September 9th, 2015
First Senate Meeting of Fall 2015 Semester
Minutes taken by USC Comm Director Elizabeth Segre-Lawrence

12:12- Attendance Taken

- Today is the first meeting but also an informal meeting as not all positions are filled

12:13- Senate folders handed out

- Contains information on how senate runs, “first assignments”, and other important information
- Senators will now be holding join open-houses
  - This will allow for more buzz and less calamity amongst the departments
- Senators must also use the shared drive in order to share information amongst themselves and to leave important information for their predecessors
- Next week will also be informal, and will be a faculty/senate lunch for senators, their faculty advisors and other people in the student leadership department.
  - Indian food will be provided
- Speech Night will take place on September 14th at 18h
  - The new format for speech night will be a moderated debate
  - Panelists so far will be Kevin Fore, Marc Montiheard, Evon Pervan-Keller, and Taylor Paris
  - Senators are encouraged to come and pose questions
  - The audience will be able to pose questions at the end of the event
- The back to school party will take place on September 11th from 7PM-12AM

12:22- Committee Overview

- There are currently six total committees within the student government: The Activities and Clubs Committee, Sports Committee, Judiciary Committee, Careers Committee, The Social Committee, and The Environmental and Community Service Committee.
  - The Activities and Clubs Committee (ACC) will be responsible for helping manage the student activities budget throughout the year alongside the SGA treasurer
    - Each senator receives a budget of 100 euros to help host events
    - Current chairs are Petra Krupova, Eric Ritchie, and SGA treasurer Luljeta Malota
The Judiciary Committee is responsible for handling the constitution and making sure all senate activity is constitutional
  - Current chair is **Celeste Palmer**

The Environmental and Community Service Committee handles all philanthropic endeavors on campus and is comprised of three clubs: Roots & Shoots, AUP Cares, and AUP Green
  - Current chair is **Alexandra Elz**

The Sports Committee keeps the student body updated on all sports news and works with the captain’s committee
  - Current chair is **Christopher Knapp**

The Careers Committee will help students get more access to internship and job opportunities and works closely with Danielle Savage from the Careers Office
  - The chair of this committee is yet to be decided but will be the **junior rep** once elected

The Social Committee helps students plan and promote events around campus and updates the senate on events that occur around campus
  - Current chairs are **Sarah Haper-Johnston and Victoria Lewis**

**12:31 - SGA Executive Overview**

- The current SGA Treasurer is **Luljeta Malota**
  - There is a total of **100,000 euros** available in the student activities budget
    - There’s 28,000 for activities and social, 60,000 for clubs, 9,800 for the execs and 2,200 for the senators
  - Last year there were some budget approved that take out of this years 100,000 leaving 56% of the clubs budget left
    - **ASM, the Grad Gala and AUPPA** were the clubs that asked for this money

- The Current USC Communications Director is Elizabeth Segre-Lawrence
  - Takes minutes every week
  - Shares posters and information on social media

- The current USC Social Director is **Delaney Peterson**
  - Runs events on and off campus
  - The back to school party, Peterson’s first event of the year, will take place on **September 11th from 7-12** of which senators are expected to attend
    - If they don’t attend the Back to School party, they are expected to attend two executive events that take place throughout the year
  - Other events to take place include the Halloween Party, the End of the Semester Party, and the International Student Soiree
  - Wristbands that get people unlimited wine and champagne all night are currently on sale in person and online for **20 euros**
- **Students cannot drink at the venue at all if they do not have a wristband**
  - The event is free entry for AUP Students (with presentation of a current AUP ID), but if they want to drink they must still buy the wristbands for a total of **20 euros**. If outside people would like to attend they may do so but have an entrance fee of **5 euros** and **20 euros** for the wristbands
  - There will be an after party at a club called Les Planches which will be free entry for AUP students
- The current USC President is Evon Pervan-Keller
  - Serves as a link between faculty and the students (especially senate)
  - Also handles charity week

12:51- **Quick “Hello” from Student Dean Kevin Fore**

- Potential candidate introduction
- Current Senator introduction
- What does senate do?
  - Senate has the power to bring about changes on campus
  - They are also able to foster community
- “Senate is an experiment in democracy”
- “Everyone (senators) is here with goodwill”
- This year’s main focus is to get faculty more engaged in senate activity
- We’re trying to have as many faculty members attend this lunch as possible
- What is the role of graduate students in student senate?

1:11- Senate adjourned