



Senate Minutes

November 21, 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 Burke-Seconded)

Communications:

1. Guest Speaker: Gabe Withol
 - a. Representing the composting program. Want to promote student sustainability on campus
 - b. The budget number I gave originally was \$3200 for the whole year. I am now presenting half, for half the semester. ASUP would be providing a kick-start for the program for the half of semester beginning in the spring.
 - i. Brings it down to \$1600 for the program
1. Includes cutting bike maintenance -cuts 60 to 30
2. Have a source for a bike donation
3. I found a cheaper version of the cart to go on the back of the bike
4. Includes all student wages and hours cut down
2. Visitor's Open Forum
3. Open Senate Positions: 1 Senior Class

Reports:

1. Executive Board Report: ASUP President Rivera
 - a. Will be presenting State of the Campus after the meeting
2. Financial Report: Director Hudson
 - a. Reallocations coming in today: requested over 25% of the total allocation
 - i. Investment Association
 - ii. SEDS
 - iii. Ski and Snowboard Club
 - iv. Circle K International
 - v. Operations Management Association
 - b. Reallocations I approved:
 - i. Women's Lacrosse (12%)
 1. Moved coaching stipend to league dues that they were paying
 2. Referee fees and tournament registration-to team uniforms
 - ii. Men's Ultimate Frisbee
 1. Line items going to hotels to cover one of their tournaments
 - iii. FISH (10%)
 1. Adventure trips to their Christmas party
 - c. FMB meetings are finally over. Will be going over it some time today. Next week will be the budget meeting in St. Mary's.
3. Communications Report: Director Tucker
 - a. ADvantage- I am extremely excited to announce we have hired a new Director for ADvantage. Remi Ziemis. As I am incredibly sad to be leaving ADvantage I am confident

- in her ability to run it efficiently and smoothly. She was a former designer and I am we have also hired a designer Amy Schols in her place.
- b. The Christmas tree lighting event is next Monday! I will be posting a Facebook event as soon as we get the guest speaker secured. Be on the lookout for that!
 - c. Also, I am going to be re-decorating the board in Franz next week! Let me know if you would like to help!
 - d. Have a fun and safe thanksgiving break! Thank you for all of your hard work
4. Elections: ASUP Vice President Apenyo
 - a. Resolution 16-01 passed in favor by 65%
 5. Campus Program Board: Director Nelson
 - a. CPB movie
 - i. Had over 200 people at it. It success and went really well! Want to recognize Anthony Ng, for doing an amazing job.
 - b. Diversity Dialogues week
 - i. Coming up next semester. Want to collaborate. Met with Bethany last week to get the event rolling. It will be a new event and we received money through CTF.
 - c. International Education- CPB collaborated with those coordinators financially, and I hope you all had an opportunity to some of the events!
 - d. Met with Gonzaga Activities Director
 - i. Talked about different strategies they used. Looking forward to seeing how to implement new strategies.
 6. Senate Standing Committees:
 - a. Campus Affairs
 - i. Food: Molly met with Kirk regarding the water bottle issue and hours during the holiday.
 1. Molly: Kirk said that the reason they went bottle-less is so that all water can be free. It was not an ecological move it was the privatization of water. He said he didn't think that many sparking water was being sold. I am not sure the next move. Water bottle issue is still being looked into in more depth.
 - ii. Security: Molly is sending out an email to find times to meet after the break, the meeting this week was unable to work out
 - iii. Sustainability: Brady met with Nathan Wiatacomb last week. Sat on meeting with the College Ecology Club regarding the trees on campus near Howard.
 - iv. Athletics: Shout out to the Men's Soccer team! Excited for the upcoming seasons this winter.
 - v. Maintenance: Nothing new to report
 - vi. Health: Nothing new to report
 - vii. Tech Affairs: Last weeks meeting needs to be rescheduled
 - b. Student Affairs
 - i. Diversity: They were overall very pleased with the event. More collaboration with clubs and involve ASUP into the International Education week. There is an open spot for a diversity coordinator in the spring.
 - ii. Residence Life: Nothing new to report
 - iii. Academic Affairs: Nothing new to report
 - c. Outreach
 - i. Service: Tayler has her service event for the Molly Hightower event, and she will be looking for more opportunities in the future
 - ii. Kevin was unable to attend the neighborhood association from last week. No concerns at the moment.
 - iii. Connor is working with Stephanie to get the ASUP survey out and will be sent out the students following the break
 - d. Internal Affairs
 - i. Club Rec- has been working hard. Welcoming new member-advisor; Becca and plans to recommend two clubs this week

- ii. Oversight: In the process of compiling data for senator time reports
 - iii. Murdock-will be discussing later within this meeting
- 7. University Committees
- 8. Constituency Reports
 - a. Brady: I met with Nathan Wiacomb and he has said not having senators in the student dorms creates a bit of a disconnect. I think it's important for us to find ways to get more involved within the residence halls.
 - b. John: The median was taken out in the crosswalk last week
 - i. Mohammed: I believe it is the City of Portland's responsibility to get it fixed
 - c. Natalie: The information for clubs travel approval is difficult to obtain. Maybe make information for the club information more assessable

Old Business

Murdock Trust

1. Alex Peterson: Report on the Murdock Charitable Trust
 - a. A few weeks ago, a group of student leaders presented to us their concerns with the Murdock Charitable Trust. Specifically, the group alleged that the Trust had a history of funding organizations whose goals violated our university's non-discrimination policy and philosophy of inclusion. In response to this presentation, myself and a group of senators began an investigation into the Murdock Charitable Trust, their grant-funding policy, and our University's history with the Trust. From the onset, we wanted to approach the issue from a variety of standpoints with information from as many diverse perspectives as possible. This included research into the groups that the students mentioned in their presentation, the process by which the Trust funds groups, and the University's history with the trust. In looking at the Murdock-funded groups in question, we found stories of certain groups facilitating activities, which went against our University's catholic values and policy of non- discrimination. We also found that the vast majority of the Trust's funding goes to groups whose goals are clearly in line with our values and whose purpose benefits the whole of the community. The Trust has funded at UP, for example: Franz Hall, the Beauchamp Recreation Center, Lund Family Hall, and continues to consistently provide research grants to our biology department each year. Through a meeting with UP's Director of Development, Amy Eaton, we learned that Murdock, and many other organizations like them, do not fund ideologies, but specific grants. Meaning, the Trust approves or disapproves funding requests based on the grant application that the money is requested for, and not necessarily based on the overall ideology of the organization. This is the important distinction, which pivoted our group's investigation. In our research, we were unable to find clear evidence of the Murdock Charitable Trust directly funding an event or initiative that violates our University's non-discrimination policy. For example, the Murdock Trust has a history of funding the Alliance Defending Freedom, a group who has, in turn, supported Arizona State legislation that would allow for discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. While this is against our school's mission, there was no evidence that Murdock's had approved a grant for the purpose of drafting this law. In the absence of explicit evidence against the Trust, we have concluded that we are unable to draft an official denouncement of the Murdock Charitable Trust in the form of a Resolution or otherwise. Until the advent of new information, our group recommends that we defer to the judgment of our University's Office of Development, who works to ensure that our Mission is upheld in the donations we receive and collectively benefit from- directly and indirectly.
 - b. Miles: They might not be directly funding these programs, but they are funding organizations that do violate those goal and values. I understand that UP is very close to Murdock and there is a lot of funding that comes from Murdock. I think Murdock is great for funding the university and I think it should continue to do so. But, when it comes to the organizations that are being funded by Murdock its important to understand the consequences. I think it would be beneficial and powerful for ASUP to come out with a statement condemning those actions toward funding those organizations. I think you should take this organization under consideration because they are here and operate in our backyards. People are looking to hear from you as leaders to see what our future looks like

in spite of recent events with the election. I want you to consider condemning those actions. But, it is your choice ultimately.

1. Discussion:

- a. Brady: I think Alex said it really well. I think it's important to understand what they fund our university for. Its not necessarily the Trust that is doing wrong, it's the groups that are receiving some of their funds. Murdock isn't making these decisions.
 - b. John: I think it is important to note that our Office of Development has been looking at our relationships with donors. Weighing the benefits and the costs. They focus a lot of the funding that comes to UP. They don't focus on where funding goes elsewhere. I think a vast majority of what Murdock funds is good, its just important to note that we have to move forward with those other groups. The school is looking at relationships with donors every year.
 - c. Kathleen: What is this issue relevance to the University of Portland. I am unsure if people will be passionate about this as a whole. I think it's important to remember that we are representing the student body. It is our job to represent the interests of the student body as a whole and its relevance. It might be hard to condemn the aspects of this one group when we can't address these issues on our own campus.
 - d. Kevin: professors who have or are in the process of receiving grants from Murdock told me. But, the charitable trust has a series of foundational background. When you apply for a grant within Murdock, there is a committee that goes through the process. We can't go against the wishes of Murdock, himself. There are also ways we can address the issues of diversity and inclusion.
 - e. Natalie: When researching we made sure to look at all organizations they are funding. They are giving grants to organizations that support both sides of the issue. They are giving grants to organizations that support both sides of the argument, the grant is important to them, not the whole organization that they are giving to. They want full scientific and social discussion of all the avenues, not just one side.
 - f. Molly: I am curious how would we go about making a resolution?
 - g. Miles: I want to reiterate that the relationship with Murdock and with UP is very different then with University of Oregon. Murdock Trust isn't the only foundation that we are talking about. We are also looking at issues of organizations Freedom Foundation and Alliance Defending Freedom that operate here in the Northwest. The resolution doesn't have to be about Murdock Trust at all, but commending these other organizations.
 - h. Natalie: I want everyone to keep in mind- that if we do a resolution we will; we have to take standards of every single organization that the university received money from ever. I think this would spark a longer process and I don't know if these standards can be upheld only by ASUP. I am important to raise awareness to all of these organizations and what they do...if you do it once you have to do it to all of them.
 - i. Connor: I think that if we do go ahead with this, we have to really step up our game with all of the other organizations that donate to this school. Like Natalie said, They don't fund the ideology behind them but the certain projects and grants that they ask for, so that is something to look further into. I think that the organizations that they do fund, like Alliance Defending Freedom, we don't know their intentions. It's a hard issue to stand behind personally.
2. Jeromy: I feel as if Senate feels called to help the university create a more inclusive and diverse place. There are many ways to do that but one main way is to assert our values, ones that inherently accept the dignity of all humans. When the university chooses to associate with outside groups it can make the university feel less safe and inclusive. The funding entity is a game of telephone, we don't know exactly where the funding is going. Maybe we don't have to tap that bigger issue because, by reasserting statements from the university and asking the university to reexamine them in everything they do. You need to talk to your constituents about this. What does this campus need to make it feel safer. I think that in terms in what you are trying to do, there is more agreement then disagreement. Everyone's hearts in the right place. What strategy do you employ. One strategy is a political action, but we have to better define the goal of what we are trying to accomplish.

3. Kathleen: I think it is important to realign our values, maybe move forward with a resolution that is broader that is just a statement of our values that could also be effective.
 - a. Brady: Or it could be incorporated into Vision 20/20.
4. Alex: I agree. A statement would be really valuable. The issue of Murdock itself doesn't have as much of an impact as on an everyday student. However issues of diversity and inclusion is extremely relevant. I think rather focusing on a single group we need to look at the bigger entity and tackle. We have to look at what we can do on our own campus. We need to take this into consideration with our own vision 20/20. Let our actions be a denouncement of these other groups and organizations.
5. Jonathan: Petition going around making this campus a sanctuary campus and a couple days later Fr. Poorman sent an email stating that this campus is an all inclusive environment. We do affirm what we believe in. We definitely know what we are all about, and I am pretty sure Fr. Poorman would be willing to work with it.
6. John: Informal vote on further actions of Murdock:
 - a. We will take some sort of action moving forward. Whether its in 20/20 or in a Resolution regarding the Murdock Trust.

New Business

Club Reallocations

1. University of Portland Investment Association
 - a. Katie: We have a line item in our budget for this semester for a specific trip. At the time we were not aware the convention was in Portland, Oregon. We feel it will be better used in a different trip.
 - b. We would like to reallocate these funds because we did not need these funds to attend the CFA conference this year. The CFA conference was held in Portland, OR this year. The location of this event was unknown by the previous Treasurer when requesting funds for the trip last spring. These funds would be better used for sending more students on our annual FMA trip.
2. SEDS- Students
 - a. Andrew: Transfer of funds from our speaker to a new line item to cover Space Vision 2016 Conference
3. Circle K International:
 - a. Edward: When we made the budget last year, the dates for the Fall Leadership Convention were not announced yet. When it was announced it fell on our fall break, and most if not all of our members had returned home.
 - b. We want to reallocate this money for projects to help out the community. Projects we have planned for are:
 - i. 100-St. Andres(a local church we help our frequently). They serve the homeless population, who tend to lack resources such as hygiene products. And thus, we would like to help provide resources for them
 - ii. 100-Toy Drive for disadvantaged children at Providence hospital. We want to buy toys and make Christmas cards for them.
 - iii. Canned food drive for the Salvation Army. We want to support them by collecting canned goods from our members as well as using money to purchase canned goods.
 - iv. 150- Move the 350 amounts to these three organizations.
4. Ski and Snowboard Club:
 - a. Austin: The amount of money given to the club is not feasible to conduct the three trips that we allocated for. We want to put the amount in 1-2 trips instead otherwise these funds will go unspent.
 - b. We want to move 1500 from line item tickets subsidized for 3 trips. We want to use the funds for ski and snowboard lift tickets for 20 people at 77\$=\$1540
 - c. Total unspent funds:\$943

- d. We propose to transfer the remaining of our funds that was allocated for (Crystal, Bachelor, Hood) trips into 1(1-2 Hood Trips). The funds will be used for lift tickets and for food.
- 5. UPOMA-
 - a. We would like to restructure our line items in our budget. When the budget was created last year, only the President had input and blindly asked for what he thought we would need. This year the club has had a re-vamp and decided that many of the line items are no longer needed or something we see fit to fund.
- 6. Senator Peterson(Seconded): I move to accept the reallocations as accepted.
 - a. For: All of these reallocations are reasonable and make sense for us to move the money to fund.
 - b. Against:
 - c. For
 - d. Against:
 - e. Approved

Spring Budget 2017

- 1. Angela:
 - a. The Numbers:
 - i. Total Requested: **\$477,198**
 - ii. Total Expected Funding: **\$272,280**
 - iii. Based on projected estimate of **3,550 students**
 - iv. Number of Clubs & Organization Requests: **92**
 - b. FMB's Decision Making Process
 - i. Listen to Request
 - ii. Priority
 - iii. Spending History
 - iv. Number of Active Members
 - v. Percent Granted of Request
 - vi. Total Cost to Run Club/Member Contribution – (Do members pay dues?)
 - vii. Cost vs. Request – (Do they rely solely on ASUP funding?)
 - viii. Passion towards Club Activities (How excited are they for an event?)
 - ix. How they effect the Campus & Outside Community
 - c. Standards:
 - i. Hotels: \$25/person*number of nights
 - ii. Airfare: \$100/person
 - iii. Activities Fair: \$20
 - iv. Honorariums: \$10/speaker
 - v. Registration/Ticket Subsidies: 50%
 - vi. Opportunity Grant System: \$15,000
 - vii. Execute Professional Judgment
 - d. Senate Discretionary: \$1,795
 - e. Will discuss the budget in more detail in our budget meeting next Monday

Open Forum

Adjournment