

**Senate Meeting – 07 November 2012**

**Agenda**

Seventh Student Senate Meeting

12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
12:15 – Jula Wildberger (Chair of the Department of Comparative Literature and Agenda) will have an announcement to make.
12:25 – Executive Report - Mimi on the state of the Club’s Committee and the Club’s Room.
12:35 – Film Rep (Adriana Banta) has an announcement to make concerning the Planet.
12:40 – Economics Rep (Max Schleich) and Film Rep (Adriana Banta) presenting their goals and projects.
12:50 – Presentation Amendment by judiciary committee
13:05 – Presentation potential sophomore and junior representatives
   – Announcements and Adjournment.

**Minutes**

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

*Meeting begins (12:14PM)*

1. Sven (USC VP): Introduces Jula Wildberger (Chair of Comp Lit Department)
   a. Revising English placement process
   b. Looking for student feedback - working with the SGA seemed best venue
   c. Please write in an informal way about your experience with the English placement test, short answer is fine, encourage you speak your mind freely
   d. Write to Hannah Lee (a84815@aup.edu) – in order for you to write freely
   e. Already sent a message to all of you through SGA – please send out to your constituents asking for their feedback too
   f. Will come back to SGA to present results from student feedback
   g. The more feedback the better
   h. Any questions or suggestions?
   i. Dana (CS) – is there specific criteria we should ask for?
      i. Prof. Wildberger – actually, we prefer a short answer, whatever students wish to say; how does it look from the student experience? (main question)
      ii. Do not want to come with a questionnaire and pre-determine student answers
      iii. Hannah will collect and organize info and present it appropriately
j. Please tell constituents that it
k. Laura (ICP): more feedback on the placement test or program in general?
   i. Prof. Wildberger – for now, specifically looking at the test; in the future we will return to the idea of reforming the program
   ii. This survey will lead to next step – again, open question, we encourage all responses

2. Mimi (Treasurer and Clubs Committee Chair): update on Committee and Club’s Room
   a. (Hands out flyer – to be attached)
   b. Club’s room is not where we hoped it would be yet, realize that it’s not appealing to students and particularly clubs yet
   c. Making a preliminary list of what we need to purchase to support the space; email Mimi this week if you have suggestions (sga_treasurer@aup.edu)
   d. On Monday, had a meeting with Club Heads – they gave suggestions and discussed budget requests
   e. AUPPA – discussing a trip (model UN)
   f. White Mask – unsure where they are going; maybe connecting with AMR
   g. Roots and Shoots – fundraising still; collecting cans for food drive; will have a budget for next week
   h. Future Business Leaders – new club, encouraging entrepreneurs
   i. Debate Club – working on MUN trip, still holding weekly sessions
   j. Kevin Fore – there will be more budget requests soon; already saw Wine Club ideas; next 3-4 weeks should have a lot of budget requests;
   k. Kevin Fore – White Mask is being taken over by a freshman, still figuring it out; AMR’s president has stepped down, Max Hague and Maya Lorton are taking over now to finish out semester
   l. Kevin Fore – students do still want the Club’s room to be a study space for all students too; acknowledge that this space is precious, and this room will allow for that
   m. Approval for Wine Society – last meeting you approved first request
      i. First event with the French Department – very successful, 34 people attended; very good for a club at AUP
      ii. Collaborating with Alumni Affairs for Holiday Bash, setting up 7eme page, etc.
      iii. Did not use all of first approved budget – this new request would support 4 tastings
      iv. Intends to partner events with other clubs and departments
      v. Club leader is very consistent, dedicated, proven herself to committee; one of most active clubs on campus
   n. Sven (USC VP) Questions?
      i. Max (Econ) – first event was with French Department? Yes.
ii. Stephanie (IBA) – congratulates Wine Society, but will they lose out if there are too many events too fast? Perhaps two a semester instead of regular?
   1. Mimi (Treasurer, CC) – she’s thought this out well, as a collaboration; it’s never just wine society, it’s always new and different

iii. Laura (ICP) – what are the other events she’s planning, outside Holiday Bash?
   1. The goal was 10-15 people for first event to be successful; we aren’t asking for all events to be huge, to have 35+ attendees, and is varying type of events
   2. Kevin Fore – she asked for six, we convinced her to have five; seems reasonable to us considering

iv. Max (Econ) – when is next meeting?
   1. Kevin – not set up yet, working on pairing up first

v. Laura (ICP) – why would she request a budget when she doesn’t know when the meeting is yet?
   1. Mimi (Treasurer) – trying to make the process as smooth as possible; a lot of setting up the event involves knowing she will have a budget to work with; Club’s Committee is keeping them in check

vi. Laura (ICP) – seems unfair to allocate to this club when others are still struggling, especially with events far in future
   1. Kevin – she has presented more details than any other club to us; if she doesn’t host events, the money will come back – has to be proven as successful and only used for this event
   2. As for other clubs, they have different situations; two more clubs next week

vii. Stephanie (IBA) – shouldn’t the left over funds from the last event be enough for one more tasting?

viii. Max (Econ) – don’t we only have six weeks left? How will she fit all that in in the time we have left? She has money for a second tasting; four seems too much.
   1. Mimi (Treasurer, CC) – maybe we can compromise with two.

ix. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) – Any money not used will come back, even if she can’t spend it in time; there are not many active clubs, this one is; we shouldn’t set up too many road blocks and keep her from being active; let’s support her and her endeavors considering her activity

ix. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) – moves to approve. Adriana (Film) seconds.

p. Points of discussion/questions?
   i. Laura (ICP) – club budget isn’t huge, club’s room will need money; more clubs still; she does still have money, and she can
come back with another request soon; trying to keep our budget organized

ii. Adriana (Film) – how does this fit in percentage-wise? How is our budget right now?
   1. Mimi (Treasurer, CC) – 2% last week, also, with White Mask (used to be biggest user) not active, the budget is in good shape; remember, budget not used is re-absorbed

q. Ryan (MCT) moves to previous question
r. Majority approved
s. Budget approved by majority vote

3. Adriana (Film) announcement:
   a. I write for the Planet – feature piece for December on teachers; in order to be accurate, I would like you to send a survey (5 questions) to your constituents
   b. Will send survey to you, the Senators, please send it on

4. Adriana (Film) and Max (Econ) goals for year:
   a. Adriana (Film) – already had a lecture, Scott Rosenfelt – was successful, really great, wide age-range of students including grads and freshmen; meeting with Department Head (Craven) on projects
      i. Film Showcase in December – showcasing student work
      ii. Spring – still being formulated; trying to involve Film students in Study trip with Cultural Programs
   b. Max (Econ) – Restructuring the curriculum a bit, difficult, but want to offer more and more difficult courses; still in debate, in meetings with many Econ Professors discussing right now; Economics open house should be at the beginning of December – all are welcome; will have a speaker too – still working out details
   c. Any questions? No.

5. Pierre (JC) presents new amendment:
   a. Pivotal amendment presentation today – first showing outline (already shown in earlier meeting) to remind Senators where we are headed
   b. Article VIII. today (to be attached)
   c. Read aloud to Senate
   d. Comments/questions?
      i. Stephanie (IBA) – what about the omission of an annex?
         1. Pierre (JC) – we should clarify that
   e. Stephanie (IBA) – moves to approve; Darcee (MPL/MPPA) seconds
   f. Madison (History) – if revised yearly, at what point of the year is it revised?
      i. Pierre (JC) – left that vague on purpose; schedule of the process will be set by Judiciary Committee and Executive
Board, allows for each new team to have flexibility; desire for yearly revision, but idea being that it will not need to be as frequent over time

g. Laura (ICP) moves to previous question
h. Majority agrees
i. Voted in by majority
j. Laura (ICP) – since it’s a constitutional matter, shouldn’t we vote by role call
   i. Sven (USC VP) – that’s up to chair, it was a clear majority, so no need

6. Sven (USC VP) – presentation of possible new Senators
   a. Sophia Christou for Sophomore Rep. (reads speech)
      i. Understands gravity of the situation (of impeached Senators), still in discussion with administration, etc.
      ii. Here today to get back to relevant issues – Danite (previous Rep.) asked me to be here
      iii. Goal: student jobs – help sophomore class jump into job market, has heard from peers that it is a concern
     iv. Any questions?
     v. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) – could you repeat your name please? Yes. Sophia.
   
      i. Florian (previous Rep.) recommended me
      ii. Always been active at AUP – volley ball team in the past; would be grateful to be a part of the Senate this year
      iii. Questions?
         1. Stephanie (IBA) – until end of the semester or year?
         2. Sven (USC VP) – constitutionally interim – must be reelected in spring
   
c. Dana (CS) moves to accept two new interim Senators, Ryan (MCT) seconds
   
d. Further comments or motions?
   e. Laura (ICP) moves to previous question
   f. Two new senators voted in unanimously

7. Announcements
   a. Stephanie (USC Communications)
      i. 7eme Calendar – now up online and functioning; please use this for reference on all campus events; please use new form to submit a communications request
      ii. Art History Department Open House – December 10th; all are welcome to attend (encouraged)
   b. Laura (ICP) – working on new lecture series for department; first event on the Presidential Election Results, Tomorrow (Thursday) C-12, 7:30PM
c. Sven (USC VP)
   i. Raise hands if you have gained access to email accounts – for those of you who haven’t, please contact helpdesk
   ii. General Student Assembly promotion:
       1. November 20th Grand Salon, Bosquet at 5PM – one of the most important events of the semester; you must communicate it to your constituents; opportunity for students to have voice heard; you are all required to be there
   iii. Please remember to send feedback to Hannah Lee
   iv. Please help Adriana (Film) with survey
   v. Please support Laura’s (ICP) event
   vi. Mae (GC) and Laura (ICP) please present next week
   vii. Tomorrow morning special invite event – pick up a flier; send Sven (USC VP) tonight you plan on attending

Meeting adjourned (1:14PM)