

## **AGENDA**

### 14th Student Senate Meeting

- 12:10 – Call to order and agreement agenda
- 12:10 – Introduction by Sven and Dave, and update on Senate Procedures
- 12:20 – Mae Camara applying for Club Committee Chair
- 12:30 – FYI leader Michelle Sarti seeking volunteers for sexual aggression awareness taskforce
- 12:40 – Presentation overall budget by Treasurer Mimi Adrien
- 12:50 – Three club budget requests (AUP Student Agencies and Social Committee)
- 13:10 – Old business + New Business
  - Announcements and Adjournment

## **Minutes**

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

### *Meeting begins (12:15PM)*

1. Sven (USC VP): Welcome and welcome back – introduces Michelle (FYI)
  - a. Michelle (FYI) – Sexual Awareness Taskforce; follow-up to Grace Brown’s talk here last semester
  - b. The images with messages from the attackers proved to upset some students; difficult subject to talk about
  - c. In student handbook, there is no information about what to do if you are assaulted/harassed, we want to change this; let you know that you can come to us
  - d. Want the support of the SGA (Senate in particular) to legitimize this organization (not just a club)
  - e. Also working with professionals
  - f. Goals: Add section in the handbook and hold a workshop in April
  - g. Time commitment is 3 meetings in the semester
  - h. Sensitive topic, needs to be handled accordingly; knowledge is power
  - i. Please give me your name and email address if you would like to help with this (hands out sheet)
  - j. Sven (USC VP) : at the end of the meeting, I will forward Michelle’s email address to you
  
2. Sven (USC VP): Now, more formal introductions
  - a. Introduces Executive team

- b. Note of business, we have enough Senators here today to constitutionally vote on budgets; Mimi (Treasurer) has requested we do vote on budgets today, as there will be many coming up soon
  - c. Two changes to Senate Regulations (to be attached) – you received these updated documents by email already
  - d. Any objections to the agenda? No.
3. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Mae Camara – not present yet
4. Mimi (Treasurer): overall budget presentation
- a. Correction, without full Senate, we will save this point for next week
  - b. Moving on to budget requests
  - c. Presentation from a dance company, along with Social Committee and request by a new club (ASA)
  - d. First, “Stitch” – in collaboration with Mona Bismark Foundation and City Dance Foundation (D.C.) (received information by email – to be attached)
  - e. Second, AUP Student Agencies: way to create a more hands-on approach to a business model; allows students to run a business on campus; first idea is a laundry service
  - f. ASA request to start: 1200 euros (ppt. to be attached) – mostly for start up costs, such as laundry bags
  - g. Stitch request: 3000 euros (ppt. to be attached) – mostly for flights to and from D.C.
  - h. (Insert scrolling noise here)
  - i. Dave (GSC VP) requests graph to be presented for new senators
  - j. (Visual of Graph with what has already been allocated put up on screen, including today’s requests)
  - k. Even if you approve these budgets today, we have still only used a little under half the budget
  - l. Everyone involved with these projects are here
  - m. Stephanie (IBA): can you go back into the request from ASA so we can take a closer look please
  - n. Max (Econ): this is a normal business yes? It sounds like a normal business that makes profit and everything
  - o. Michael (ASA) – yes, there would be revenue coming to students, but it’s about making life at AUP better; (gives an overview of the laundry business logistics); and next fall, would like to launch a sale of linens and towels at orientation; the goal is to make it a non-profit, that it would be another community service grant situation (just like current AUP student workers); Ivy League schools in the States are doing this right now, to help students finance part of their tuition
  - p. Stephanie (IBA): do you have a professor supervising this?
  - q. Michael (ASA): I am working with the administration, and am in weekly contact with all the professors in the Business Department for council; the idea is to be manned by students, but become a non-for-profit for AUP; would like to involve Marc and Kevin Fore as advisors; a lot of people in the administration know about this already

- r. Stephanie (IBA): how much would you charge?
- s. Michael (ASA): I didn't put prices because nothing is definite yet; semester plans and academic year plans – about amount of weight in laundry per week; pre-paid plans; 4 kilos is the minimum; 8 kilos is another option; 12 kilos (maybe a roommate option); semester plans – 4 kilos per semester (350 euros approximately); idea is also to be cheaper through us than a laundry company; housing office said there are about 1000 students at AUP, 500 not housed by AUP – so taking out those 500, 1:7 have washing machines; 420 students are left with options of washing at home, Laundromats, or a friend's place; it's a luxury; meant to be a time-saver
- t. Togzhan (Senior): you mentioned the IT department?
- u. Michael (ASA): two points – one, is recruiting the students (announcements in classes, emails, etc.); 4-5 job interviews today with students interested, handling it very formally; SO, the budget: the immediate request is what we need to start now; there's the budget issue and a legal issue we need to get through; confirmation of legal issue resolved allows us to start in September; a website will organize the weekly pick-up and drop-off; trying to get an iMac from IT department, otherwise we will need that too.
- v. Stephanie (IBA): I'm just a bit confused with the budget, but I don't see why you need 200 euros for on campus creative marketing, and where on campus would you be?
- w. Sven (USC VP): we need a motion in order to start a discussion
- x. Mimi (Treasurer): I would also like to remind you that just because we are giving approval, does not mean we won't
- y. Max (Econ): moves to accept budget
- z. Alena (Comp Lit): seconded
- aa. Michael (ASA): To answer Stephanie's questions, we will need an office, not a public space, so we need to determine that now; I feel confident based on conversations with the administration; as for creative marketing, some of you may remember my campaign for President last year where I had a friend wear a banana costume...
- bb. Stephanie (IBA): But do you really need 200 euro for that?
- cc. Michael (ASA): sending emails and putting up posters does not work; we need better ways to get to people; I feel I have more business experience than the average student, and that I am prepared to have creativity that others don't have; that's as precise as I can be
- dd. Togzhan (Senior): I assume you have a business plan, and you would invest in...
- ee. Michael (ASA): We need to create awareness; I've made several financial projections... our fixed costs are very low...
- ff. Sven (USC VP): if you have any more questions, let's put them through me
- gg. Alena (Comp Lit): move to previous questions
- hh. All those in favor – majority approves budget

- ii. Any motions on the floor?
  - jj. Amy (MIN/MAIA): moves to accept the Stitch budget request
  - kk. Alena (Comp Lit): seconds
  - ll. Togzhan (Senior): this is a one time event, yes?
  - mm. Mimi (Treasurer): it is a four-part event, but yes. Including two performances and two classes offered free to AUP Students
  - nn. Max (Econ): moves to previous question
  - oo. The budget is passes unanimously
5. Sven (USC VP): invited Mae Camara to come present herself for Clubs Committee Chair
- a. I am no longer on the Senate, but I would like to be a Chair of the Clubs Committee
  - b. Mimi (Treasurer) and I refurbished the Clubs Room
  - c. Clubs Night was successful, and I have been in close contact with the clubs
  - d. I would like to be formally elected
  - e. Max (Econ): can I ask why you are not in the Senate anymore
  - f. This is my last semester, and I am overloading too; didn't want to commit to the meetings
  - g. Max (Econ): isn't the Clubs Committee more work?
  - h. Yes, it is, but I am passionate about it, so I'm going to stick to it.
  - i. Amy (MIN/MAIA): I move to accept Mae as the Clubs Committee Chair
  - j. Togzhan (Senior): seconds
  - k. Max (Econ): how can you guarantee you will not walk out in the middle of the semester if you are overloaded?
  - l. I really do think I can do this, I am motivated. I'm also not sure who else will
  - m. Togzhan (Senior): I move to the previous question.
  - n. Majority rules, Mae is the new Clubs Committee chair
6. Sven (USC VP): any new or old Business
7. Announcements:
- a. Stephanie (USC Communications): Back to School Party at 1979
  - b. Sven (USC VP): I have a few extra fliers here from Michelle too – please contact her if you are interested in helping with her task force; the SGA feels this will be one of our bigger initiatives this semester
  - c. Key jobs of the Senators is bringing new ideas to the Senate; getting people to vote is a big part of this too – we have offered an incentive; our current 8 Senators will get a 1 euro commission per vote they get someone to make – any vote; please talk to people about this new election, for yourselves.

*(Meeting adjourned 1:02PM)*