

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