Senate Meeting – 21 November 2012

Agenda

10th Student Senate Meeting

12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
12:15 – Executive Report - SGA Treasurer (Mimi Adrien) giving an update on the budget.
12:30 – Senator Report - Sophomore Rep (Sophia Christou) and Junior Rep (Mariam Youssef) on their goals.
12:40 – Senator Report - MCB Rep (Stephanie Carman) on Wine Society event.
12:50 – Old business + New Business.
        – Announcements and Adjournment.

+ An informal brainstorming session on senator motions that could change the university (wireless printing, open credit transfer, library hours).

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:14PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): Thank you, those who could attend last night’s General Student Assembly
   a. Senate is on track, everything that needed to be done is covered
   b. In a sense, ahead of schedule
   c. Time to decide where we want to go next
   d. More later

2. Sven (USC VP) – calls forward Mimi (Treasurer) to give budget update
   a. Brief update, by end of the semester we will have a more complete view, this is just a basic overview of present state
   b. (Writes on board):
      i. Total Budget is 105,000 euros
      ii. Remaining – 95, 294.76 euros
      iii. This is good news – we have room to work with this
      iv. Clubs (spent) – 5,821.24 euros – 17,178 euros left
      v. Global Activities (spent) – 2,316 euros (grad career talks, sexual awareness speaker, Halloween event, Well-Tuned Words)
      vi. Senators - Daniel (Thanksgiving) 100 euros
      vii. Executive (remaining) – 9,705.24 euros; printing fees, phone stipends, office supplies, etc.
      viii. Later, we will review what remains for 2nd semester
   c. Stephanie (ICP) – where did room money come from?
i. Mimi (Treasurer) – club’s budget
ii. The actual building of the wall? – before this Senate
iii. Kevin Fore – that was administration
iv. Mimi (Treasurer) to clarify, discussing what we approved last week for clubs room
v. Max (Econ) – 105,000 euros is total, including ASM, yes?
vi. Mimi (Treasurer) – yes, we have to subtract 40,000 euros for ASM budget (pre-approved)
vii. I will talk to Jessica Lynch (ASM Treasurer) before end of the month
viii. Sven (USC VP) – Ford Leland (head of ASM) will come in December to update how they’ve used their budget up to now; this was approved last year, as long as they come in for regular check-ins; Senate should keep track of this to decide for future years if we wish to make this routine

3. Sven (USC VP) calls forward Sophia (Sophomore) to update on goals
   a. Checked in with Danite about Senate procedure
   b. Intends to extend Library hours, especially coming into the end of the semester; in the US libraries are usually open 24 hours for campuses, why not AUP?
   c. Try to enable Sophomore class to be more prepared for work after graduating
   d. No questions

4. Stephanie (MCB) – presents Wine Society
   a. Working with Wine Society Club leader, (hands out informational sheet – to be attached)
   b. Next Tuesday, B-15 (Clubs Room) – speaker, Keith Hart, with official wine tasting; from Alsace region; organic wine; Topic: Sustainable Practices
   c. Max (Econ) – are we paying him to speak?
   d. Stephanie (MCB) – no, he offered it to us
   e. A lot is going on that night, but this should only take an hour or so (free wine!)

5. Old or New Business?
   a. Daniel (Freshman) – Tomorrow at 7PM, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
      i. Amy (MIN/MAIA) – how many people signed up?
      ii. Daniel (Freshman) – about 150 people
      iii. Stephanie (IBA) – can we still bring friends along that haven’t signed up?
      iv. Daniel (Freshman) – yes, but you need an AUP ID, or be with someone
      v. Toghzan (Senior) – how many side-dishes/ for how many people do you need it to accommodate?
vi. Daniel (Freshman) – 15 approximately
b. Adriana (Film) – thank you to all that filled out the survey for the
   Planet article; so far, only 20 came back, please remind your
   constituents!

c. Stephanie (MCB) – when do you need it by?
d. Adriana (Film) – Friday.
e. Max (Econ) – our speaker is coming November 29th; he wrote a book
   about Economics, will speak about the current financial crisis;
   6:30PM, Grand Salon
f. Dana (CS) - yesterday at GSA I asked about awards; the
   administration welcomed the idea about having more, but we need to
   make recommendations, so I will send you all an email following up
   on this; send to your constituents please

6. Announcements:
   a. Dave (GSC VP) – Career talk this Friday, immigration lawyer about
      getting visas for work; C-13, 12:10-1:30PM
   b. Madison (History) – can we get this information later elsewhere; I am
      in class;
   c. Stephanie (USC Comm): Sexual Awareness Week, culminating in
      International AIDS awareness day (Saturday, December 1st):
      i. Monday – Grace Brown, Project Unbreakable
      ii. Tuesday – Alumni Open Mic
      iii. Wednesday - ?
      iv. Thursday – Wear Red
      v. Friday – “End of School” Party w/ other Universities - Privilege
   d. Sven (USC VP) –
      i. Visited the Club, Privilege, and it looks awesome
      ii. Please remember to send what you wish to be conveyed to
           other Senators to Sven (USC VP) to reiterate events, points of
           information, etc.
      iii. Reminder, Hannah Lee, representing the English Department is
           still looking to hear about the English Placement test

   (Meeting adjourned 12:40PM)