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SGA Senate Minutes for 18 October 2017

Taken by USC Communications Director Elizabeth Nguyen Son

12:10 – Attendance, Quorum met 13/21, Senate begins

12:12 – Presentation from Provost Hank Kreuzman

- The Quai d'Orsay Project – student support center
- Showing us what it looks like for feedback
- Integrated student affairs and academic affairs between Combes and the Quai d'Orsay
- Will be torn down and rebuilt
- Connected to Combes
- New music room
- Goal was to bring all services into one space (ARC, careers/internship office, etc.)

Questions:
- Will: What does this mean about older spaces?
  - Answer: We probably won't need a couple other sites anymore. We are trying to bring the campus buildings closer together.
- Leona: So, the study spaces and services will be the new library?
  - Answer: Yes, but we want to know how to design this space for students and where these offices should be?
- Malick: What are the new facilities being offered?
  - Answer: We'll run through the floor plan next.
- Monique: Is the conference room going to be open to students for student-led events?
  - Answer: The top floor is currently more for off-hours because of the maximum capacity (if every office has its staff in it AND students are on the top floor, there would be too many people in the building in comparison to the amount of fire exits we have, which would be a fire hazard).
- Jasmine: Would building hours change?
  - Answer: It will be one space, but when Combes is open, there is no reason why Quai d'Orsay shouldn't be open. It's supposed to be a student life and student learning center so the more it's open, the better it would be. Security would be an issue, but it is being thought of and the SGA will likely have a role to play in the organization of this.
- Electra: When is this building going to be ready?
  - The end of next year. We hope to be able to use this space as soon as spring 2019. Hopefully, it will be done mid-fall 2018 semester so that offices can begin moving.
- Anna: Would we be keeping the same furniture, will there be options, will there be student involvement in choosing this furniture?
  - There will be new furniture and we are thinking about taking a current classroom and put in the furniture we are thinking about using and get student feedback.
Malick: How is the new building being funded?
  - Answer: None of your tuition fees go towards this building because buildings are funded from donors.

Riki: Will the Combes lobby become a walkway to the Quai d'Orsay and a study area?
  - Answer: There will be a reading room with a glass wall separating the walkway from Combes to the Quai d'Orsay.

Provost: Who would you want to sit in the lobby of the Quai d'Orsay?
  - Monique: Someone who has general knowledge of AUP and can direct people where they need to go.
  - Will: How many people can sit there?
    - 3 people
  - Jasmine: I think it would be nice to have a rental service for phone and laptop chargers.
  - Eboni: Would the person sitting at the desk an AUP staff member or a student worker? Could it be both?
    - No reason why it couldn't happen.

Alen: What is the seating capacity of the reading-room? We saw a chart last week and the library has 30-40 seats.
  - Answer: The building will have an overall seating capacity of over 200, not including classroom seats.

Group study spaces so that students can work together without disturbing others

Monique: If there is going to be a glass roof over the study room, will there be air conditioning? Because Combes gets really bad in the summer.
  - Answer: We have acknowledged that it could be an issue but do not anticipate it. The glass will be specially treated to be heat resistant but we are adding the capacity to add air conditioning should we eventually need it.

Marly: Will there be any solar panels?
  - Answer: No, but we have a lot of plants.
  - Marly: Is it open to discussion? It would be a great source of energy (cheaper bills?)
    - Answer: It is definitely a good question that we will take back to the architects.

High-tech and high-quality vending machines

Anna: How would we distinguish quiet study spaces and loud study spaces?
  - Answer: Traffic light: green means free and loud, yellow means still for group work but toned down, and red means pin drop silence.

Leona: From what I understand, the wellness room is supposed to move into this building, how so?
  - It hasn't been fully determined but we want to incorporate it in the Quai d'Orsay/Combes building somehow.

Chiara: Will there be a gym-space? It has been heavily requested.
  - It hasn't been considered in this building, however, I agree with you and I think it's in the next development campaign.
• Will: Could we incorporate locker room space so we can store our stuff, go to the gym and come back and shower?
  ▪ Answer: We like that idea; we will keep it in mind.
• New music will be dry and more pleasant
• Some storage space and a maintenance room (which is required by law for maintenance to store their belongings).
• Maria: What is the square footage of one of these floors?
  ▪ Answer: They are all kind of different. But the whole building is about 2000 square meters. So, with Combes it would make approximately 3500 square meters.
• We would like to turn these computer classrooms (R+5 and R+6) into a multimedia room space. During the day there could be classes, in the evening it could entirely student media space.
  ▪ Provost: The kind of learning you need to be doing needs to be involving media, which means while we are thinking about this building, we need to think about what skills you will need in 2040-50. I see these two floors as an opportunity for us to create that space.
• Eboni: As an ASM board member, I think it would be very beneficial for ASM to have their own small space that isn't open for all students.

12:54 – ACC Presentation and Budget Requests
• Inspire Africa, 2 events: "Wax is not African" and African Movie Night
  o Marly: Motion to allocate 70 euros to Inspire Africa
  o Motion passes and budget approved.
• Wine Society: Wine Tasting
  o Monique: Motion to allocate 70 euros to Wine Society
  o Motion passes and budget approved.
• Computer Science Dept.: Open House October 23rd
  o Rama used all 90 euros but wanted to cater Chinese food and would like an extra 25 euros.
  o Marly: Motion to allocate 25 euros to Computer Science Dept.
  o Motion passes and budget approved.
  o Marly: When there are extra soft drinks where do they go?
  ▪ They are kept but often they have already opened so we have to give them to students to take home with them.
  ▪ Otherwise they are used for other events.
• Le French Club
  o Wants to subsidize half of the prices of show tickets (normally 12 euros)
  o Dhouha: How can you ensure 20 people will come?
  ▪ We won't buy all 20 tickets before having the people.
  o Anna: Is it all in French? I also know that a lot of graduate students would be interested, is it only for the French department?
  ▪ No, it is open for everyone! It's a play and they tend to be all in French.
  o Monique: Motion to allocate 110 euros to Le French Club.
- Motion passes and **budget approved**.
- **SGA Bonding Day**
  - Monique: Motion to allocate **474 euros** to SGA Bonding Day.
  - Motion passes and **budget approved**.

**13:18 – Events Committee Presentation**

- **Past Events:**
  - Thurs. 12 Oct. - International Legal Industry: Tech, Career Paths, & Skills
  - Thurs. 12 Oct. - White Mask Open Auditions
  - Fri. 13 Oct. - Open Mic Night

- **Future Events:**
  - Wed. 18 Oct. - Job/internship search strategies workshops
  - Thurs. 19 Oct. - Found & Lost: A reading and talk by Alison Leslie Gold
  - Fri. 20 Oct. - "Wax is not African"
  - Fri. 20 Oct. - Halloween Trivia Night
  - Sun. 22 Oct. - Paris en Scène Brunch Cruise for Graduate Students
  - Thurs. 26 Oct. - ASM Halloween party with SGA

**13:25 – Senior Rep./Service Committee Chair Maria Rodriguez**

- Marguerita: 2 events happening next week will be promoted but we will meet with the ACC to discuss the budget requests today and present them next week.

- **AUP Gives Back Schedule:**
  - Monday – nothing
  - Tuesday – La Chorba (lunch) and Silent Auction (evening)
  - Wednesday – Service Club Spotlight Senate Session
  - Thursday – Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Friday – Night of Comedy
  - Saturday – AUP Sports Day

**13:29 – New Business**

- Bonding Day is tonight! C104! Pizza! T-shirts! Fun!

**13:30 – Senate Adjourned**
**ACC Budget Requests**

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