

Senate Meeting – 06 March 2013

AGENDA

19th Student Senate Meeting

- 12:15 – Short photo session.
- 12:20 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
- 12:20 – Danielle Savage (Director of Career Development) presenting herself.
- 12:35 – Kevin Fore (Assistant Dean of Student Services) speaking
- 12:45 – Student Karen Pong presenting her project.
- 12:55 – Psychology Rep (Elizabeth) reporting on faculty search.
- 13:00 – Senior Rep (Togzhan) reporting on progress search French Studies representative.
- 13:05 – Old business + New Business.
 - Announcements and Adjournment.

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:26PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): invites Danielle Savage (Careers)
 - a. Danielle (Careers): introduces herself – some of you have come to my office, but I know the office is a little inconveniently located; so I have met with some students about how to make myself more available
 - b. Danielle (Careers): we've started a sort of unofficial office hour in the clubs room – can we make that official here?
 - c. Danielle (Careers): I try to visit classes and be available, and this would be one more way to help out students; I help students at every level here at AUP; I would love to help with ideas of how to move forward
 - d. Danielle (Careers): Dave (GSC VP) is just looking at himself in the Global Talent Brochure now; it's something you can all take advantage of in the future – this year it's coming out in April.
 - e. Danielle (Careers): I've been supporting career talks by Dave (GSC VP) and the GSC; every year students can bring ideas that support students and their futures; I would love to have more involvement at both undergraduate and graduate levels in the future; perhaps a career committee?
 - f. Danielle (Careers): maybe one day we can have a group of students actively working with my office, representing student opinion; this year, working with the Junior and Senior reps, we've started this "Career Drop-in"

- g. Danielle (Careers): Any questions? Does that career group with the SGA make sense to you?
- h. Sven (USC VP): perhaps Togzhan (Senior) and Michael (Junior) can speak about this?
- i. Michael (Junior): I know that the clubs room has a pretty tight schedule – maybe we can work scheduling that with Mae (Clubs)?
- j. Danielle (Careers): I can reserve a stool in the Amex too! It’s just about being present.
- k. Togzhan (Senior): I know that there are regular reservations for that room, versus irregular scheduling; maybe at the beginning of the week we can set an exact time...
- l. Danielle (Careers): I just want to make sure that is marketed to students
- m. Togzhan (Senior): we can perhaps announce it the week before in Senate and ask senators to email their constituents about it
- n. Danielle (Careers): I am happy to meet with senators to help organize better communication between my office and specific departments too
- o. Danielle (Careers): thank you.

2. Sven (USC VP): introduces Kevin Fore

- a. Kevin Fore: passes around a calendar that encompasses the rest of the semester – please add your own events if you know they need to be added to the student activities calendar; I already included the most essential dates
- b. Kevin Fore: Sven invited me to come introduce myself again, so that the new senators can understand my role here; quick presentation (to be attached); first, I am the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs – Sports and Cultural programs answer directly to me; I also support the rest of Student Affairs when it comes to communications, etc.
- c. Kevin Fore: SIS has just been added to our department too; I have also just started a student leadership office as of Fall 2011 – FYI Leaders; created due to too much evidence from student reaction surveys etc. that students weren’t feeling happy with extra-circulars; also losing an opportunity to use student activities as an opportunity to educate – working for publications, sports, etc. (can potentially be as important as the classes you are taking); we weren’t making it easy enough for students to take advantage of this – experiential learning;
- d. Kevin Fore: we put a budget (approximately 120-150,000 euros per year) into student activities, it’s time that we took a more hands on approach with that too; some students took advantage and did amazing things, others had trouble – making printers work, etc.; Senate used to be a very negative space too – people crying, etc.;
- e. Kevin Fore: we are trying to shift the overall culture here; you are already doing work above and beyond by being involved in Senate,

and we want you all to be recognized for that, and hold student leaders accountable for that work too; help you succeed and reward you for it; student media now has courses, faculty support, and course credit; Maritza (Art History) for example, as Planet editor, has dealt with both the lack of support and now the new support; credits are one way, stipends are another (executives), awards (AUP Showcase – started last year for the first time); opportunity to show you that we notice the hard work you do and we do care.

- f. Kevin Fore: (shows a slide showing out student affairs acted about three years ago); essentially, these things were happening alone, except for executives and student advisors, with the only exception being Roots and Shoots, which has always had a faculty advisor; the goal is not to take away the students' opportunity to create and lead, we want to support so that students can lead well; we know that there is not enough space for student activities right now, but we have high hopes for a new student union building – there will be a conversation involving students like you (senators) about the future of that space;
- g. Kevin Fore: cross-department collaboration has also moved forward, for example with academic affairs – now paying professors and giving credit to support ASM; training and transition is getting better, as we are putting more emphasis on this process; there is a shared server where you all have a folder for your senator position where you can save any transitional documents for the next person to take on your current role; this is also brand new, trying to fix the current culture of starting entirely fresh every year;
- h. Kevin Fore: (new slide showing more active support); trying to tie student activities into what's happening within the community; maintaining creativity and independence for student leaders; we will also keep looking for feedback and reassessing how we approach student activities (SGA, ASM, etc.); we already did a round of surveys on SGA at the end of the semester; (shows surveys from a couple of years ago regarding the community's understanding and care about student senate); trend of negative results was too high, and so we have been working on that;
- i. Kevin Fore: personally, I have not missed one Senate meeting this year, and I see the progress – thanks to Dave (GSC VP) and Sven (USC VP) and to you as senators too
- j. Kevin Fore: I have not seen the same problems of people getting shot down and frustrated – anyone coming in and asking for funds has felt supported; and I think this is particularly thanks to the new system in senate
- k. Kevin Fore: there are five Senate sessions left; what do you want to do? Take your break, don't worry about this; but remember that you have money left, you are in positions of power, make plans; help your own projects and help the community;

- l. Kevin Fore: please start taking the time to help the person replacing you; gathering documents, speaking to possible new senators; etc.
3. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Karen Pong
 - a. Karen: introduces herself, as an alumni (graduated in 2009 – international affairs, politics, and minor in international law); also Senior rep in '08-'09; reiterates Kevin's message of change in Senate and progress
 - b. Karen: U Peace Ambassador Project: Youth Against Human Trafficking (project); supports peace building activities by youth; our goal is to help carry out local activities (75 members); I represent Greece and France; I would like to carry out my first local activity here on campus – awareness raising in particular; there are modules and clubs here that address human trafficking; I wrote a paper here at AUP about this topic, and it has led me here today
 - c. Karen: I would like to increase awareness and inspire students here to also fight for the cause
 - d. Karen: three phases: a conference hopefully next month (been in collaboration with AUP about this already); phase two, one month later, a workshop – gathering 20 students to create a working group on campus to foster activities on campus; phase three, a workshop in Strasbourg, hopefully involving these 20 students for a seminar involving the Council of Europe working against Human Trafficking;
 - e. Karen: next week is the conference, reaching out to students on campus; hopefully developing a sustainable anti-trafficking mentality at AUP; trafficking is slavery, and slavery has been abolished – let's fight this together
 - f. Karen: I would love for the student body to be apart of this conference, especially later on; each Senator can play an important role; whether it's the Film Department making a film, or a library representative bringing more information about this to the library, or clubs supporting in their own way; even Math Department can support with statistics; I need you to help rally the students, get them to come to the conference; I will make a poster, but you can help spread the word; I will create a questionnaire that I would love students to fill out and turn in before the conference; I'm looking into the attitudes of students about this now; I may also need budget support – probably not a lot, Professor Perry is already helping; anyone that can help pitch-in; I am specifically talking to the Freshman rep, to help foster this early in the AUP community; human resources, support organizing and hosting;
 - g. Karen: finally, follow-up where AUP students take initiative and fight themselves – flash mobs, clubs on campus, etc.; maybe specifically from class reps; maybe people in ICP or GC would like to follow up with research; also would love to have ASM support

spreading the word; I am helping create an NGO were hopefully with this partnership could turn into jobs for AUP students

- h. Karen: questions?
 - i. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): do you have a date set for the conference
 - j. Karen: 12-11th April;
 - k. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): do you have contact info for us
 - l. Karen: I have a card for you.
 - m. Blake (CS): there is now an international law minor, they might support
 - n. Stephanie (ICP): I am an international law minor, so I would be happy to help connect you with professors here too
 - o. Karen: thank you all so much
 - p. Stephanie (ICP): if you need budget support, please come to the Senate with a proposal
4. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Mimi (Treasurer) with a budget request
- a. Mimi (Treasurer): two requests: one with Ryan (MCT) bringing publications to grad lounge and Bosquet and the other for Mona Bismark
 - b. Mimi (Treasurer): Mona Bismark foundation and Cultural Programs are already supporting financially too
 - c. Camilla (SC): as you see on the calendar that April will be very busy – but is there anyone who would like to participate to help us, the 17th for the event or even on the 16th;
 - d. Togzhan (Senior): what day of the week is that >
 - e. Camilla (SC): April 17th is a Wednesday (8-10PM)
 - f. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): I will be there anyway, as I am doing an internship there
 - g. Loraine (GC): I can help with Prep
 - h. Togzhan (Senior): I can help on the 17th
 - i. Blake (CS): what is the Mona Bismark Foundation?
 - j. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): basically a foundation established to foster American and French cultural understanding through the arts; they have free events all the time
 - k. Blake (CS): I can help
 - l. Camilla (SC): Stay after please so I can get your contact information.
 - m. Mimi (Treasurer): they only need 300 euro
 - n. Camilla (SC): I would like to see all of you at the event
 - o. Mimi (Treasurer): for the publications, Ryan (MCT) sent out a survey – these are what one (presentation to be attached); I have divided costs amongst undergrad and grad
 - p. Loraine (GC): what are the publications already offered at the Library; I just don't want us to duplicate these;
 - q. Dave (GSC VP): I think the idea is for them to be accessible more places, not just in the library
 - r. Max (Econ): it's just one copy of each?

- s. Ryan (MCT): two of each – one for the clubs room, one for the grad lounge
 - t. Stephanie (IBA): moves to approve Ryan's request
 - u. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): seconds
 - v. Togzhan (Senior): why Le Monde?
 - w. Ryan (MCT): we did a survey last semester – not sure that the undergrads were involved as the previous History Senator was supposed to do that; we decided this based on surveys
 - x. Rene (MAGCS): can you describe Le Monde – I am not familiar.
 - y. Ryan (MCT): it's the New York Times of France
 - z. Loraine (GC): will the daily publications be delivered straight?
 - aa. Ryan (MCT): grads will go to bookstore, undergrads to Bosquet – I am actually looking for an undergrad to help make sure that the Bosquet edition makes it to the clubs room;
 - bb. Loraine (GC): I can do that.
 - cc. Sven (USC VP): please make sure every time you speak it does go through Dave (GSC VP), so that Stephanie (USC Com) can keep up
 - dd. Loraine (GC): moves to previous question
 - ee. Budgets voted in by majority
 - ff. Amy (MIN/MAIA): moves to accept the Mona Bismark request
 - gg. Ryan (MCT): seconds
 - hh. Amy (MIN/MAIA): moves to previous question
 - ii. Mona Bismark request approved by majority vote
5. Sven (USC VP): usually we do finish early, but today, we need all our time and will finish at 13:30
6. Sven (USC VP): invites Elisabeth (Psych) and Togzhan (Senior)
- a. Elisabeth (Psych): we have met with both of the possible new hires for the Psych department – the third will give a lecture here tomorrow night at 6:30PM in the Grand Salon; we will have an interview with her after that; the search committee will be meeting soon after that to finalize our decision
 - b. Togzhan (Senior): there has been no progress yet with finding a French Studies Senator yet – I sent an email to the department, no response yet
7. Sven (USC VP): Announcements
- a. Sven (USC VP): I have arranged for Celeste (President) to come speak at the second meeting after break – she is looking for student input on the new building
 - b. Sven (USC VP): elections are coming up (doc to be attached); I need you to start looking for candidates for all positions – more information will be published soon, but for now, please keep your eyes open; please come talk to the executive team too if you have

questions about those roles; and to repeat Kevin Fore – please do keep a record for the new senator to reference;

- c. Sven (USC VP): please do pick up a card from Dave (GSC VP) from the alumni that spoke today
- d. Sven (USC VP): if you have updates on your individual projects, please contact me to come help you if you need
- e. Karen (alumni): please send me an email if you want a project update

(Meeting adjourned 1:25PM)