fudging things a bit; this was about to get reviewed when the new government got elected; the new response was, “but your diploma is not a French diploma.” But I am trying a new route, hoping that within a couple of years things will loosen up a bit. That said, I am surprised to hear that you had trouble.

- p. Laura (ICP): The masters I am looking for is in Law.
 - q. President Schenck: That’s why. It’s a different degree here. I would be happy to talk to you individually about this.
 - r. Nour (Sophomore): Thank you for coming and shedding some light; but I am confused about the new security arrangements at Bosquet.
 - s. President Schenck: How old is the new protocol, since Monday?
 - t. Nour (Sophomore): But we haven’t gotten any email.
 - u. President Schenck: I was in Boston on Monday, dealing with that problem in person; I am normally the one that sends that mail. I was much more worried about past events. Having spent the day in Boston, it seems to me it’s an American crazy thing, and probably more likely connected with – you know that the last kilometer was dealing with families involved in that massacre? – it seems to me that is why it happened; I assume this is just a pre-caution considering. I was stopped on the way in – I am glad too.
 - v. Sven (USC VP): Moving on.
3. Sven (USC VP): introduces Mimi (Treasurer) on Budget presentations
- a. Mimi (Treasurer): introduces the overall budget presentation (to be attached)
 - b. Mimi (Treasurer): some Senators still have not used their 100 euro budgets – I know they are coming in, but I need to know by this week, otherwise that money will be taken back in; Alex (Film), I know you are giving your money to Luke’s “Nightvision” project
 - c. Alena (Comp Lit): the Comparative Literature department is holding a soirée at the end of the year, we would like to invite the whole school and staff; we would like to request 350 euro for that, but we will happily give back what we don’t use of that
 - d. Stephanie (IBA): motions to approve
 - e. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): seconds
 - f. Laura (ICP): move to previous question
 - g. Budget accepted unanimously
 - h. Max (Econ): what if we want to spend it the week before finals?
 - i. Mimi (Treasurer): just send me an email, and I will mark it down. What’s left will go back into student scholarships
 - j. Mimi (Treasurer): back to the budget presentation
 - k. Mimi (Treasurer): speaking on clubs, we have all our regular active clubs that will continue – the clubs room has been successful, etc.
 - l. Mimi (Treasurer): Again, whatever isn’t used by the end of this week will be reabsorbed into student scholarships

- m. Mimi (Treasurer): finally, with Luke's Nightvision project; he is getting support from the USC, the Film Department, and Alex (Film) senator's budget
- n. Luke: Nightvision is a film project that began last September; I managed to raise funds with help of the AUP student community to work on this; the film is now complete; I believe this film represents the potential of film students coming out of AUP; this project would not have been possible without AUP's support – not only through the fundraising last September, but also as mentors throughout – I would like to air this film for the community as a thanks; hopefully, I can even screen the film more than once; this will be linked to a bigger premier event – there's a cocktail at the bar next door after the showing; there will be a Q&A following.
- o. Laura (ICP): I would like to move to approve this budget.
- p. Stephanie (IBA): seconds
- q. Laura (ICP): move to the previous question
- r. Budget approved unanimously
- s. Sven (USC VP): short point of information – if you feel you won't need new questions, you can skip to asking for a direct vote
- t. Amy (MIN/MAIA) to present a budget
- u. Amy (MIN/MAIA): next Friday we are having a student conference in relation to the trip to Bosnia (information to be attached); we already have speakers coming – I have met one personally, and he is the most incredible person I have met in my life; there will be student premier of a video shot in Bosnia; there will be grad and undergrad student presentations including myself and Laura (ICP);
- v. Amy (MIN/MAIA): it's a platform, it's a formal event; a creative and academic output about their work; there is a film trailer (to be attached)
- w. Amy (MIN/MAIA): we are asking to pay for transport for one of our speakers; 1541 euros is the total; I will pay for the refreshments out of my Senate budget
- x. Laura (ICP): move to a direct vote on this amazing conference
- y. Budget passes unanimously
- z. Mimi (Treasurer): finally, for the AUP showcase on the 30th – it's going to be a big event; the theater has been rented, this is just for the decorations, etc.
- aa. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): moves to a direct vote
- bb. Amy (MIN/MAIA): seconds
- cc. Budget approved unanimously
- dd. Sven (USC VP): we need an official second on Laura's motion
- ee. Nour (Sophomore): officially seconds
- ff. Mimi (Treasurer): moving on -
- gg. Laura (ICP): Sorry to interrupt - may I ask how much exactly is left after what we have just allocated – 4,877 euros.

- hh. Mimi (Treasurer): anything left will go to the AUP student scholarship
4. Laura (ICP): added to the agenda
- a. Laura (ICP): we have a former French President coming on Monday; we have been having some budgeting communication issues with the administration and everyone, basically
 - b. Laura (ICP): the President's offer is paying for a lot of stuff; the SGA is giving us 300, which we will probably use for glasses; we would like to ask the Senate for money for 20 bottles of champagne; this will be used for the reception afterwards; student leaders will be invited; we need nice champagne for this – we would really appreciate the help; if you think this is too much, you can lower it
 - c. Mimi (Treasurer): this is from the Senator budget;
 - d. Laura (ICP): if you aren't using
 - e. Stephanie (IBA): I would be willing to offer my senator's budget; Darcee (MPL/MPPA): agrees
 - f. Alex (JCC): in the Constitution it does not say that the Treasurer needs to approve this; it's up to the Senators; if the student senators want to approve their own budgets, they can do that too
 - g. Stephanie (IBA): I motion to approve using our senate budget
 - h. Alena (Comp Lit): seconds
 - i. Togzhan (Senior): can you talk about what this event will include?
 - j. Laura (ICP): yes, it's a conference; Bosquet is too small, so we will have this in Combes; like with David Lynch, we need to have reservations – Four French ministers will come; the former President will come and speak in English – he's over 80 years old; we just want this to be as comfortable and nice for him as possible
 - k. Nour (Sophomore): sorry, which two senators just gave their budgets; and how much out of clubs?
 - l. Laura (ICP) and Darcee (MPL/MPPA) and Stephanie (IBA) approved their own, so it's 300 euros
 - m. Nour (Sophomore): move to previous question
 - n. Budget approved unanimously
5. ASM invited up to present their year's budget (presentation to be attached)
- a. Ford (ASM): quickly, I am going to go through our year in ASM; we need to request our budget for next year now too. This year was very different from any other – we were just accepted as a curriculum with the school, we needed to update a lot for that; it's been a rocky ride, we've learned a lot; we wanted to acquire the tools necessary; it allows us to arrange for sustainability – we needed this for the next decade; we worked on increasing quality and lowering printing cost; establishing a brand; etc.
 - b. Ford (ASM): we now have only two academic journals; we've printed two Peacock magazines; Planets; we have moved into e-

printing now as an option too; we also have weekly updates on the 7eme and worked on the radio

- c. Ford (ASM): last semester they were really successful, with about 70 pupils; this semester we have had a lot more learning – we've had to restructure our teams and have not been able to print as much; we have been reviewing what worked and what didn't so that we can fix this for next year; we launched a new project – the new website; it is not the global website we wanted it to be, but it is the face of our organization; it's not just for our students, it's bigger – we are establishing relationships with advertisers and people we interview; it's one of the first images people see of the quality of our student body outside AUP
- d. Ford (ASM): the renovations this year are why our budget needed to be so large; the classes have been giving students the tools they need to work in a team and discover these possible future careers; it's all hands-on experience; we are also attracting better applicants; we have two students coming back to AUP because they love working with ASM and they feel it's supporting what they want to do with their lives; we are also attracting attention outside of AUP; American Apparel is also funding our Launch party this year; we are also changing the way AUP clubs are seen
- e. Jessica (ASM Treasurer): to emphasize, ASM has been receiving inconsistent budgets; this year, the quality being reproduced has been amazing this year, and we needed more tools; (presentation to be attached with budget breakdown)
- f. Jessica (ASM Treasurer): we have an amazing relationship with our printers, just outside of Paris; they print all our publications; they come into Paris and sit down with us, they discuss all the precise details – it really helps with cost; the Peacock printing cost went down, actually, because they discovered they could print on thinner paper; with the Planet, the quality went up and actually not printing in March saved some money as well; with the 7eme, they have a Wordpress structure; they and all the various publications have been offered 100 euros; we have a cushion of 3,550 that we have not touched at all;
- g. Jessica (ASM Treasurer): half the money was spent on renovations, the rest is going into publications;
- h. Ford (ASM): so for our Launch party, all we are using of our money is in marketing; the rest listed are about our teambuilding exercises to come; we will meet with the new team on a weekend to help with transitions; we have a party coming to use for new applicants – a small cocktail; we are sponsoring the student showcase too – 400 euros; we want to increase the knowledge of our organization on campus; any questions

- i. Mimi (Treasurer): just a technical question – why does it say 41,000 euros at the beginning when you were allocated 40,000? (in the projection)
- j. Jessica (ASM Treasurer): that has to do with the cushion... it is 40,000 that was allocated, it must just be a mistake; I will double check it from the last presentation
- k. Ford (ASM): what we are attempting to do for next year is listed here; we are working on developing a real community – that’s why we want to have this cocktail and the pass-it-on workshop; my goal would be to have teambuilding exercises at the beginning of the year as well; because web is so different from print, our generation needs hands on experience in both; we want to make our radio show a public broadcast; that would be a much more professional format for broadcasting; we would love to have a video broadcasting branch too; students such as Luke should receive more support; we want to create as many experiences as possible for students interested
- l. Ford (ASM): what I would request for next year is a budget for 25000; this is just over half of what we asked for last year; that excludes our renovations; we are planning on 6 productions of the planet; 2 peacock; 2 academic journals; there are also things we want for tools... etc. (See presentation). That’s 25,000 exactly. Any questions?
- m. Laura (ICP): I think it’s important that you do start out with a considerable amount; perhaps 20,000 is better; maybe that way you have what you absolutely need, but if you need to make a request later;
- n. Kevin Fore: academic affairs has also invested in ways it never had in the past, such as 90,000 for free credits and paying for professors; I might suggest you table this
- o. Alex (JCC): you also need to consider last year’s contract, if you need to rewrite it; I suggest you table it;
- p. Ford (ASM): I was a Senator for a year, I understand how the budget process works; we are not a club, we are a bigger organization – we are the largest one on campus; seeing as we are not a normal club, we need to establish a trust relationship here between us and senate; we need your trust and some room to work with; please do consider this, we will return what we do not use;
- q. Jessica (ASM Treasurer): I also want you to understand all the work that has already gone into this – in the past 50,000 has been allocated; we started this with 40,000, this goes down to 25,000; the printing costs have already gone down 60%; there is always room for growth; the extra five thousand should remain as the first year –
- r. Sven (USC VP): I have to cut you off;
- s. Stephanie (IBA): I motion to approve
- t. Maritza (Art History): seconds

- u. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): objects
- v. Sven (USC VP): everyone in favor of not dealing with this motion now, please raise your hands; that's a minority;
- w. Amy (MIN/MAIA): we are rushing, let's table it;
- x. Laura (ICP): I move to previous question; to vote next week; so we have the contract
- y. All those in favor of accepting this budget – that's a minority;
- z. Laura (ICP): I move to table this to the next meeting
- aa. Stephanie (IBA): seconds
- bb. Stephanie (IBA): moves to previous question
- cc. Approved

6. Old/New Business

- a. Sven (USC VP): all this information will be in the email that goes out with minutes
- b. Sven (USC VP): there are elections for Senators next week; Sunday night the applications are due
- c. Sven (USC VP): Speech night is the 24th, next Wednesday; Friday elections results are announced

Meeting adjourned (1:32PM)