Senate Meeting – 24 October 2012

Agenda

Seventh Student Senate Meeting

12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
12:15 – Kristina Ver Foley (Director of University Outreach and Advancement) on AUP’s new website.
12:30 – Computer Science, Mathematics and Science Rep (Dana Kianfar) and Comparative Literature and English Rep (Alena Mealy) presenting their goals and projects.
12:40 – Presentation chair Environmental committee (Shannon Mueller) and statement chair Social committee (Elizabeth Rubel).
12:50 – Vote of Confidence by Computer Science rep (Dana Kianfar) and Economics rep (Maximilian Schleich).
13:00 – Old business + New Business.
   – Announcements and Adjournment.

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:13PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): Announcements
   a. PPE and Sophomore Reps handed in resignation, Sophomore Rep open, and PPE dissolved for the time being
   b. First guest speaker has not yet arrived, continue with Reps

2. Dana (CS)
   a. Computer Science open house – (6:30PM today)
   b. Looking for new Environmental Science Professor – on the committee
   c. Trying to get computer science majors together to consider how to share skills with university
   d. Set up computer lab in Grenelle for Computer Science Majors
      i. Can’t experiment without administrative passwords
      ii. Room available, thinks he has support of IT
      iii. Talked to Dean, may be available by Spring
      iv. Would not be available to other students, but not an issue yet

3. Alena (Comp Lit)
   a. Goal to bridge gap between students and teachers
   b. Adding a booklist to classes already for spring
   c. Created a Facebook account with booklist for department
d. Meeting tonight at 6PM to talk to Comp Lit students about changes needed

4. Welcome Kristina Ver Foley – Director of Outreach and Advancement
a. Web redesign project:
   i. Public website as well as MyAUP being redesigned for an expected launch in May 2013
   ii. Big, important project for AUP
   iii. Old platform doesn’t offer much flexibility
   iv. Idea: functional, modern and appealing to prospective students
   v. Started in Fall of 2011, and found company MStoner (US based consultancy) – leaders in field
   vi. MStoner met with students, faculty, administration last May 2012, analyzed over summer, and delivered in early September 2012 first design ideas
   vii. Received 2 initial design concepts last week – minimal, but going public soon
   viii. Enlist help and feedback – single largest investment currently at AUP
   ix. Focus groups on Campus
      1. Tuesday, Oct. 30th, 3:30PM-4:30PM grads
      2. Wednesday Oct. 31st: 10:30AM-11:30AM undergrads
   x. Please attend or put word out to constituents
   xi. Contact Sebastian Ordelheide (Outreach and Advancement) if you wish to attend
   xii. Survey going out to public soon after focus groups – parents, students, staff, prospective students, etc.
   xiii. Nov. 15th, choose a design concept – will revise current content and simplify
   xiv. Mid-Feb, Early March – revised version of current info will move into template for new website – will recruit students to help in late March-early May with content transfer
b. Monthly Communications Meetings (campus wide)
   i. Working with ASM and 7eme – student life at AUP needs a more public presence
   ii. Meeting with SGA

c. Questions?
   i. Daniel (Freshman): Focus groups will be held…?
      1. Maybe 118 rue St. Dominique – will confirm

d. Hands out flyers for local Alumni weekend (May 2013)

5. Shannon (EC Chair)
a. Having trouble communicating with maintenance, but meeting next Tuesday to work on fixing recycling program
b. Dana (CS) – Library and (behind Bosquet) have own recycling, but rest of buildings need it
i. Looking for a new company to work with, old one might have been too expensive
ii. Need to figure out budget, maybe through student activities
iii. Need to campaign with students – will need Senators’ help to reach out to constituents to encourage recycling
c. Shannon (EC) campaign for reusable water bottles coming soon too
d. Questions? No.

6. Message from Social Committee
   a. (See attached doc)
   b. Left email address for everyone should someone want to help/ask questions

7. Call for vote of confidence: Dana (CS) and Max (Econ)
   a. Everyone knows the situation
   b. Danite and Luka already resigned, Florian has not yet
   c. Sophomore and Junior Reps have many duties, need someone to fill as soon as possible
   d. Luka and Florian look forward to running for positions next semester
   e. All those in favor of impeaching Florian Schrieter as Junior Rep
   f. Clear Majority – Sven (VP) will convey to Florian

8. Daniel (Freshman) – makes a motion
   a. Issue of only 18 credits per semester, issue with 4 credit courses; what if you don’t use 2 extra credits?
   b. Anya Verkamp, freshman, brought issue to table – difficult to complete double majors within current system
   c. Proposal: if a student takes only 16 credits in a semester, those 2 remaining credits could possible carry over to an additional 2 the next; 20 credits in the next semester
   d. This policy would pertain to only new students
   e. Could encourage students to stay for a full year instead of a semester
   f. Any motions?
   g. Stephanie (IBA) – motion to make proposals to make proposition possible; Daniel (Freshman) seconded
   h. Adriana (Film) – we should look at how other universities (in US) how they manage it; part of AUP is small class size, but this could take an effect on that
   i. Ryan (MCT) – Suffolk, his undergrad, had same situation, students paid extra for extra credits
   j. Mae (GC) – yes, students can pay extra for extra credit classes; ASM classes are free right now; should speak with Dominique Meys
   k. Stephanie (IBA) – moves to previous question
   l. Majority favor – concluding debate
   m. Sven (VP) – usually, make a motion to create a committee, for example, to continue exploration
9. Announcements
   a. Stephanie (USC Communications)
      i. Bosqu’ary – this coming Friday, October 26th, Halloween Party
      ii. “Well Tuned Words” – Renaissance/Early Baroque music concert, Monday, October 29th
      iii. Re-sharing info on personal accounts (FB, twitter, etc.)
   b. Sven (VP) – full access to Senator email address?
      i. To get into contact with your constituents, very powerful tool; need to be using
      ii. Contact the Helpdesk to make sure you have a usable account
      iii. Toghzan (Senior) – email IT sent out was confusing, sent about 3 weeks ago;
          1. Sven (VP) – please forward that to me and Senators
      iv. Recycling Scheme, Web Focus Groups, Halloween Party
      v. Looking for Vice Chair for Clubs Committee – need a Senator; come talk to Sven or Clubs Committee
      vi. Max (Econ) and Adriana (Film): reps to speak next week
      vii. Daniel (Freshman): update on proposal
      viii. Next Wednesday, no meeting (Fall Break)

Meeting adjourned (12:50PM)