Senate Meeting - 19 September 2012

Agenda
By Sven van Mourik (VP):

12:15 – Call to order
12:15 – Officer Report: Senate Chair (Sven van Mourik) on elections, voting and committee chairs
12:20 – Officer Report: USC Communications Director (Stephanie Dissette) on student communications and awareness
12:25 – Short reiteration of senate procedures by Senate Chair (Sven van Mourik)
12:30 – Unfinished (old) business and new business
   – Possible exercise of new senate procedures
   – Announcements and Adjournment

Minutes
Taken by Stephanie Dissette (Communications Director)

Meeting Begins (12:15PM)

1. Sven (VP): Welcome, again, what is your goal as a senator for the year?
   a. If you speak, please stand up
   b. Madi (History): make sure history major does not get "swallowed up;”
      lots of cross-listed courses this semester; everyone who is not history can get into classes too
   c. Alena (Comp Lit): been in touch with constituents and department head; more theory-based class; potential pre-requisites for certain classes; have a list of required readings before signing up for the course; small department, but classes are overloaded right now – need more space; alum get in touch with current majors; update comp lit blog
   d. Mae (Global Com): work more with the 7eme and newspaper to communicate better with a larger major on campus; work on networking, possible social events for just this major
   e. Max (Econ): make it easier to double major in Econ and something else – stronger degree; change Econ honors program
   f. Bessie (Psych): classes aren’t very diverse in subject or professor; department already in the works trying to get a new full-time professor – utilize student support to make a priority
   g. Dana (Comp Sc): courses not practical – need new ones; send out student surveys and meet with them individually; better inter-
departmental communication, can be helpful to ITS too for faster aid to students; help teach Drupal; alumni connections stronger, helps for internships and job offers

h. Laura (ICP): courses aren’t offered every semester, difficult to meet core class requirements, attempt to work with Gardner and other professors to help students get all their core classes in under normal 4 years; international law minors have trouble meeting requirements because classes aren’t offered regularly enough; practical side of politics – getting a model UN or other conference in motion for less theory and more action

i. Sven asks Senators to remind new elected Senators of what their job really means;

2. Sven (VP), on elections: reminds that election results announced on Friday

3. Sven (VP) reminder committees: chairs voted in next Wednesday within Senate
   a. One grad and one undergrad for each committee
   b. Vice chairs needed – Senators, give it some thought and research

4. Stephanie (CD) talks about communications on campus
   a. Utilize each other as fellow SGA members to communicate with student body
   b. Please promote this week’s Back to School Party
   c. Use your resources (FB, email, etc.) to help promote SGA events

   (12:32)

5. Sven (VP) reviews Senate procedures*
   a. Review of terms
   b. Demo


7. Final announcement: contact new students running for office to inform on Senate procedures; please promote voting and Back to School Party

   Meeting adjourned (12:41)

*(Document to be attached)