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 McAnneny, 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. Darce 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. Darce (MPL/MPPA) motion to accept; Daniel (Freshman) seconds
     ii. Any comments? No
    iii. Any motions? Darce (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 28th

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)