

To be inserted in Art III (e)

"Additionally, if the constituency of a department feels the need for exceptional representation of a particular major, they request that their representative petition the Senate and present a candidate to be voted in based on the same requirements stated in Art. V b). The Senate will hear each candidate and their interim status will be voted upon for one academic year, requiring a two-thirds majority. Upon confirmation, they shall be held to the same responsibilities as outlined in Art. IV c) until the next election period, at which time the position would be open for reelections."

Senate Meeting – 17 October 2012

AGENDA

6th Student Senate Meeting

- 12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda
- 12:15 – Dean Neil Gordon on the new academic year
- 12:25 – Introduction Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Fore as senate advisor
- 12:30 – History Rep (Madison Riley) and IBA Rep (Stephanie Galy) presenting their goals and projects
- 12:40 – SGA Treasurer (Mimi Adrien) on the year's budget, and the Clubs Committee Chair (Alexandre Violet) presenting the AUP Wine Society budget and the recommendations of the Clubs Committee
- 12:55 – Introduction of new amendment by the Judiciary Committee
- 13:05 – Economics representative (Max Schleich) presenting a potential time change
- 13:15 – Old business + New Business
 - Announcements and Adjournment

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:13PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): Introduces Neil Gordon, Dean of Academic Affairs
 - a. Thanks for having him – apology: not much time today
 - b. Aware of work happening in Senate, through students and work with Kevin Fore
 - c. Academic Affairs is deeply supportive
 - d. Extra-circulars stay with you longer, deeply important
 - e. Ways already supporting:
 - i. Formed credit-bearing classes for extra-circulars
 - ii. Logistics of scheduling – make this a part of school days
 - iii. Will come speak at greater length in the future about significance of and difficulties in scheduling
 - f. Now does, and will continue to put resources at your disposal to support the work you are doing
2. Stephanie (USC Com Dir.) Attendance – announcement about liability to impeachment:
 - a. Senators Danite Arefaine (Sophomore), Florian Schreiter (Junior), and Luka Ivcevic (PPE) have all been absent at three or more Senate Meetings and are therefore liable to impeachment

- b. Should any Senator choose to follow through, must send an official email to the USC VP (Sven), and the issue will then be addressed in the next meeting, and finally raised to a vote of confidence
- 3. Sven (USC VP), note: Professor Ali Rahnema is present to watch over the current proceedings of the Senate
- 4. Sven (USC VP) invites Kevin Fore to speak:
 - a. As an advisor to student Senate, like to introduce himself
 - b. Experience at AUP: been here for 8 years, first 3 years with Cultural Program, since Associate Dean of Student Affairs
 - c. Student Affairs: Housing, counseling, health and wellness, etc.
 - d. Realization that many extra-circulars were not receiving enough attention or running appropriately
 - e. Feeling that (from student satisfaction surveys) that the majority of the student body does not understand the function of or appreciate having a Senate
 - f. Sabbatical last spring: focus, best practices of student affairs; looked into student government at other universities, visiting many personally
 - g. Took on responsibility for advising many programs: student government executives, student media, student peer advising, clubs committee, and student senate
 - h. Contributes:
 - i. Institutional memory and help with transitions: been involved for years, seen good and bad meetings
 - 1. Last spring, identified a student to chair environmental committee, began a relationship; then that student left AUP, and could have fallen apart, but because he was involved, he was able to collect information needed and prepare for another student to take over
 - 2. Clubs Committee: started to build an effective team last year, the new chair is new to the committee, his understanding helps continue progress instead of starting from scratch each year
 - ii. Building bridges with faculty and the administration, advocates for Senate in both groups
 - 1. Even though some progress has occurred, still many students, faculty, and staff don't know what we do or care; already improving with current SGA team
 - 2. Attends Senior staff meetings – reminds them that student government exists and why it is important
 - 3. Working with Academic Affairs to advocate for importance of extra-circulars and receive credit for it
 - 4. Recognize faculty that do already support

- 5. Meeting during the day, goes beyond idea of convenient time, makes it credible, reliable, etc. – prepares for future semesters too
 - iii. Promote what happens in Senate to other students, helps get them involved: through work in Student Affairs
 - 1. Many uninvolved students feeling separate – can connect them with right students to involve them in the community
 - 2. Can also share other students' perspectives, share possibly unvoiced opinions
 - i. Successes and failures of Student Senate are your own, as it should be, but you can look at it as a closed forum, or an open forum: inviting entire community, model of shared governance
 - j. Every once and a while, he will intervene – similar to Judiciary Committee – in order to share information that you may not have, based on his position; will have something to add to the conversation, though he doesn't want to overstep his boundaries, in particular with Clubs Committee
 - k. Sven (USC VP): please use Kevin, like Alex and Pierre, should you have any questions
5. Madison Riley (History):
 - a. Goals and Projects:
 - i. Printing – wants to address issues, wireless printing would be ideal; opened dialogue with IT, so far conflicting answers, but still trying to make it work
 - ii. Computer maintenance – improve speed
 - iii. With grad students: magazine subscriptions in student lounge, etc. available to all students: useful and informative
 - iv. Art History – help work with students in the department, open dialogues for whatever they need
6. Stephanie Galy (IBA)
 - a. Spoke with professors in her department – asking to build math major
 - b. Staying in communication with department and constituents
7. Questions for the Senators:
 - a. Magazine availability: Laura (ICP) – which ones?
 - i. Economics, HT, Time Magazine, etc.
 - ii. Laura (ICP): Can we add more academic magazines? Yes.
 - b. Toghzan (Senior) – there are already subscriptions in the library
 - i. Idea to expand, not just in library
 - c. Ryan (MCT) – tally going in grad lounge to see what students want, undergrad yet?
 - i. Madison (History): No, but will do

- d. Sven (USC VP) – perhaps discuss outside Senate, bring a proposal next meeting
8. Mimi (SGA Treasurer) and Alexandre (CC Chair) – introducing budget proposal for Wine Society
- a. Proposal sent to all senators' emails
 - b. Alexandre (CC Chair) introduces the club:
 - i. Lisa Coe, club leader, has experience already – wants to share passion with students at AUP
 - ii. Created the club with the intension to educate students on wine culture and its intricacies, especially French wines
 - iii. Activities: comparative wine tastings (starting Oct. 23rd), partnering with French Department; 3 officers already in club, already hosted a meeting
 - iv. Asking for 6 tastings this (semester)
 - c. Mimi (Treasurer) - introduces budget proposal
 - i. Original request broken down (see attached document)
 - ii. Only asking for funds for two meetings – if first two successful, will request the rest of the semester's funds
 - iii. Wine subscriptions will belong to AUP Wine Society, not club leader, can be handed down to future club leaders
 - d. Any questions?
 - i. Laura (ICP) – so 551 euro for just 2 meetings?
 - 1. Mimi (Treasurer) Yes, in the packet you received by email
 - ii. Adriana (Film) – how many club members?
 - 1. Mimi (Treasurer) goal for 10-15, depending on first two meetings that will determine
 - iii. Kevin Fore – October 23rd, there are many more than 10-15 already planning to attend
 - iv. Mimi – working with ASM to promote
 - v. Max (Econ) – with outside people coming, are they helping pay?
 - 1. Kevin Fore: structural stuff is with AUP; people from outside are asked to bring their own drinks and food to contribute
 - e. Any motions on the floor?
 - f. Laura (ICP) moves to accept, Ryan (MCT) seconds
 - g. Any comments?
 - i. Stephanie (MCB) – is second meeting set?
 - 1. Mimi (Treasurer) – yes, don't have exact information, but two ideas in place
 - h. Dana (CS): moves to previous question
 - i. Majority in favor
 - j. Vote: majority in favor, budget approved by Senate
 - k. Alexandre (CC Chair) –

- i. Meeting on individual basis with club leaders, budgets in process, hopefully more budget proposals coming;
- ii. Also, vice chair position is still open

9. Alex and Pierre (Co-chairs JC), new proposal

- a. Presenting an amendment necessary to draft: came to attention last week that one position (PPE position) should not be there
- b. PPE is a major, not a department: all Senators present a department
- c. Not trying to assign blame, this has happened in the past; responsibility to whole elections taskforce
- d. For the record, nothing to do with scheduling issue from last week
- e. PPE Major is administratively attached to Economics Department; approached current Senator (Luka) with options:
 - i. Drop out – opt-out of Senate position
 - ii. Meet up with Econ rep (Max) to figure out how to collaborate; as Luka was elected by PPE majors, which fall under Economics Department; would have to give up his vote (only one per department), but still can serve as a Senator
 - iii. Amendment: in case of special representation needs, necessary here because PPE is a new major, propose an amendment which allows a major to petition Senate for a representative on the Senate; alternatives: represents the major exceptionally as an observer (no vote, but can participate in discussions) or interim status (last amendment added) where he would run again next semester
- f. (Amendment proposal to be attached)
- g. Amendment goes beyond the scope of current case; majors may feel the need for special representation; ex. IBA represents 3 majors
- h. Luka (PPE) asked for option iii; we leave it to you to debate
- i. Motions on the floor?
- j. Laura (ICP): moves to accept, Stephanie (IBA) seconds
- k. Dana (CS) question: Professor Rahnema, how many students currently PPE majors?
 - i. Professor Rahnema: Guess of 12-13 students
- l. Professor Rahnema: have you verified it's part of Economics Department?
 - i. Pierre (JC) yes, online, but should check with Professors in Department;
 - ii. Max (Econ): Professor Dunz confirmed to me that it is a part of the Economics Department
- m. Laura (ICP): no matter where it falls, it's still relevant; advocates for passing the amendment – remember, only for one academic year
- n. Stephanie (IBA): moves to previous questions
- o. Majority in favor, Debate closed
- p. Laura (ICP): repeats motion

- q. Alex (JC) – repeats reading the Constitutional Amendment Proposal by request of Sven (USC VP), as it is a Constitutional matter
 - r. Vote by roll-call – Adriana interrupts: clarification between options, (can be found in attendance)
 - s. Approved by majority vote
10. Max (Econ) presents, time-schedules based on last meeting
- a. Senators weren't very cooperative, so only looked at those who sent full schedules
 - b. Still, not successful – not an option to change time schedule
 - c. Speaking on other options, spoke with Judiciary Committee and other options are unconstitutional
 - d. Suggests impeachment
 - e. They requested interim
 - f. Sven (USC VP) – options:
 - i. Brainstorm with Max (Econ), as taskforce head, for more ideas
 - ii. Disband taskforce
 - iii. Impeachment requires formal, written request
 - iv. Interim Senator would have to go through USC or GSC VP
 - g. Ryan (MCT): moves to disband taskforce; Dana (CS) seconds
 - h. Toghzan (Senior): how much would goals of PPE and Economics differ? Would impeachment be appropriate?
 - i. Max (Econ): as far as PPE Major stands, goals are not that different; Sophomore and Junior reps are a different story
 - i. Laura (ICP): moves to previous question
 - j. Majority vote, debate closed
 - k. Unanimously disbands taskforce
11. Old or new business?
- a. Laura (ICP): point of information, trying to get Politics Department lecture serious going again, need student support; if anyone would like to help support or knows someone who would, please let her know
 - b. Adriana (Film): point of information, tonight Film Department is hosting an event, please come (17h, Grand Salon)
12. Sven (USC VP) announcements:
- a. Invites Dana (CS) and Alena (Comp Lit) to introduces goals
 - b. Please send topics by Sunday night to him to request time to present motions
 - c. Please be quiet and help put back chairs as you leave

Meeting adjourned (1:21PM)