

*Senate Meeting – 27 March 2013*

AGENDA

20th Student Senate Meeting

- 12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
- 12:20 – Student Hunter Schneider and Treasurer Mimi Adrien presenting a budget.
- 12:35 – USC Vice President on Elections.
- 12:40 – USC President Patrick McDermott initiating an open discussion.
- 13:00 – USC Social Director Luka Ivcevic on Back 2 School Party and World's Fair.
- 13:10 – Old business + New Business.
  - Announcements and Adjournment.

**Minutes**

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

*Meeting begins (12:15PM)*

1. Sven (USC VP): Welcome back
  - a. Hope you enjoyed your break
  - b. Only a few Senate meetings left
  - c. The President will be coming soon to present future projects
  - d. Looking forward to your projects too
  
2. Sven (USC VP): introduces Mimi (Treasurer) and Hunter
  - a. Hunter: Souvenirs from Earth – 24/7 art videos from international artists, would like to bring the founder and filmmaker himself, Marcus Kreiss to AUP as a speaker
  - b. Hunter: Marcus could come lecture about international broadcasting or digital art in the art world
  - c. Hunter: the lecture would be on the 10<sup>th</sup>, April
  - d. Hunter: he would also offer a workshop (four hours) on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>; he would also give 1-3 students the opportunity to broadcast on the station – Alice Crave (Film Department Chair) and Anna Russakoff (Art History Chair) are interested in supporting this, but looking at budget
  - e. Mimi (Treasurer): pulls up website
  - f. Hunter: he has given lectures all over Paris, he is currently in Marseilles speaking
  - g. (Budget presentation to be attached)
  - h. Mimi (Treasurer): we are asking for about 7% of the remaining clubs budget
  - i. Amy (MIN/MAIA): moves to accept the budget request

- j. Stephanie (IBA): seconds
  - k. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): would this be open to all students at this school to participate; and how will the 1-3 students be chosen for this?
  - l. Hunter: I assume it would be open to everyone, and Marcus would determine the 1-3 students
  - m. Ryan (MCT): moves to previous question
  - n. Budget voted in unanimously
3. Sven (USC VP): a few words on upcoming elections
- a. Two rounds this month – 1<sup>st</sup> SGA: nine possible individuals (undergrad and grad); 2<sup>nd</sup> is Senators
  - b. Consider for yourselves stepping up to run for an executive positions; you already have experience as Senators; also please look around for anyone interested
  - c. The deadline for these applications is a week from Sunday; please do look for people interested, people with the skill set already; send them to come speak to the executive team too
  - d. SGA does have an important task, and we need capable people, willing to do a lot of behind the scenes work
  - e. (Timeline to be attached)
  - f. Site will be up shortly and we will send that out when possible
  - g. Stephanie (USC Communications): point of information: the USC SGA will be holding special office hours next week – 1PM-5PM Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – on top of our normal hours, specifically as an Open House for anyone interested in running for Student Government; we will include this in the upcoming Monday mail, which will still be sent out Monday, regardless of the day off of school.
  - h. Sven (USC VP): invites Patrick (USC President) up to speak
  - i. Patrick (USC President): as you know, the Executive team meets weekly to discuss things like the upcoming elections; we have ideas like this upcoming open house (Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1-5PM); however, we would love to hear your ideas about how to get the whole student body interested and excited about the upcoming elections;
  - j. Patrick (USC President): be creative, do you have any ideas to share?
  - k. Sven (USC VP): to initiate an open discussion – does anyone have any ideas?
  - l. Rene (MAGCS): this is to promote elections around campus?
  - m. Sven (USC VP): yes.
  - n. Alex (JCC): do you guys hold anything similar to a candidate forum – like a meet and greet as opposed to just speech night?
  - o. Sven (USC VP): at this point, no, but it's a good idea
  - p. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): I just remember over the past year's elections, there were tables everywhere around campus – I didn't notice it as much during the spring round – I thought that was effective

- q. Sven (USC VP): maybe ways that you can use your senator positions? Other than email perhaps?
- r. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): maybe an overall email announcing elections – maybe outlining what senators have done this year, and as individual members of the SGA? Often people do not know what we do in the student government.
- s. Ryan (MCT): I doubt it's possible, but we had TVs at Suffolk – could be broadcast in the Amex?
- t. Sven (USC VP): we should have the TVs running by the end of the week, and that should be solved too
- u. Togzhan (Senior): We have a broadcast news writing class where we could film interviews with the candidates... we could talk about it in our class
- v. Rene (MAGCS): we could do it - Togzhan (Senior) and I.
- w. Togzhan (Senior): we have a project coming up anyway.
- x. Rene (MAGCS): by Sunday we will know all the candidates?
- y. Sven (USC VP): you should ask around, because they are not officially announced until speech night; but Togzhan (Senior) and Rene (MAGCS) you would cover this?
- z. Togzhan (Senior) and Rene (MAGCS): yes.
- aa. Sven (USC VP): also, Luka (USC Social) suggested a debate; thoughts?
- bb. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): I think it sounds interesting, but I can imagine people that will be intimidated by the idea – speech night is already intimidating to many.
- cc. Sven (USC VP): are any of you considering running at this point? No? Well, give it some thought. Thanks in particular to Togzhan (Senior) and Rene (MAGCS) for offering to help cover this. Please remember that we need your help with word-of-mouth communications in particular.

4. Sven (USC VP): Old/New Business?

- a. Max (Econ): there is another Econ speaker here tonight – about the financial crisis; he works for the National Bank of Ireland; he was sent to the EU group to discuss the bailout; I hear he is a funny guy, so it should be interesting. It's 6:30PM in C-12
- b. Stephanie (USC Communications) & Maritza (Art History): Herve Vanel is coming tomorrow to speak at 4:00PM in C-12 on Early Pop Art; he is another candidate for the Art History Department
- c. Stephanie (USC Communications): quick updates for Luka: there is another World's Fair meeting coming up in the next couple weeks – Luka will be in touch; also he is hosting a party at the old Neo club a week from Friday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) that is exclusive for AUP students and free entry; more information will come soon.
- d. Sven (USC VP): Just to keep you all thinking about the way meetings are held; if you have any ideas as to how to improve meetings,

please talk to me or Dave (GSC VP); we will be putting together binders for future SGA members.

- e. Kevin Fore: you all have access to a server as a Senator, where you can keep record of anything you have for future senators; perhaps information from department meetings, etc. Please consider putting something together for future senators.

*(Meeting adjourned 12:41PM)*