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 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)