**Senate Meeting Minutes – April 15th, 2020**

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**12h10 – Senate Begins/Overview**

* Intro to Senate for Guests, what we do, who makes up senate etc

**12h20 – Announcements**

* (Virtual) Events Update

**12h20 – Amendments Presentation**

* **Article IV: Committees**
	+ **1.2 Leadership –**
		- Each committee shall be headed by two chairs. One a study body member appointed by an SGA Executive, and one a Senator (See Art. IV, 1.5)
	+ **1.2.2 Nomination and Election Procedures:**
		- The SGA Executive will appoint one chair for each committee (see Art. IV.2)
		- Senate will elect the other co-chair for each committee once a quorum id reached. The VPs will call for candidates and invite them to give a short speech which will be immediately followed by a simple majority election.
	+ **New Committee**
		- **2.6 Senior Gift Committee**
			* 2.6.1 One Chair is to be nominated by the USC Executive Team, and then approved by the Outreach and Advancement Office
			* 2.6.2 The senior representative will be Defacto on the senior gift Committee
			* 2.6.3 The committee is charged with the responsibility of finding a student initiative project, and helping raise funds on behalf of the graduating class

**12h30 – ACC Presentation**

* **AUP for Consent (Leo)**
	+ Budget: Website subscription and domain (expense)
		- **156 EUR**
			* 13 monthly, or option to pay 12 in full
		- Reason for website: inclusion and support once students graduate/leave AUP
* **Les Dépaysants (Antonio)**
	+ Budget: Squarespace Hosting
		- **142.56 EUR**
			* One year of website subscription
* **ECS Committee (Chris)**
	+ Budget: Recycling Bin
		- **9302.40 EUR**
			* Large Waste Bins, not only recycling
				+ Glass, Plastic, Trash
				+ All three on each floor
	+ Questions:
		- Leo: is this money from a certain budget, like you said this budget is being replaced by

**13h – Open Forum**

* Course Offering for Seniors and Juniors (Antonina Sandra and Caleb)
	+ Many have to split up semesters because the courses are not offered certain times of year
	+ Complicates graduation plans, especially if you’re planning to graduate December 2020
	+ Can students petition for a class to be taught?
	+ Vera (ICP rep) will speak to department head
* Grad Gala leftover money
	+ Was student senate supposed to pay for next year’s combination graduation?
	+ Nike:
		- We can’t transfer money from this semester to next semester, whatever is left over gets absorbed
	+ Chris:
		- Perhaps class of 2020 attendees get free entrance to next year’s ceremony
	+ Marc:
		- Will check if 10,000 devoted to gala this year can be carried over to budget next year (discuss with Valerie)
			* There are legal accounting matters to be considered
		- Will look into ways to compensate/make it up to the seniors, everything is in its early stages right now
		- Currently sorting what is and isn’t feasible
	+ Sandra:
		- Can we pay in advance for some gala venues, if the budget can’t be carried over
		- Marc: We don’t want to rush into decisions, what is we need a new vene to account for the larger group of people? This are things we all have to take into account.
		- Chiara: These are all things that are being discussed with the President’s office and the senior committee
	+ Nike:
		- Student to student scholarships, asking for thoughts/opinions
		- Usual protocal is using what is left over in the budget
		- Kevin Shelby and Nike have discussed allocating 10,000 but not everyone shares that opinion
			* Want more input from students rather than execs/kevin
		- Chris:
			* Larger amount preferable, global pandemic/recession, more studeents will need the scholarship
		- Leo:
			* Who reads the essays? If the current procedure isn’t fair enough to students, those should re revisited
* Magazine Printing Comments
	+ Chris:
		- 500 peacock magazines printed just for the AUP orientation packets? Doesn’t seem sustainable
	+ Comment on how other magazines are handling the situation
		- Leo:
			* Paris Atlantic are producing more online content
		- Caleb
			* Les Despaysants is all online
	+ Nike:
		- Kevin, shelby and I have discussed printing less with Peacock and/or if those printed can be dispursed in other ways outside of orientation packages.

**13h10 – Senate Closes**