



Senate Agenda

October 31, 2016

Opening

Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Akers

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Director Tucker

Reading and Approval of Minutes - **Senator Troung (Seconded)**

Communications:

1. Guest Speaker: Gabe Wihtol
 - a. Residence Hall Composting Proposal
 - i. Submitted a proposal to the PAC- on Sustainability
 - ii. Did a Mehling Hall Pilot Program Summary last year
 1. Picked up on MWF, and picked up 200 lbs. of food waste in 4 weeks
 2. Found there was a 75% reduction in trash
 3. Demonstrates the importance of composting
 4. Can save money by reducing trash in all the dorms
 - b. We have the OK to go on this program. However, the hitch is that we don't have the funding for this program
 - c. Recommendations
 - i. Paid student position with infrastructure to support residence hall composting
 - ii. Bin placements for efficiently cleanliness and accessibility
 - iii. Increased campus involvement in composting knowledge
 - iv. Food Waste Student Worker
 1. Cost: About \$2047.50-\$2866.50 per year, per worker (calculated the time it takes to empty each bin)
 2. 19 bins around campus
 - v. Transportation (Capital and Maintenance Costs)
 1. \$400 for bikes. Would be the best option for transportation
 - vi. Total estimated cost range: \$2447-\$3266.50
 - vii. Goal is: Clean, safe and efficient
 - d. Benefits to Sponsorship
 - i. ASUP recognition for initiative, innovation, and progress in supporting environmentally sustainability and sensitive projects dedicated to raise awareness, student involvement on campus.
 - ii. Great way to get people involved and can unite over it
 - e. Questions:
 - i. Jeromy: Would there be a supervisor of this program?
 1. Gabe: I am meeting with P-Plant next week. Have the supervisor be the sustainability coordinators, that person is Nathan Witacomb this year.
 - ii. Jeromy: Would there be plans for P-Plant or Res. Life to incorporate it into their budget for next year? Or the ASUP budget? Or is this money a jumpstart or a long-term commitment of ASUP?
 1. Gabe: A Jumpstart. The numbers I presented to you would be about half because we want to get it started next semester after winter break. Then, the long-term goal is to get it added within P-Plant or Res. Life when they could add it into their budget for following years.

- iii. Natalie: Wondering about cost of bins?
 - 1. Gabe: Physical Plant is covering the cost of all the bins. The employment, hours, maintenance and transportation is all we have to factor in
 - iv. John: If can contribute to keep us updated with the numbers
- 2. Visitor's Open Forum
- 3. Open Senate Positions: 1 CAS 1 Senior Class

Reports:

- 1. Executive Board: ASUP President Rivera
 - a. Big November: Make sure to take care of yourselves! It's going to be a tough stretch. If you need time off or are feeling overwhelmed, please let John, myself or anyone else in the Executive Board know. You are students first! Take care of yourselves, eat and sleep well.
 - b. Resolution 16-01: Thursday 8:30-9:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Lounge. John and I will discuss more about this during Open Forum.
 - c. Vote UP event: Event is tomorrow in St. Mary's from 7:00-8:00 p.m. It will be on Key Issues of this Election. Please tell your constituents to come!!!
 - d. Food Carts: Nov 16: Target date for food carts! Koi Fusion signed the contract and I will meet with them soon. I am looking at some options for the 2nd food cart, so I will keep you all updated.
 - e. Diversity Initiative: I will be revisiting the scholarship in the next few weeks and talk with more student groups to restructure some of the questions. It will still be happening, I just need to push the deadline a little bit. I will be meeting with Bill Jenkins and Joanne Mocerri to talk about it more. They are the co-chairs for Presidential Advisory committee on Inclusion.
 - f. PLC: Friendly reminder, the PLC will be coming Nov. 14. This is a big meeting, so please dress for success. We want you guys to engage with the PLC and ask them good questions. If you have any questions on what good questions mean, please feel free to contact me.
 - g. Next Meeting: John and I will not be present at the meeting next week. Tsikata will be running the meeting and we will send our reports to him.
 - h. Tailgate: Nov. 12 is the last Men's home game. We are currently 42nd in RPI which is huge! A student came into the ASUP office today and mentioned that we need more school spirit and that we should push for more tailgates. I met with Coach Nick, Fr. Donato, Jeromy, Jacque Nelson, Karina and Jon Brooks about the idea and they all really liked it. We can receive funding from all different areas. I will give more information as I hammer out the details of this.
- 2. Financial Report: Director Hudson
 - a. CTF Budget has been allocated and distributed-alert clubs today
 - b. I have hired a controller! Samantha Smith-on FMB application: Starting this week
 - c. FMB Applications are due Wednesday by 9:00 p.m. (if you know of anyone who you think will be a good fit, let me know!); have taken financial acting and managerial preferred (I have received about 3 others outside of the
 - d. Overall Spending: 29.41% (rapidly increasing); upper=52% Clubs=22%
 - e. Reallocations: 8, 1 is over 25%
 - i. Women's Lacrosse: 4%
 - ii. Mock Trial: 3%
 - iii. Bluffoons: 12%
 - iv. SOAR: 15%
 - v. Philosophy Club: 5%
 - vi. OMA: 24%
 - vii. ClimbUP: 9%

- f. Budget Requests: received only 15, please encourage clubs to submit them ASAP (for my sake) Due Nov. 6th by 6:00 p.m.
 - g. Ideas for line items for next semester please let me know ASAP!
3. Communications Report: Director Tucker
- a. ADvantage- Unfortunately our former director of Advantage- ASUP's advertising service has stepped down from the position. As of right now I have taken over as the interim Director for ADvantage until the position is filled. I am working on the application process and hope to have it posted on the student job board ASAP. If you know anyone who would be interested please let me know and send him or her my way- it's a paid position!
 - b. Circle K- Club contest winner Pizza Party will be this week
 - c. ASUP press conference- Remind constituents that there is a press conference for the resolution this Thursday at 8:30 in St. Mary's. There will be pizza and refreshments provided. Will be brief presentation and a QA session afterwards. We want this
4. Campus Program Board: Director Nelson
5. Elections: ASUP Vice President Apenyo
- a. Petitioner for CAS she will be coming in today- Rebecca
 - b. Working on Pilots Express- its up and running for Thanksgiving break!
 - c. ADvantage has a leadership change- Stephanie is in charge of that right now
6. Senate Standing Committees:
- a. Campus Affairs
 - i. **Athletics:** reviewed the survey and around 400 students/faculty/alumni responded! An eighth of the survey takers indicated they woke up earlier than 10am on the weekends to work out. There is reason to believe that enough people want the hours extended. Athletics subcommittee will contact Brian Dezzani to discuss our findings and compare our results to the gym's student check-in system.
 - ii. **Maintenance:** Still in conversation over the stop sign. Looking to finish that soon. Because the stop sign is on a non-private street, it is a little tricky to get it put in.
 - iii. **Sustainability:** Emailed the student hall presidents last week about coming in during dorm council meetings and talking about the sustainability committee. They've only had one response so far. Brady also emailed the sustainability coordinators in each dorm. Two people have responded. This week he'll be meeting with Anthony Ng to discuss ways to build the committee and help the school be more sustainable.
 - iv. **Health:** Alana and her committee are currently working on getting the freshman workshops into the Health Center as part of one of the classes.
 - v. **Security and Food:** Security meeting this Tuesday. And for food, Molly is meeting with Kirk tomorrow to discuss the constituency reports.
 - vi. **Tech:** Wyatt is currently recruiting for his committee. If you have suggestions or would like to join, please let him know. He is also looking for new projects to take on and improving tech on campus. Let him know if you'd like to participate or you have ideas.
 - b. Student Affairs
 - i. **Katie:** Presentation to Student Leadership Advisory Council. People at presentation had one representative from each school come and present to each other. She can go into further detail at the meeting. She also talked to the CAS dean to set up a meeting to follow up with the presentation. Tanging along with Brandon to meeting with Chris Haug.
 - ii. **Mohammed:** There will be a discussion panel Thursday November 17th the place has not been finalized yet. Mohammed is currently trying to find students that have studied aboard to come fill the panel and discuss their experiences and the differences between cultures, politics, education systems, etc. Also there is an event this week Thursday Nov. 3 Mehling ballroom. It is a talk with professor Hala about what is going on in Syria and how we can help.
 - c. Outreach
 - i. Kevin met with general neighborhood association this week and it went well
 - ii. Connor is meeting with Stephanie about ASUP survey and hope to have it out by next week

- d. Internal Affairs
 - i. Club Rec: In the process of meeting with clubs. Native American Club was re-recognized
 - ii. Oversight: Helping with Murdock investigation and they have solid research. They want to continue collecting information and meet with the UP administration
 - iii. CTF: Broke the ASUP record for amount of time for the fastest budget meeting
- 7. University Committees
 - a. Jeromy: The Presidential Advisory Committee on Student Media will be hosting meetings with each of the 3 student medias on campus. Their goal is to gather feedback and create a progress report. Once those minutes become final we can share them out.
- 8. Constituency Reports
 - a. Brady: Constituent worried about Howard being torn down and losing the pool wondering if a discount could be offered at a neighborhood pool
 - b. Natalie: Noticed this- as a junior they have cut down the amount of classes for biology majors. It is worrisome, because there is a concern from a lot of students. They might be understaffed, but students don't have room for a backup plan
 - c. Kevin: Neighbors are stressing that students to use the crosswalk and press the button at the crosswalk to make them more visible
 - d. Kathleen: On the UP website there used to be a plan for classes, to see what courses needed to be taken and when. Degree works wasn't the solution, they recently took down the spreadsheet that gave exact options
 - e. Alex: Student concerned about the open space on the ID cards. They think it could be better utilized with the big space
 - f. Connor: Some freshman said that they really liked the pumpkin carving event that was on the quiet side of the commons

Old Business

New Business

Club Reallocation

1. Climb UP Treasurer: Wanting to reallocate \$650 from a coach line item stipend to a climbing competition. In the spring we factored in a coach stipend, but unfortunately they had to quit at the beginning of the year. We want to use this money for a competition, for the entry fees and expenses for the trip. The trip will take place the weekend of November 19th.
 - a. Alex: How many group members are going on this trip?
 - i. Climb UP: There are about 12 members signed up for the trip
 - b. Questions:
 - i. Kevin: Straw poll:
 1. I move to approve the reallocation as submitted.
 - a. For: Good use of the money will benefit many of the club members.
 - b. Against:
 - c. For:
 - i. Approved

Senate Petitioner

2. Rebecca Williams: CAS Petitioner and a Sophomore Biology major
 - a. Previous leadership experience: I am currently the treasurer for GSP, we come up with a lot of ideas to make the school better, because we are a minority group
 - b. I am planning on reaching out to my constituents by talking to them. I have a lot of classes in CAS right now. I am open and friendly and want to talk to people and learn how I can help.

- c. My goals are to join the diversity committee. And my main goal is to bring a new perspective to Senate
- d. I am involved in theatre club, FDG, want to get more involved with Women in Stem. I participate mostly in very liberal groups on campus
- e. Watching ASUP it feels exciting, powerful and important and I want to help and be apart of it
- f. I think I can bring a new perspective and new groups involved in ASUP and the Senate
- g. Brady: Point of personal privilege
 - i. John: Duration
 - ii. Brady: Indefinitely
 - iii. John: Granted

Closed meeting

Discussed petitioner and voted on approval.

Roll Call Vote: The vote was a split vote 7-7 and the tie was broken by the Speaker of the Senate to Approve the Petitioner. Rebecca Williams was approved and sworn in as the new CAS senator.

FMB Candidates

- 3. Angela: Samantha Smith, Connor Burke, and Nathan are here. I believe they offer a lot to FMB. Connor will be a great senator representation from ASUP
 - a. Samantha Smith- Accounting major, I chose to apply because I was on FMB my sophomore year, I have experience with the process as well. Was the VP of Communications for AK Psi
 - b. Connor Burke- Education major, I represent ASUP and CPB, I have experience with CPB and its budget and am very familiar with how it works
 - c. Nathan- Finance major, I am the VP of Finance for AK Psi as well, want to get more involved with the ASUP process. Have great communication skills that will help streamline the process
- 4. Kevin: I move to approve all the FMB candidates as submitted
 - a. For: They all are qualified for this position and I think they will all do a great job representing the budget properly
 - b. Against
 - c. Motion approved

Open Forum

- 5. Jeromy: Last Vote UP event is this Tuesday on the Key Issues of the election. Also the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is coming up soon! Looking for volunteers who will be in the Portland area over the Sunday back from Thanksgiving. Will need a few volunteers to put up and decorate the tree. Please send volunteers my way! A big group would allow the process to go quickly and it would be a fun bonding experience.
- 6. John: Please send dietary restrictions if you haven't yet! I will not be here next week. Jonathan and Alex will be helping lead parts of the meeting.

Adjournment