September 21, 2016 SGA Senate Minutes
Taken by USC Communications Director Jasmine Paul

12:13 - Attendance taken, Senate begins
- Maria Rodriguez explains folders for Senators.
- After 10 minutes, there’s a cut off for attendance and the absence policy
- Maria goes over Senate process. Petra and ACC presentation, Robert’s Rule of Order, practice raising hands

12:25 - Francesca and Amelia pass out Senator folders
- Maria explains SGA email accounts and OneDrive
- Explain Petra’s 9 page packet for budget requests and allocations

12:31 - Petra’s Treasurer Overview Presentation
- **SGA Budget cut to 90,000€** due to overall reductions
  - Divided into Activities & Social, Clubs, Executive, and Senate
    - Senators can vote on first two categories
    - **Senator budget divided in 22** for 22 Senate positions, even with only 18 Senators
      - **Student Media has 28,888€** allocated - adjusted to cut from 30,000€
      - Pre-allocation for Grad Gala of 10,000€
      - **Senators have 90€ allocation**
  - Budget Requests
    - Requesting, bring back change, bring back itemized receipts

12:40 - ACC Presentation
- Clubs budget must be registered as club; all others are from Activities and Social

Budget Requests
- **BVSyria requests a total of 91.14€** for First Kids Workshop
  - Reimbursement for supplies and snacks for Syrian Refugees
    - Motion to allocate 91.14€
      - Motion passed and **budget approved** (18 Senators)
- **My Art Goes Bang requests 21€ → 30€ as cushion**
  - Bake sale during Karaoke Night on Sept. 23, 2016
  - Money for supplies for art in hospitals
    - Motion to allocated 30€
      - Motion passed **budget approved** (18 Senators)
- **Net Impact AUP requests 2000€** for Triple Bottom Line International Nordic Conference
  - 4 day conference for 8 AUP Grad students on Sept. 19-22, 2016
  - 50% subsidy for transport - airport, transportation to Stockholm, Sweden
  - Play video from Net Impact - Ashley Parsons
○ Plan welcome back “cocktail” to showcase their work
○ Do we have any system to ensure that they do the welcome back event?
  ■ Contractual agreement
○ How many similar budget requests come to us per year?
  ■ 2 times for MUN/Debate; 2 single students for travel
○ Is the department funding any of this?
  ■ Right now, they aren’t. They’re waiting to see how it goes. The way they’re contributing is through support with Professor attending.
  ■ Business program just restructured, flagship year for them
○ How many people in program?
  ■ Unsure, 8 on trip
○ What is the breakdown of budget for the trip?
  ■ Food, transportation
○ Motion to allocate 2000€
○ Motion to debate - 4 trips per year; worked there to attend for free; do something more than cocktail
  ■ Motion passed and budget approved (18 Senators)
● Amelia Harvey requests 290€ for Karaoke Night
  ○ Continuation from last year’s event
  ○ Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 18:30-21:00
  ■ Motion to allocate 290€
  ● Motion passed and budget approved (18 Senators)
● AMP requests 389€ reimbursement for acoustic guitar
  ○ Guitar 379€ and 10€ case; 3 year guarantee
  ○ When will the music room be open? How are sure the guitar is cared for? Who will have access to use guitar?
  ■ Motion to allocate 389€
  ■ Motion to debate
  ● Set bad precedent for students to buy things then ask Senate for reimbursement
    ○ It was impossible for them to wait for Senate. We do and will discourage reimbursements.
  ● What other equipment do they need?
    ○ Mic stands, amps, electric guitars if there’s student interest
  ■ Motion passed and budget approved (18 Senators)
● Request reimbursement 265.26€ for Clubs Night / Speech Night
  ○ Reimbursement for food and drinks
  ■ Motion to allocate 265.26€
  ● Motion passed and budget approved (18 Senators)
13:16 - Maria and new business
   ● President Celeste Schenk coming to next Senate; Email questions for her to Maria
   ● Bring folders every week
13:19 - Social Committee Presentation - Allie Gray and Clara Zimmerman
   ● Back to School Party - success
   ● Clubs and Speech Night - success
   ● Yesterday: event with South Korean vegetarian talking about book
   ● Upcoming: Free ballroom dancing tonight (Sept. 21) @ 18:30
   ● Thursday, Sept. 22 @ 19:15 White Mask Theatre Showcase
   ● Friday, Sept. 23 Bake Sale for My Art Goes Bang
   ● Friday, Sept. 23 Karaoke Night
   ● Thursday, Sept. 29: Panel discussion of video of Holocausts
   ● Tuesday, Sept. 27: Caf workshop #1
   ● Tuesday, Sept. 27: Panel discussion with Eduard Louis
   ● Wednesday, Sept. 28 presentation about Shoah archives
13:24 Careers Committee - Monique Callender
   ● Coordinate Senator open houses
   ● Distinguished alumni series; Begin Oct. 12
   ● Alumni mentoring program - pair students with alumni - apply before Sept. 25
13:29 - New Business
   ● Philosophy Youtube Channel - philosophy speaks (or talks?) at The American University of Paris
13:30 - Senate adjourned