AGENDA

25th Student Senate Meeting

12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda
12:15 – Budget requests
12:30 – Jessica Lynch and Ford Leland speaking on ASM’s budget
12:45 – Student Mary Rizk and Advisor Sandrine Godt speaking on Wednesday’s Sexual Aggression Awareness workshop (at 6pm in the Grand Salon).
12:50 – Student Jordan speaking on showcase
13:00 – Judiciary Committee Chair Alex McAnneny on the ASM budget allocation
13:15 – Old business + New Business
13:20 – Filling out senator survey + survey for showcase student leader awards (April 30th)
   – Announcements and Adjournment.

Minutes
Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:19PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): Change to the agenda – any objections? No
2. Sven (USC VP): a few notes
   a. Thank you for filling out the Student Leader Award Forms; it’s important to have important members of our student body give input on this matter
   b. Since this is the last senate meeting, I would like to say that I am personally very proud as to how this Senate ran
   c. It’s important for us to take some time to reflect on what we can do better next year
3. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Mimi (Treasurer) for final budget requests
   a. Mimi (Treasurer): for the final budget breakdown GSC, USC, and Senate (presentation to be attached)
   b. Loraine (GC): I will also be using my Senator budget
   c. Mimi (Treasurer): calls forward Rene (MAGCS) who is asking for an additional 200 euros for a brunch at the Amex for her constituents
   d. Rene (MAGCS): This Saturday, I am hosting a brunch for my constituents and the faculty from our programs; any money not used, from the additional 200 euros that I am requesting, we would return it for student scholarship
   e. Togzhan (Senior): are our requesting our personal senator budgets?
   f. Mimi (Treasurer): it would come from the overall remaining budget
g. Elisabeth (Psych): I emailed you last week to tell you that I need my Senator budget – I never heard back...

h. Mimi (Treasurer): I must have not gotten it… but it’s not a problem

i. Amy (MIN/MAIA): I have my money set aside for the conference, but my name isn’t listed in your presentation – I’m not sure that got placed correctly.

j. Carol (Visiting): I am also confused because I used my senator budget...

k. Mimi (Treasurer): There must be a problem.

l. Laura (ICP): I used mine too – it’s not up there.

m. Mimi (Treasurer): I can probably fund this from our executive budget

n. Rene (MAGCS): so are we done here?

o. Mimi (Treasurer): yes.


q. Mimi (Treasurer): This is the final club’s budget – presentation to be attached;

r. Mimi (Treasurer): There is a budget request for the Test Preparation club; it’s to prepare for the GMATs, LSATs, etc. They are receiving a deal from the textbook company; if you do allocate the 2000 euros, there is still money left over for scholarships

s. Monica: we have been talking to students about grad school, and discovered that AUP doesn’t have a way to help prepare for these grad school tests; we would like to have 15-20 students, with a teacher that would come twice a week in the summer to AUP to help prepare for these exams

t. Sebastien: The 2000 would be a start for summer, hopefully it would continue in the fall; it’s a project we would like AUP to continue; apparently AUP did this in the past, but it didn’t succeed; as a student club, we think it’s a long term investment

u. Clotilde: we realized there was an actual demand on campus for this; for the summer we have already nine students interested;

v. Sebastien: Test prep is really required for tests like the GRE – it’s expensive as an individual; the idea of a group prep is much better

w. Monica: normally the cost is 1,200 euros individually; with this budget and more students, the cost will go down

x. Laura (ICP): I would like to move to accept this budget

y. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): seconds

z. Togzhan (Senior): so the price per student involves hiring the professional teacher?

aa. Sebastien: yes, and books, slides, a mock test

bb. Togzhan (Senior): that would be over the summer?

cc. Clotilde: we want to have a one-month intensive over the summer, and then two months in the fall – continuing

dd. Sebastien: the more students that sign up the better; but we want a max of 15 students;
ee. Togzhan (Senior): have you talked to Danielle Savage?
ff. Clotilde: yes, she, Stephan Saywer, and more professors are already supporting us

gg. Max (Econ): you already know who will teach the courses?

hh. Sebastien: we are in contact with the center that offers these courses; we met with someone there, but we don’t know yet who will help

ii. Clotilde: we looked at different businesses and this was the most flexible and best

jj. Ryan (MCT): are you splitting up the prep for these tests, because they are three different tests... would you make all students sit through all of them?

kk. Sebastien: no, we can schedule it as we please

ll. Clotilde: there is already a schedule we have in mind, depending on what students are looking for

mm. Laura (ICP): move to previous question

nn. Budget accepted unanimously

oo. Mimi (Treasurer): Also for the ASM budget, I spoke with Jessica (see presentation);

pp. Max (Econ): can I just ask in general, where did the money come from that was reabsorbed from clubs? Do you have a more specific breakdown?

qq. Mimi (Treasurer): yes, from the last presentation I had a slide that specifically broke it down – it’s essentially unused funds from budget requests; there’s a lot left over because it wasn’t used; for now there is the ASM budget to be determined for next year

4. Mimi (Treasurer): invites Jessica (ASM)
   a. Jessica (ASM): last time, we left off with a proposal for 25,000 euros for ASM next year;
   b. Sven (USC VP): point of information, Alex (JCC) will present that part later on
   c. Max (Econ): moves to accepts
   d. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): seconds
   e. Laura (ICP): objects
   f. All those in favor of considering Max’s motion?
   g. Majority approved; motion considered.
   h. Laura (ICP): I just feel like 25000 is an awful lot of money when you have the opportunity to come back here and request it; that money could go to other clubs – testing, wine society, MUN clubs; I just think that if we start out with a bit less, like 20,000 a year, that’s enough for a start; they could come back and request more; I think 25000 is too much;
   i. Maritza (Art History): I just want to point out that some of the clubs just mentioned gave a lot of that funding back; this club has been very detailed in their request
j. Stephanie (IBA): 25000 is reasonable, it’s a huge reduction from 40000
k. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): I have a suggestion brought up by Dave (GSC VP); what if ASM had a representative come to more senate meetings throughout the semester so that senate feels more comfortable with the budget we pre-allocate;
l. Dave (GSC VP): invites Alex (JCC) to speak; sponsored? yes.
m. Alex (JCC): Senate has the power to request that someone comes regularly; it could be a part of the contract
n. Loraine (GC): you have two executive members of ASM in Senate meetings each week; we are here if you have questions
o. Laura (ICP): I just think that while it is true that clubs have given back money; ASM also gave back money; and that the budget should get approved by next year’s senate – not us; they have the right to allocate money;
p. Maritza (Art History): the thin about ASM this year is that it has been a really transitional year; we have had professors coming in to help; Last year, we had to get more computers; this year we are hoping to include more media; next year’s editor and chief of the Planet will be able to print more because of progress we’ve made this year. We know where this money will be going.
q. Stephanie (IBA): this is a club that is well organized; I know they will spend the money wisely; I think we should put a motion out; I would like to move to previous question.
r. Sven (USC VP): all those in favor of accepting this budget, please raise your hands
s. That is a clear majority; budget approved.

5. Mimi (Treasurer): there is one more request out of next year’s budget for ASA
a. Mimi (Treasurer): we never came back to request more, you did approve a budget for him already;
b. Mimi (Treasurer): Michael is here to request money he did not spend back
c. Michael (ASA): My club is AUP student agencies; we are offering different services including a laundry service; basically, when I came to you at the beginning of the semester I requested two different budgets; The initial request was 1200, we only spent 800;
d. Michael (ASA): the second request was deferred until we got everything worked out legally; now I know ever better what we need
e. Michael (ASA): we are asking this to go out of next semester’s budget; we meant with the finance department of AUP; there is only one last part to smooth out – I am meeting with a lawyer later this afternoon to work that out; it’s a conditional request, meaning if the
project gets approved, I get the funds – if the budget is not approved by the administration, we will not touch it

f. Loraine (GC): this is something that will be passed on, right?

Michael (ASA): one of my objectives for this business is to make sure it is sustainable; even after I leave next year, I hope this will continue on; this is like seed money for a company – the iPad thing is a cash register system;

h. Stephanie (IBA): instead of passing down an iPad, how about an excel spread sheet...

i. Michael (ASA): because it’s a program – it’s an actual register. We plan to sell at orientation; we need a full cash register system to record things properly; it’s a one-time purchase, and it’s the full program

j. Loraine (GC): since you are talking about one-time; why buy an iPad for semi-regular use?

k. Michael (ASA): it would be worth the cost within a year of use

l. Nour (Sophomore): surely there must be a less-expensive version not made by Apple

m. Michael (ASA): it’s a French program, not an actual iPad – a program; I need to be efficient we need a system;

n. Mimi (Treasurer): you can take an item off the budget.

o. Laura (ICP): I would like to move to accept budget

p. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): seconded

q. Laura (ICP): I just want to comment that I think students are worried, but the Finance department is behind them, we should support clubs

r. Alex (Film): move to previous question

s. Budget approved by majority

6. Nour (Sophomore): I think that we ought to bring ASM and SGA together to move for the ASM to bring a bi-monthly person to meetings
   a. Togzhan (Senior): sponsors Ford (ASM) to respond
   b. Ford (ASM): there are only a few select members that could represent ASM as a whole; and these are members of the executive board – that’s difficult to ask for, they are very busy members; I don’t know that would be necessary – not to oppose developing a relationship;
   c. Sven (USC VP): this needs to be brought up in old/new business

7. Sven (USC VP): invites Mary Risk
   a. Mary (SAAC): tonight at 6PM, in the Grand Salon; the Sexual Aggression Awareness committee will be holding an open meeting to help build a community around this issue; I hope to see some of you tonight
8. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Jordan (AMP)
   a. Jordan (AMP): Tuesday, 6:30PM is the Showcase; there are refreshments; a clubs expo; a talent show; I am asking for you all to attend, and please spread the word to your constituency
   b. Jordan (AMP): the achievement awards you are voting on now are also a part of this; it’s for the whole student body; thanks!

9. Alex (JCC): called forward to present for the ASM allocation next year
   a. Alex (JCC): you have already offered the budget; now it’s about how to legally bind it
   b. Alex (JCC): this year was a trial period – how do you want to go forward; a trial period wouldn’t be a bad idea; you need to motion on what is the best idea; there is a current contract – should we keep it, essentially, and just adjust it for next year?
   c. Alex (JCC): we would have everyone necessary sign it to make it legally binding
   d. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): I would like to move to keep ASM on a yearly contract; depending on each year, things change; for now, instead of locking us in to 25000 for every year, it would be nice to allow
   e. Laura (ICP): seconds
   f. Alex (JCC): can you clarify Darcee (MPL/MPPA)
   g. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): the contract should be re-evaluated yearly and renegotiated
   h. Laura (ICP): I think we need to renew every year, things will change; the transfer into a new building may affect this; what would be the deadline to sign this? With the Judiciary committee?
   i. Alex (JCC): it would be a process; we’d need Neil Gordon, Marc Montheard, Sven (USC VP) and Patrick (USC President)…
   j. Laura (ICP): move to previous question
   k. Sven (USC VP): all those in favor...
   l. Motion approved unanimously

10. Old/New Business
    a. Loraine (GC): we’re at the end right? Okay. In Combes today there are two events:
        i. The first is hosted by Loraine (GC) and the 7eme – Communicating Via Social Media – a panel with four guest speakers, including two famous Parisian bloggers; 6:30PM in C-31
        ii. At 7PM, C-12; IBC rep is talking about multicultural global communications; and we’ll have food; jump from event to event!
    b. Laura (ICP): I wanted to thank everyone who came to the Former French President event; on Friday there is another event – involving
a Bosnian Politician; three students will present too – our end of the year papers and taking questions; Friday 5PM in the Grand Salon

- Jay (Freshman): so my plan for the AUP Flee Market is coming to life; May 4th and May 9th in Grand Salon 12PM-5PM; I will send out more info soon; is there anyone who would like to be a co-teammate...? Preferably a grad student...
  - Amy (MIN/MAIA) and Ryan (MCT) offer to help

- Nour (Sophomore): I move to suggest that ASM is formally asked to send a bi-monthly representative to meetings next semester
  - Amy (MIN/MAIA) and Ryan (MCT) offer to help
  - Jay (Freshman): agrees
  - Stephanie (IBA): sponsored Jess Lynch
  - Jess (ASM): the proposal from last April specifically says that the budget for ASM is autonomous; I agree leadership can change every year; it’s great to keep up communications; the purpose though was to keep things autonomous, and this would defeat that purpose
  - Max (Econ): I don’t think it’s necessary to ask ASM to come in for regular meetings; why would we invite them if we don’t talk about them all the time in general; we can always invite them to specific meetings if we have a problem;
  - Maritza (Art History): if anyone were to come twice a month we wouldn’t have that much to say – it’s more about when our publications come out; it wouldn’t be particularly interesting
  - Laura (ICP): I think that they need to send someone at least once every two weeks to show a run-down of their finances; I remember that numbers don’t always match up; even if they can’t come; maybe they can just send a budget; sponsors Alex (JCC)
  - Alex (JCC): it is stipulated in the current contract that you can ask them to come and present their budget;
  - Jay (Freshman): I don’t think it necessarily has to be every two weeks or month for that matter; but there is confusion and debate over this particular budget; inviting them to come fill us in more regularly it would help; it’s not that we aren’t trusting ASM, it would just facilitate communication
  - Nour (Sophomore): I think that it’s obvious that while things are autonomous, things are still unclear; we need to grow together;
  - Stephanie (IBA): because ASM is an annual contract, coming that regularly is unnecessary; coming twice in a year, at the end of each semester is plenty; we can renegotiate every year;
  - Dave (GSC VP): that is already required
  - Sven (USC VP): we need to make a motion
  - Laura (ICP): move to the previous question
  - Motion fails by minority vote
e. Sven (USC VP): please do fill out these senator surveys before we move forward; next you some of you will return for meetings; Clare is here, our new USC VP; please fill these out to help her out too

f. Togzhan (Senior): tickets for the graduation gala are available online; you can go on MyAUP; you can pick them up in early May

11. Announcements:
   a. Stephanie (USC Communications): please do come to the Showcase next week – it is for the whole student body, we expect you to be there, and we will expect some of you to help us announce the awards you have just voted on;
   b. Dave (GSC VP): Thank you all for being here for the final meeting; I love that you guys corrected Sven on procedure in the final meeting, after all the confusion involved at the beginning of the year;
   c. Stephanie (USC Communications): Thank you all for adjusting so well to the changes this year, with weekly meetings etc.; I was really impressed by how positive things went overall; there will be a record of your achievements from this year on the new website – you should be proud! Thanks again!
   d. Sven (USC VP): I also wanted to thank you. I am personally proud of your achievements; it’s been amazing to see the progress from last year – attendance, positive votes, etc.; Senator elections are this week – it’s nice to see some of you will be back

Meeting adjourned (1:20PM)