

Senate Meeting – 24 April 2013

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 McAnney 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.
- p. Rene (MAGCS): Thank you.
- 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 of 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?
 - g. 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
- c. 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...
 - i. Amy (MIN/MAIA) and Ryan (MCT) offer to help
 - d. Nour (Sophomore): I move to suggest that ASM is formally asked to send a bi-monthly representative to meetings next semester
 - i. Alex (Film): seconds
 - ii. Jay (Freshman): agrees
 - iii. Stephanie (IBA): sponsored Jess Lynch
 - iv. 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
 - v. 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;
 - vi. 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
 - vii. 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)
 - viii. Alex (JCC): it is stipulated in the current contract that you can ask them to come and present their budget;
 - ix. 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
 - x. Nour (Sophomore): I think that it's obvious that while things are autonomous, things are still unclear; we need to grow together;
 - xi. 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;
 - xii. Dave (GSC VP): that is already required
 - xiii. Sven (USC VP): we need to make a motion
 - xiv. Laura (ICP): move to the previous question
 - xv. 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)