

SGA Senate Minutes for 21 February 2018

Taken by USC Communications Director Elizabeth Nguyen Son

12:11 – Attendance, Quorum met /14, Senate begins

12:14 – Welcome AUC!

- Explaining the events for the week with AUC and a very short recap of last night's Diversity Club and Black History Month event.

12:15 – Senator Presentation: Oliver Henry, History

- Professor Wu is his Senate advisor and was teacher of the year at AUP in 2016. He has 14 published journals, many co-written with his wife Professor Michelle Kuo, 8 peer review articles, as well as many other writings in the forms of book reviews, translations, etc. He completed his bachelor degree at Columbia and his Masters and PhD at UC Berkeley.
- Events:
 - James Chappel is coming to AUP on March 14th to talk about his first book Catholic Modern: The Challenge of Totalitarianism and the Remaking of the Church.
 - Quinn Slobodian is coming April 3rd and 4th for a talk and a round table discussion.
- Anyone who is interested in book publishing and how people present their ideas should attend these two events.
- They will also be presenting in Prof. Sawyer's senior seminar. If you let Oliver or Professor Wu know, you can sit in and listen to how to do research and how they conceived their projects.

12:18 – Events Committee Presentation: Upcoming Events

- Next week: SPRING BREAK!
- Please check your personal e-mails for weekly e-mails on Monday with a list of the events with the location, time, and date.
- Wednesday (today):
 - Global Professional Skills Info Session (Seniors only)
 - Weekly Internship Info Session
- Thursday:
 - Poetry Open Mic Night with Scott Elder hosted by the Creative Writing Society and the Alumni Affairs Office
 - Black History Month: Final Event hosted by Inspire Africa on Slavery & Human Trafficking in Libya
- Friday:
 - R&R Session (a.k.a. Alfio's version of Spring Break)
- Spring break is a great time to put your events into the calendar! The Events Committee wants to help you, so help them help you! Your events will not be in the Events Committee Presentation or the weekly e-mails from our Undergraduate Communications Director if they are not up on the website!

12:24 – Upcoming AUC Events

- Indian Lunch after Senate today in C102
- "Differences in Context" led by George Marquis, Dean of Students (AUC's Kevin Fore), and AUC students in C102 at 14:30 today.
- "Values & Voices" A Series of Workshops with SGA in C102 at 15:30 today.
- "Diversity, Volunteering, & Careers" workshops led by SGA in SD 1, 3, 4 at 14:00 on Thursday.
- Open Mic as previously stated

12:30 – ACC Presentation and Budget Requests

- Wine Society
 - WOS (Wide Open Spaces) Bar for a Whiskey tasting (3 different types of whiskeys)
 - Requesting 360 euros for space rental/host payment, and cost of spirits
 - Dhouha: Motion to table the budget request
 - Debate:
 - Some senators would like a representative to present the budget request to provide more information and to be able to answer questions.
 - Although March 12th is soon, it appears the bar is trying to establish a relationship with AUP students. It seems like we should be able to push the events back.
 - Motion passes, **budget tabled**.
- Film Department
 - Requesting 300 euros for equipment to produce of a short film, "You're Okay, Jack", a traditionally animated film for a senior project. The equipment would then go to the multimedia office for students to rent out from Mathieu Motta.
 - Thanks to this project, AUP now has its first drawing board and other firsts, and all of that equipment has gone to the multimedia office.
 - Marly: Motion to table the budget request (although Dhouha motioned to allocate, a motion to table takes precedence)
 - Debate:
 - Research into other possibilities beside Amazon
 - A film like this has not been produced in over a decade, so who is to say that there will be a need for this equipment in the next ten years?
 - If the equipment has not been here, then maybe there just has not been the initiative to come to Senate and ask for the money. This might open up the possibility of making a traditionally animated film to students who have thought about it but did not have the equipment readily available.
 - Professors can encourage this type of film if the equipment is available.
 - If Riki can find a better price point, the money will come back to the budget. The student will not keep what is leftover.
 - Riki has spoken to Mathieu Motta about this a lot and she has tried to explore other ways to make this film and they decided together that this was her best option. This will be for other students – it will stay in the school and will make

the institution a little more fulfilling for students who want to make film projects in the future.

- Motion to table fails
- Dhouha: Motion to allocate **300 euros**
- Gabriel: Friendly amendment to explore other, cheaper option
- Dhouha approves
- Marly: Amendment proposed for promotion and education of available equipment
- Amendment fails
- Motion passes, **budget approved**
- Inspire Africa – Talk on Slavery & Human Trafficking in Libya
 - For refreshments
 - Leona: Motion to allocate **75 euros**
 - Motion passes, **budget approved**

- Change in ACC office hours:
 - Mondays 13:45-15:05 and 16:55-18:15
 - Combes on the 3rd floor

13:09 – New Business

- Upcoming elections after break
 - Executive positions
 - Department representatives
 - Class representatives will NOT be elected until Fall 2018
 - The entire undergraduate executive team is made up of seniors and many senators are also seniors, so please encourage your friends to get involved!
- Senator introductions to AUC
 - Name, position, where you're from, and where you're going over the break.
- Group photo!
- AUC explains how their Senate works as opposed to us

13:33 – Senate Adjourned

- Lunch with AUC!



Senate Session: Wednesday February 21st, 2018



ACC Budget Requests

<u>On behalf of...</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount allocated</u>
Wine Society	Whiskey Tasting	360.00	fabled
TEDxAUP	Fundraiser	285.00	postponed
Riki Davis	Animation Film Equipment	300.00	300.00*
Inspire Africa	Slavery and Human Trafficking	75.00	75.00

* with further provision of the research

Verified

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