

*Senate Meeting - 26 September 2012*

## **Agenda**

By Sven van Mourik (USC VP):

- 12:10 – Call to order
- 12:10 – Guest speaker President Schenck
- 12:25 – Short introduction by senate chair (Sven van Mourik)
- 12:30 – All senators give a short introduction of themselves and their goals for the year
- 12:45 – Officer Reports:    USC President (Patrick McDermott)  
                                  GSC Vice President (David Bloom)  
                                  GSC Communications Director (Shola Farber)  
                                  USC Communications Director (Stephanie Dissette)  
                                  USC Social Director (Karena Viehbacher)  
                                  SGA Treasurer (Mimi Adrien)
  
- 12:55 – Presentation committee co-chairs and vice chairs + voting
  - Club's Committee:           Elizabeth Rubel
  - Environmental Committee: Shannon Mueller
  - Club's Committee:           Alexandre Violet
  - Judiciary Committee: Pierre Bach, Alex McAnney,  
  Laura Gonzalez, Stephanie Galy
  
- Announcements and Adjournment

## **Minutes**

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (Communications Director)

*Meeting Begins (12:10PM)*

*Before formalities, the President is invited to speak*

*Finished (12:25) – Attendance taken*

1. Sven (USC VP): Intro
  - a. Sense of professionalism (please check regulations in folders)
  - b. Make the Senate more powerful, Senate is the tool of change
  - c. Be proactive, take initiative, be enthusiastic
  - d. Speak to constituents and department heads
  
2. Short intros and goals
  - a. Adriana (Film) – focus on Film Festival, supported by clubs and all students, not just film

- b. Daniel (Freshman) – include Freshman class in all activities, have university focus more on Freshman
- c. Madison (History) – accessible classes for all, but major isn't shrinking
- d. Toghzan (Senior) – organizing Graduation Gala, make Senior class interconnected
- e. Elizabeth (Psych) – work towards diversifying classes for Psych, more speakers and social events
- f. Alena (Comp Lit) – improve classroom sizes, pre-requisites
- g. Stephanie (IBA) – add Math Minor to finance, improve department
- h. Laura (ICP) – more events, more diversity in classes
- i. Mae (GC) – tighter network between students in department
- j. Amy (MIN-MAIA) – least stressful experience possible for grad students
- k. Darcee (MPL-MPPA) – space for graduate students for 24 hour access to study space
- l. Max (Econ) – adjust economics degree to improve
- m. Dana (Comp SC, Math, and SC) – improve and distribute resources already available

### 3. Intro SGA officers

- a. Patrick (USC President) – reiterate, decisions made here; bridge gap between students and administration; SGA will support Senate; goals should represent constituents; goal for better awareness, please communicate with constituents; importance of “student voice” on campus, e.g. AMEX fire; look forward to representing you
- b. Dave (GSC VP) – help facilitate communication between grads and undergrads; voice for the committees and transparency; reiterate, reforms are to help facilitate Senate meetings; intro Career talk series, desire to hear from all Senate members on what they would be interested in hearing from
- c. Shola (GSC Communications) – MPL program, but representing all students, work together with Social to create events at school, and help grad and undergrad become cohesive unit
- d. Stephanie (USC Communications) – communications is not a one person job; please do your part as Senators to support the AUP community by communicating with your constituents and the student body as a whole
- e. Karena (USC Social) – in charge of organizing student activities outside of classes; working with and supporting social committee; if you have plans or ideas, come talk to me
- f. Mimi (SGA treasurer) – reiterate, grad and undergrad; process check requests; budget recommendations; work closely with clubs committee; available during offices hours; 105,000 euros for year – breakdown on SGA website; Senators have at least 50 euros each out of budget, request if you need more for events; for Chairs of committees, you need to come to Mimi at least the Friday before a

Senate meeting to make requests so she can present during Senate Meetings appropriately

4. Sven (USC VP), co-chairs and vice chairs of committees need to be voted in
  - a. Senators become vice-chairs
  - b. Each applicant will present his or her self and goals; then motions to either accept, reject, or postpone
  - c. Introduce Thomas Benatone for Sports Committee Chair
    - i. Chaired last semester – succeeded in getting students involved in an international tournament in Belgium
    - ii. Goal now, with so many more students, intending to get AUP involved in another international tournament
    - iii. Darcee moves to accept; Stephanie (IBA) seconds
    - iv. Topic open for discussion: Dana (SC and Math), speaks in favor for Thomas from personal experience with him in the past
    - v. Alena (Comp Lit), moves to make a vote, Majority moves to vote;
    - vi. Unanimously accepted
  - d. Elizabeth Rubel, Social Committee Co-chair
    - i. Past two years, chaired the fundraising committee
    - ii. Goals: not just having parties, help increase awareness, everyone can come discuss cultural events, fundraising absorbed into social committee, and bridging gap between undergrad and grad students
    - iii. Any questions? – working committee
    - iv. Any motions? Mae, to accept; Madi (history) seconds
    - v. Any comments?
    - vi. Any motions – Alena moves for vote, majority
    - vii. Unanimously voted in
  - e. Karin (GSC Social) would like to be graduate co-chair for Social Committee, but cannot attend today; Senate can move to accept her or to have her speak later
    - i. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) motion to accept; Daniel (Freshman) seconds
    - ii. Any comments? No
    - iii. Any motions? Darcee (MPL/MPPA) moves to address previous question; majority moves to vote
    - iv. Unanimously voted in
  - f. Shannon Mueller, Environmental Committee Chair
    - i. Visiting student, Junior, member of Roots and Shoots
    - ii. Goals: make recycling program effective, find funding for free reusable water bottles for all the students at AUP
    - iii. Any questions? Max (Econ) – how long are you here? Visiting for a year.
    - iv. Any motions? Stephanie (IBA) moves to accept; Alena (Comp Lit) seconds

- v. Comments? Adriana (Film) – co-president of Roots and Shoots, speaks highly of her
- vi. Any motions – Alena (Comp Lit), moves to previous question, majority
- vii. Unanimously voted in
- g. Alexandre Violet, Clubs Committee Co-Chair
  - i. Addresses the room, and thanks all students, staff, and SGA for their services
  - ii. Background: transfer student, grew up in Paris and has lived in US; dreamed of attending AUP; joined US military, received award for heroism; worked in NYC;
  - iii. Goals: ensure student led initiatives happen successfully; support clubs’ operations; finished with a quote, which summarized means: “give thanks for life”
  - iv. Any motions? Darcee (MPL/MPPA) moves to accept; Laura (ICP) seconds
  - v. Any comments? No
  - vi. Any motions? Adrianna (Film) moves to address previous question, majority in favor
  - vii. Unanimously voted in
- h. Pierre Bach and Alex McAnney come forward to speak for Judiciary Committee
  - i. Pierre: been involved in clubs, joining and participating; member of clubs committee and judiciary committee; served on SGA last year
  - ii. Alex: grad student, six years in SGA back to high school; student relations chair at undergrad level; undergrad in political science pre-law;
  - iii. Pierre – Judiciary Committee assists all student organizations with bi-laws, etc; and of course works with Constitution; will attend Senate meetings to help clarify Constitutional issues; participate in Elections to ensure transparency; Goals to streamline Constitution
  - iv. Stephanie (IBA) moves to accept; Laura (ICP) seconds
  - v. Any comments? Stephanie (IBA) and Darcee (MPL/MPPA): Pierre and Alex are both fantastic
  - vi. Alena (Comp Lit) moves to previous question, majority favors
  - vii. Unanimously voted in
- i. Sven (USC VP): Congratulations on voting in Chairs and Co-Chairs

5. For Vice Chairs:

- a. Stephanie Galy (IBA), Vice Chair Judiciary Committee: last year, vice chair, before that a member on committee; still has goals before graduating
- b. Laura Gonzalez (ICP), Vice Chair Judiciary Committee: while not on committee before, has been involved in drafting constitutions from

- previous experience; minoring in International Law, student at Sorbonne too studying law
- c. Any motions on the floor? Madison (History) moves to accept Stephanie, Alena (Comp Lit) seconds
  - d. Any questions? Madison (History) asks: Stephanie, will you please elaborate on your goals? Stephanie (IBA) answers:
    - i. Vacant seats in Senate
    - ii. Fix wording in Constitution
    - iii. Help with bi-laws
  - e. Any motions? Max (Econ) moves to previous question; majority moves to vote
  - f. Stephanie Galy (IBA) voted in by majority
6. Any additional motions on the floor? No.
7. Move towards adjournment, announcements
- a. Stephanie (USC Communications)
    - i. Back to School Party successful; financially and in attendance – nearly 400 students attended; thank you for helping communicate and for those of you who attended
    - ii. Elections – voting is up, thank you for communicating and assisting with election/ticket sales booths
    - iii. Send in Bios and photos to update the SGA website by 12PM Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Sven (USC VP)
    - i. University is looking for 7 new professors in 6 departments, this affects you all – attending departmental meetings; send Sven and email if you would like to be involved in search committees
    - ii. Please continuously look through Senate regulations, will discuss for the next few meetings; based on “Robert’s Rules for Order,” follows procedures for the international standard
    - iii. Please help us put room back in order

*Meeting adjourned (13:14)*