

September 23rd, 2015

Quorum Met

Fall Semester 2015- Session 2

Minutes Taken by USC Communications Director Elizabeth Segre-Lawrence

12:10- Attendance Taken

- Quorum met

12:12- Rundown of senate procedure

- How to debate a budget
 - “Motion to approve”- the senate votes to **approve** the budget in question. Without a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority, the budget does not pass.
 - “Motion to table”- If unsure about a particular budget, the senate may motion to table approving or denying it, meaning voting on it would be moved to next week.
 - Utilize Robert’s Rule of Order!!

12:16- Message (for the senators) from Dean of Students, Kevin Fore

- “Think big”- Brainstorm about what you want to accomplish for this year/semester. Having even a loose plan is better than having no plan at all. Reach out to others to get support for events.
- “You constituents are depending on you” so communicating with them is absolutely crucial.
- “Treat your fellow senators with respect”- Treat people how you want to be treated.

12:22- SGA bonding trip?

- Suggestions
- Celeste likes paintball
 - Junior Rep Brian doesn’t like paintball

12:30- Seante Headshots

12:50- Committee Overview presentations

- **The Activities and Clubs Committee (ACC)**
 - ACC acts as a financial intermediary between senate and the students
 - There’s now an online budget form for students to request meetings with the ACC
 - There’s now an online club creation form on the AUP website as well
 - Office Hours: Monday and Thursday (period three), Wednesday (appointment only)
 - Presentation of the treasurer’s budget spreadsheet

- The spreadsheet is a breakdown of every single last student associated budget (Clubs, Activities, Executive, and Senator)
 - All major clubs that take larger lumps of money (Peacock Media) are also accounted for in their own individual budget
 - Parties are also accounted for in the spreadsheet in extreme detail. All drinks, decorations, and venue costs are included in individual party budgets. Additionally, where each party takes it's money from is also accounted for.
- **The Social Committee (SC)**
 - Back to school masquerade (September 11th)
 - Successful (500 students)
 - Speech Night
 - 34 students in attendance
 - GSS Film Series
 - 25 students in attendance
 - Career Event
 - 15 students in attendance
 - Misleading advertising. Students thought it would be an interactive workshop, but turned out to be more of a lecture on interviewing.
 - Clubs Night (September 18th)
 - 150-200 students in attendance
 - Great success
 - Acting Workshop (Every Tuesday and Saturday)
 - Email whitemask@aup.edu if interested in signing up
 - Arab Film Series
 - September 23rd in C-101
 - Showing *The Square*
 - Wine tasting for incoming students
 - September 24th
 - Global Talent Brochure
 - September 28th
 - Sustainable Business Management
 - September 24th
 - French Ciné Club
 - September 29th
 - Showing *Blue is the Warmest Color* with subtitles
- **Environmental and Community Services Committee (ECS)**
 - AUP Cares will continue working with Afrika Tikkun
 - Bachelor and Bachelorette auction will be taking place on October 8th
 - Roots and Shoots will be working with AJMJTO
 - Madagascar Soiree will be taking place later this month
 - Office hours are Monday and Thursday from 1-2 pm

- AUP Green is still a work in progress
- **Judiciary Committee**
 - There was a tie (between Alex Berry and Christina Voskonian) for the visiting rep slot, thus there is no rep at this time
 - An amendment is currently in the works
 - Pierre, the one in charge of running the ballots, is currently on vacation so the Judiciary Committee is currently talking to ITS in order to get a ballot up (hopefully by Friday, most likely Monday)

1:09- The Future of the GSC

- Discussion run by GSC Vice-President **Jordyn Bush**
- Option 1: the MA reps can continue coming to senate meetings
- Option 2: The MA Reps meet as a graduate committee, get their own budget. The constitution would be amended to approve this.
- Option 3: The Graduate committee is formally written into the constitution, but MA Reps continue to attend senate and still get their autonomous budget
- This Graduate budget will be taken from the official Club's Budget

1:16- Quick Overview of the Grenelle Building Renovations

- Presented by Project Manager David Horn and Susan Perry
- Construction has not yet started
- The earliest possible opening date is just after Spring Break
- Grenelle will primarily be serving as a learning center
- Focus groups are taking place to hear the student voices
- The best way to contact David campusplan@aup.edu

1:30- Senate Adjourned