



Senate Minutes

November 20, 2017

Opening

Speaker Peterson: Call to Order

Director Sarich: Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Speaker Peterson: Approval of Minutes **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED (SENATOR RAUSCH)**

Vacancies: 1 Senior Class (effective immediately), 1 Junior Class (effective at the end of the semester), 1 Sophomore Class (effective at the end of the semester),

Communications:

No guest speakers

Reports

1. President Rivera: *Executive Board Report*
 - a. Meeting with Dr. Greene last Friday
 - i. Focused on innovation project
 1. Dr. Greene loved the project
 2. Will fund project in whole
 - a. Next meetings will involve each Dean at UP
 - b. Meeting with head of P Plant regarding composting program
 - i. Another meeting scheduled for the upcoming weeks
 - c. Food carts
 - i. Discussed in past Executive Board meeting
 1. Food cart manager subservice position
 - a. Job description in the works
 - b. ASUP sub-service
 - d. Sustainability meeting this past Friday
 - i. Many action items:
 1. Town Hall with Katie Bronk re. Sustainability coming up, closer to December
 - e. Senior Class Committee meeting
 - i. Giving Tuesday
 1. November 28
 2. Volunteers needed
 - f. Physical Plant director meeting
 - g. Dr. Greene meeting with Jack
2. Vice President Akers: *Elections & Services Report*
 - a. ASUP Films

- i. Two showing of "IT"
 - 1. 150 viewers per showing
 - ii. International Club collaboration
 - iii. No Espresso UP this week
 - b. Pilots Express
 - i. Runs begin this week
 - ii. 1 shuttle rented
 - iii. No issues predicted
 - iv. Star Oil University account coming soon
 - c. ASUP Services
 - i. Form review coming soon
 - 3. Director Baade: *Financial Report*
 - a. Budget distributed to all clubs as of noon last Friday
 - i. Distributed to clubs
 - 4. Mario Sarich
 - a. Student Affairs Awards Planning Meeting
 - i. Committee met for the first time last week
 - 1. Event will host 250 students
 - a. Student Affairs includes:
 - i. Residence Life
 - ii. Student Activities
 - iii. Moreau Center
 - iv. Career Center
 - v. Campus Ministry
 - vi. Public Safety
 - vii. International Student Service
 - viii. Health and Counseling Center
 - b. ASUP office re-design
 - i. Task initiated at the request of President Rivera
 - ii. More to come
 - c. Sustainability video
 - i. Initial planning stages for a spot to aid President Rivera in his sustainability pitch for the composting program
 - ii. Senate support and help in the upcoming weeks
 - 5. Director Nelson: *CPB Report*
 - a. CPB marketing began event today
 - i. Snow machine
 - 1. Only blew one fuse
 - 2. Music
 - ii. Winter Event pop-up mini events
 - 1. Espresso UP
 - iii. Pending contract with reindeer and sleigh
 - iv. 3 Senators needed to Volunteer

Senate Standing Committees:

- 1. Senator Nath: *Student Affairs Report*

- a. Moy has been streamlining his database
- b. Megan has been researching Green Fees
- c. Harrison finished his Title IX research
- d. Work on the Diversity Initiative continues
- 2. Senator Rausch: *Infrastructure Report*
 - a. Next sustainability meeting coming after Thanksgiving Break
- 3. Senator Adams: Communications Report
 - a. Contact with Beacon
 - b. Degree Works in Portal
- 4. Senator Dekker: Academic Affairs Report
 - a. *No new updates*

Constituency Reports

- 1. Brady Boos
 - a. Pitch problems
 - i. Clubs and reservation confusion
- 2. Senator Rauch
 - a. Parking lot
 - i. Students walking in parking lots are dangerous and induce stress for drivers
- 3. Senator Papoustakis
 - a. Ten minute wait at Commons Register
- 4. Senator Pyros
 - a. Bon App lack of specials
 - b. Food poisoning
 - c. Wifi, dropping, connection problems
- 5. Senator Nath
 - a. Missing nurse practitioner
 - i. Assistant director left
 - 1. University-wide email coming soon (President Rivera)
 - 2. High standards for temp employees (President Rivera)
- 6. Speaker Peterson
 - a. "it" was successful
 - b. Organized, planned, marketed well, ice cream cake (Director Nelson)
 - c. Espresso UP
 - i. Positive feedback from students

Open Forum

- 1. Koffler
 - a. Leadership 225 spots still available
 - i. Leadership 225 is the entry class in the Leadership Certificate Program

- b. Second Coach of Coaches hired to expand number of spots available in 325
- c. Second section of Leadership 425 coming in Spring
- d. Spots available at each level

New Business

1. Senator Van Winckel, Senator Dekker
 - a. Molly Hightower Day of Service
 - i. December 3 at 5PM
 - ii. Working with "Believe" Campaign
 1. Macy's is raising up to a million dollars to donate to the Make-a-Wish foundation
 - iii. Letter Writing to Santa
 1. One dollar donated per letter written
2. Director Baade
 - a. FMB Summary with Connor Burke and Katie Bronk
 - b. Each club is subject to same standards
 - i. Food, \$50 per meeting
 1. Capped at \$250 per semester
 2. Most clubs spend less than \$100 per semester
 - c. FMB has 8 members, Hannah is tiebreaking vote
 - d. FMB takes club priorities into account
 - e. \$314,000 to allocate this year
 - i. Upper Budget
 1. ASUP
 2. CPB
 3. ASUP Services
 4. Exigency
 - ii. Clubs Budget
 - f. Club requests are coming in the upcoming weeks
 - g. No line-item request for Senior Party
 - i. Opportunity grant
 - h. Hotel: \$25 per person per night
 - i. Airfare: standardized by time zone
 - i. Capped at \$200
 1. No cap for immersions
 - a. Immersions fundraiser and spend the entirety of the money allotted
 - j. All stipends are increasing
 - k. Finding which club activities will benefit the most students was the most difficult job for FMB
3. President Rivera
 - a. Letter from Georgetown student body president
 - i. See Exhibit 1
 - ii. Revolving around Secretary of Education DeVos stance on Title IX

- iii. Senator Pyros
 - 1. Supporting Direct action makes sense for our ASUP Senate
- iv. Senator Papoutsakis
 - 1. Letter is well written and has a good message
- v. Senator Dekker
 - 1. Who else has signed the letter?
 - a. I don't know (President Rivera)
- vi. Senator Wimberly
 - 1. What guidelines were changed that allow things to be ignored?
 - a. The Department of Education is attempting to raise the burden of proof for allegations to go to a conduct case or trial. This letter is saying that doing so will hurt the number of people willing to report and that keeping the burden at a lower standard allows the people reporting a more comfortable opportunity to report. (Koffler)
- vii. Senator Nath
 - 1. Considering the overwhelming support that this campus showed for Title IX last year, it would be in our campus' best interest for President Rivera to sign the letter.
- viii. Senator Burks
 - 1. If we want to do more, we could also create a template to send out to students so they can contact their elected representatives.
 - b. I will be signing the letter.
- 4. State of the Campus Address
 - a. *See Exhibit 2*

Adjournment

Exhibit 1

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary of Education
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary DeVos:

As an incoming Secretary, you pledged a renewed effort to protect students from sexual violence and to ensure fair procedures throughout the investigatory process. As students on college campuses across the nation, we share your concerns about the rash of assaults on campuses as well as the way in which campus authorities respond. However, we write to you today to express our concern that the proposed revision of Title IX guidelines on university campuses will place an undue burden on victims of sexual assault.

It is well known that a majority of victims never come forward publicly. Though every survivor of an assault may have a different reason for not reporting, it seems clear that the stigmas associated with rape and sexual assault is a contributing factor across cases and campuses. We believe society and our own student communities are making progress to reduce victim shaming and victim blaming, no doubt in part prompted by Title IX guidelines that help ensure that allegations cannot be ignored.

Our concern is that this progress will be impeded by the new guidelines under your consideration, namely, raising the burden of proof necessary for launching investigation proceedings. Without clear, unwavering commitment from elected officials and government leaders, yourself chief among them, it will be too easy for school administrators to prioritize the avoidance of bad publicity over holding perpetrators responsible for their actions. Consistent policies and strong enforcement make campuses safer, allowing all students to be able to focus on learning in and out of the classroom and building the skills necessary to achieve in a globally competitive work environment.

This is why we respectfully urge you to reconsider proposed changes to Title IX guidelines in order to continue upholding the spirit of past guidelines that empowered victims to feel safe reporting an assault. We believe it is both possible and critical that they continue to emphasize the responsibility of collegiate administrators to make campuses safer and stay responsive to the needs of victims while also ensuring the rights of those accused.

Sincerely,

Exhibit 2

State of the Campus

Fall Semester 2017

Hi everyone - thank you all for being here today! Max Lucado, a best-selling Christian author and writer, once said, “Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.” To me, this is a very powerful quote. Everyone has the ability to contribute to the overall success of any given project. To realize you can contribute, you need to do the following;

- Believe in yourself
- Work Hard
- Stay Hungry

As I reflected on this past semester, I realized that this is a fairly unique semester, compared to my past 6. When I came back to campus on August 21st for Orientation, the campus felt different. There was a certain buzz in the air, filled with so much excitement and energy.

The 2nd largest class in the history of the University, began settling in and finding their own paths. It felt like the rest of the student body came back from the summer without missing a beat.

As the Executive Board and I began contemplating the theme for this semester, we had discussions about several themes. **We talked about the State of the Campus being**

- Resilient

The University faced a lot of challenges last year. This semester, our student body has faced those challenges head on. We’ve had numerous student leaders step up and show their true passion and dedication to making UP a safe and inclusive campus.

We talked about the State of the Campus being

- Invested

You look around this University and you quickly realize that it's not hard to find help.

We have individuals here on campus that are passionate about helping others, no matter the circumstance! We have so many people on our campus who dedicate their time and efforts to create beautiful change.

We also talked about the State of the Campus being at a

- Tipping point

In the past year, numerous groups on campus have been dedicated to change, working to develop ideas that will make a lasting impact on this University well beyond their years here. While we haven't been able to experience the tangible outcome of these communities yet, this semester has been all about keeping the momentum and drive alive. In the near future, we will start to see the benefits of the devotion and hard work that these communities have given.

With all that said, there was one theme that perfectly sums up all those themes. This theme resonated with me because I see it every day from each of you sitting in this room. This semester's state of the campus is..... **active**. There are a few definitions for this word, but the definition that I think is most fitting for it is the following, "doing things for an organization, cause, or campaign, rather than simply giving it one's support." This definition perfectly sums up what this semester has been all about.

One clear example of how our student body has been active this semester is through DACA. When news continued to come from the federal level about the future of DACA, our campus was immediately activated on what we can do to protect our family,

friends, and loved ones. A representation of unity was shown by our campus when over 150 students, faculty, and staff came together on a Friday afternoon and chanted three simple words, “Si se puede.” So many individuals have continued to support this topic, even though it does not directly affect them. Some of you sitting here today have continued to advocate for the safety of those who could potentially be affected by the abolishment of this program. For you to continue to stand up and fight for those who are facing life changing challenges, is absolutely inspiring.

Title IX is an important topic that our campus has stayed active with. Following last years big conversations around Title IX, this semester we have seen numerous individuals and groups stay active in advocating for safety of our students. We have seen Green Dot and SASA continue to make strides and provide resources for our community to protect and support our fellow pilots. Our very own Harrison Pyros has been extremely active in this topic and has made it his goal to create safer and more efficient protocols with Title IX here on our own campus.

Numerous groups on campus have continued to be active champions for diversity. This semester, Jessica Wallenfels, a graduate theater student, produced the play “Appropriate.” This play was centered around diversity and presented audiences with scenes of why the topic is so important. The play served as a way for us to continue the conversation of diversifying our campus. One person that has stayed active in the topic of diversity is Yuri Hernandez, the new Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion. Yuri, in her short time in her role, has been active in collaborating with diversity coordinators, clubs, and other community members to advocate for diversity on campus. Two other active champions in diversity are sitting in this room today. Sitara Nath and Kathleen Burks

have actively been involved in advocating for DACA students, as well as researching ways in which we can diversify our academic curriculum. Both big projects that they have been actively involved in.

This semester, the University has been active in expanding! Early this semester, UP broke ground on Dudon-Berchtold Hall. This hall will house a number of new classrooms, an auditorium, and a permanent residence for the studies of Ethics. River Campus is also seeing construction workers more often lately. The University announced that they will be putting two turf fields, along with a boat house on the river campus property. These capital projects will enable our University to accommodate the growing size of our student population, as well as tend to the needs of our student body.

Over in the Athletics Department, we've seen all of our varsity sports teams stay active and hungry, striving to be the best in their respected fields. The Cross-Country Men's team competed in the NCAA tournament race this past weekend and were crowned the 2nd best team in the nation. Our Women's Volleyball team enjoyed a historic season and are constantly staying active, looking at ways in which they can grow from this semester's success.

Internally, ASUP has continued to stay active and successful this semester. Led by the Speaker of the Senate Alex Peterson, Senate has run efficiently and smoothly under his leadership. He has kept a full senate for most of the semester and has been a great communicator and leader for this organization. His hard work and passion for his role are apparent everyday he walks into St. Mary's.

A big change that Alex and John Akers were instrumental in creating was the new committee structure. This semester, we have seen committees become more clear and

efficient, with bigger projects landing on these committees. In the future, these committees will continue to be instrumental in measuring the success of our organization.

Part of John's role is to oversee all the services that ASUP provides. This semester, each of the services have thrived because of his leadership and organization. John has made it a point of emphasis to put each service in a position to succeed. His management skills have elevated the services to a whole new level, where the popularity of the services have skyrocketed.

The platform that John and I ran on looked to address the topics of Education, Sustainability, and Safety. With the help of students, faculty, and staff, John and I have been actively looking to fulfill our platform promises.

In terms of education,

Education

- We've been actively talking with students about their experiences with the academic curriculum and have asked for feedback on ways to improve the curriculum.
- With the University undergoing an evaluation of the academic curriculum, John and I have had several conversations with Dr. Greene, providing feedback and ideas on ways to improve the academic curriculum. Moving forward, we will continue to partner with Dr. Greene on this ongoing topic.
- Earlier this summer, I teamed up with Jack Padon on a project focusing on social justice issues. We are currently looking at creating an event on this campus that helps combine education on social justice issues with innovation.

In terms of sustainability,

- John was instrumental in kick-starting the Eco-tainer program sponsored by Bon Appetit, working with Kirk on the project.
- John and I created a sustainability committee made up of different members of the UP community. We meet about twice a month and strategize ways in which we can make our campus more eco-friendly.
- The Composting Program is off and running this semester. A project that was founded by Gabriel Withol, the program is continuing to thrive and promote composting within the residence halls.

Finally, in terms of safety,

- John and I have plans to continue to team up with Green Dot and Tiger Simpson on ways in which we can continue to promote safety on our campus.
- In terms of infrastructure safety, we plan to continue to have conversations with Jim Ravelli to make sure that we are in buildings that are up to code.

Communication has always been a big hurdle that ASUP has faced. Mario Sarich, the Director of Communications, has brought active energy and enthusiasm to his role, which has translated in success for our organization. Our user engagement is continuing to grow on social media due to Mario's creativity and innovation in communication. I hear he's a pretty good film maker, too.

The Director of Finance role is a role that not just anyone can do. You need to actively be a person who is honest, hard-working, and dedicated to the role. Hannah Baade has done an incredible job all semester long in her role as Director of Finance. Hannah has actively worked with clubs to make sure that their budgets are up-to-date. With the help of her FMB Board, once again, the budget is all coming together.

Another reason why the state of the campus is active is because of the work that CPB has done. Coming off one of the most successful years CPB has ever seen, two-time CPB Director Jacque Nelson came back to the United States on August 20th after traveling the world and changing lives. From that day forward, Jacque has constantly been active in looking for ways to make CPB more successful. Featuring the theme “Gold Rush” this year’s Fall Dance broke the record attendance for the event. In the past, I have described CPB as the “organization that plans the parties!” What CPB really is, is an organization that prides itself on creating events that turn into meaningful traditions here at the University of Portland. Traditions that we will cherish and want to relive for many years to come. The whole campus is constantly waiting for Director Nelson’s next brilliant idea and especially, the next Rock the Bluff artist.

I would also like to recognize all you senators. Your constant dedication and passion for your role is something that motivates me. You all have been extremely active this semester always looking for ways to help and represent your constituencies. I want you all to know that I personally appreciate all the hard work you’ve done this semester. With a heavy heart, we will be losing two of the finest individuals I’ve ever had the pleasure of working with; Brady Boos and Kathleen Burks. Both Kathleen and Brady will be studying abroad next semester in Spain. You both are incredible individuals and we all know that you both will thrive in all your future endeavors, which I hope include ASUP, somewhere in the future.

I started off this speech with the quote “Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.” I want you to all know that you bring a tremendous amount of value to the table. Your ideas and passion for your roles are the reason why we have had such a

successful semester. This past summer, I was asked a question that many of you have probably been asked before. Someone had asked me, “If I could have dinner with any one right now, dead or alive, who would it be?” I quickly responded with the answer, Walt Disney. To me, Walt Disney was one of the most creative and positive individuals this world has seen.

One of my favorite Walt Disney quotes is, “Do your best work- then try to trump it.” I want each of you to stay hungry and active in this UP community. Be ambitious and believe in yourselves. As the saying goes, shoot for the moon and even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.

Thank you everyone!