

Senate Meeting – 12 December 2012

AGENDA

13th Student Senate Meeting

- 12:10 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
- 12:10 – Introduction representative of the board of trustees (Sandra Craig).
- 12:15 – Executive Report - SGA Treasurer (Mimi Adrien) giving an update on the budget.
- 12:30 – Students Camilla Bull and Nora Kielland applying for the co-chair position of the Social Committee.
- 12:40 – ICP Rep (Laura Gonzalez) reporting on her MUN trip.
- 12:45 – Senator Report - Psychology Rep (Elisabeth Turner), Junior Rep (Mariam Youssef), Visiting Rep (Charles Besnard), MCB Rep (Stephanie Carman Brugos), MCT Rep (Ryan McCarthy), MIN + MAIA Rep (Amy Dean) and MPL and MPPA Rep (Darcee Meilbeck) on their accomplishments of the semester and their plans for spring.
- 12:55 – Proposal Junior Representative (Mariam Youssef).
- 13:05 – Old business + New Business.
 - Announcements and Adjournment.
- 13:10 – Senator Appreciation Surprise.

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:11PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): introduces, Sandra Craig – Board of Trustees
 - a. Sandra (Board of Trustees) – introduces herself, many family connections
 - b. On several committees on the Board, on a volunteer basis, the guardians and stewards of the institution
 - c. Very important to us that your time at AUP is good
 - d. Chairman of Student Affairs Committee – here to listen and learn
 - e. Thank you for letting me be here
2. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Mimi (Treasurer) with an overview of the budget
 - a. Quick overview of this year and what we spent so far, especially out of Global activities budget
 - b. Gives presentation
 - c. Any questions? No.
3. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Nora and Camilla to present for Social Committee Chairs

- a. Introduce themselves
 - b. Looking to get more involved, talked to Kevin Fore
 - c. Already started the work, along with Kevin Fore and Freya at Nora Bismark Foundation; intention to have an event in April
 - d. Out of 1000 or so students, there are about 100 involved – we want to help change that
 - e. Up to you, but we'd like to be involved
 - f. Any questions?
 - g. Miriam (Junior): what is the event you guys are organizing?
 - h. Camilla: it's a cocktail party in a gallery; founded by an American woman; 17th of April
 - i. Nora: maybe some live music and dancers too; hope it will interest grad students, and students all over Paris too; we won't need to pay for the event
 - j. Stephanie (IBA): do you have other events planned?
 - k. Nora and Karen: not yet, we aren't officially elected yet
 - l. Stephanie (IBA): I would like to approve Nora and Camilla for chairing the Social Committee; Alena (Comp Lit): second.
 - m. Adriana (Film): I know them both personally and they are both very qualified for the committee
 - n. Madison (History): do you speak French?
 - o. Camilla: some, not perfectly, but we speak many other languages
 - p. Stephanie (IBA): move to previous question
 - q. Accepted
 - r. Unanimously voted in
4. Pierre (JCC) and Alex (JCC)
- a. Thank you for your contributions to this semester's Constitution changes
 - b. Primary goal – split main Constitution versus Annexes (particular interest groups), more or less achieved as of today
 - c. Preamble left untouched
 - d. A bit of rewording here and there
 - e. Dean Monthéard participated in the exercise and we took his feedback into consideration
 - f. (Document to be attached)
 - g. Absences – modified absence policy to three absences per semester as opposed to three absences per year; would like your feedback on that today
 - h. Any comments or questions on that point? No.
 - i. Codifying customary practice of having the Dean (Monthéard) look over annexes and changes to the Constitution before they are put into practice; part of the checks and balances of university system
 - j. Stephanie (IBA): can you change a period to a semi-colon; sorry, it's a small comment
 - k. Pierre (JCC): sure

- l. Alex (JCC): a lot of people focused on grammar, which was helpful (in their comments/suggestions)
 - m. Pierre (JCC): annexes haven't changed much
 - n. Alex (JCC): clubs and organizations...
 - o. Pierre (JCC): officially added in now; a few things added based on feedback from Clubs Committee and Kevin Fore; there is more work to be done for next semester
 - p. Pierre (JCC): I will continue to hold this position next semester, if you were to accept me; I will not be able to attend Senate meetings; Alex (JCC) has offered to take that role on his own; would you still have me, even if I am a full-time internship student? If you find someone to replace me, I am more than happy for that too
 - q. Any questions or motions on the floor?
 - r. Stephanie (IBA): motions that Pierre (JCC) keep his position for next semester; Darcee (MPL/MPPA) seconds
 - s. Max (Econ): moves to previous questions
 - t. Voted in
 - u. Unanimously accepted
 - v. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): moves to approve all changes already made by Judiciary committee and to continue their work next semester; Stephanie (IBA) seconds
 - w. Alena (Comp Lit): moves to previous question
 - x. Unanimously voted in.
5. Sven (USC VP): calls forward six Senators to discuss semester
- a. First, Elisabeth (Psych): met last Friday with most of the professors to discuss classes in the works; first-bridge: philosophy and psych; possible exchange with Eugene Lang; looking for a new hire; creating a page for psych alumni to help facilitate communication between current students and alumni; planning on revitalizing gender studies program
 - b. Questions? none.
 - c. Second, Miriam (Junior): three proposals for next semester if reelected; collaboration with Luka – improve drop/add week, ask professors to add a book list or a course outline, need to clarify what courses are about; Literature students want book-lists before class begins to get a head start; week after orientation, hope for every Senator to present their departments, in particular for new students and freshman trying to decide what major to go into; following up on a student's request – why do we not have more reading days this semester, how can we improve this for the future? Hope we can get at least three reading days for future semesters?
 - d. Questions? none.
 - e. Third, Charles (Visiting): difficult to get any major projects through due to timing, but it would be good to have a visiting student's forum

- in future semesters; I know a few people who are continuing on next semester, that would be interested in taking over
- f. Kevin Fore: can you maybe put together a summary of this semester so that the new rep could feel prepared to take over?
 - g. Charles (Visiting): sure
 - h. Fourth, Stephanie (MCB): promoted guest speaker of wine society; wants a thesis writing workshop for all grad students: February, March, and April sessions, there are already professors interested in helping out; working on getting more grants for grad students
 - i. Questions? none.
 - j. Fifth, Amy (MIN/MAIA): goals are similar to Stephanie's; a lot of my constituents want to go abroad for there theses studies; working on grant projects too; a lot of her program looking to getting voices heard, to be more active; perhaps an internet outlet, as opposed to a journal
 - k. Questions? none.
 - l. Finally, Darcee (MPL/MPPA): working on finding ways where grad students can get extended grad student lounge hours; petition circulated, and has almost the entire grad student population to sign it; met with Dean Gordon over all the legal issues, etc.; waiting to hear back, but will run into him tomorrow evening (to gently remind him) and will send an email; nothing specific has been written up yet, cannot do that until understanding of legal situation; for next semester, plan to work with the library for earlier opening hours; playing a waiting game for now...
 - m. Questions? none.
 - n. Sven (USC VP): Thank you.
6. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Laura (ICP) to discuss MUN trip
- a. Laura (ICP): you had approved our budget for the Hamburg MUN trip, seven students went; invited to attend future MUNs; one delegate won a best delegate award
 - b. For next semester, listed four possible MUN trips; meeting tomorrow about it
 - c. Delegates received compliments on their debating skills
 - d. (Shows photo presentation)
 - e. Wanted to show this to explain the success of the conference and introduce how we were invited to future MUNs; the students involved really enjoyed the experience and did a really good job; hoping to create a good impression of AUP and legacy for school
 - f. Daniel (Freshman): I also attend the MUN conference, for the first time; it was an awesome experience, and I really hope AUP can fund future opportunities
 - g. Laura (ICP): from SGA budget, we had to include about 90 euros out of our own pockets too; we did help support it ourselves

7. Sven (USC VP): Any old or new business
 - a. Toghzan (Senior): for quick update on graduation gala; the graduate students have decided to do their own event; found a good location for the undergraduate event, hoping to sign a contract by next week; after that, we can focus more on details; newly elected co-chairs will also be involved in next step of the process, looking forward to having that support; students graduating this semester but walking in May, I will send an email update on what is happening with the Gala; next semester, will organize a meeting with Seniors so that they can ask their questions
 - b. Patrick (USC President): wants to take a photo after the meeting

8. Sven (USC VP): Announcements
 - a. Stephanie (USC Communications): Thank you all for your good work as Senators this semester, for helping with communications amongst the student body, and for attending as many SGA events as regularly as you have; this year's Senate is really different, and so far has been very successful
 - b. Dave (GSC VP): you caught us off-guard by being so proactive; we were expecting the same attendance problems as last year, planning all sorts of creative and brutal methods to keep you all present and active, none of which have been necessary; thank you all for your good work – we expect this progress and activity to continue into next semester
 - c. Sven (USC VP): second round of elections in the Spring
 - i. Open position – USC Social Director
 - ii. Open department Senate seats – Art history, French, MACGS, Senators elected during the semester need to run again
 - d. Sven (USC VP): survey online to be filled out over the break, your feedback is really important
 - e. Sven (USC VP): please register for this “course” to make your participation official
 - f. Lebanese food surprise to follow!
 - g. Sven (USC VP): to reiterate what Dave said, thank you all for being here and for working as hard as you have; we would expect nothing less; please enjoy the food in the back of the room!

(Meeting adjourned 1:02PM)