

# Senate Minutes

September 25, 2017

## Opening

Speaker Peterson: Call to Order

Director Sarich: Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Approval of Minutes **MOTION TO APPROVE (SENATOR BURKS)**

## Communications:

1. Guest Speaker: Jessica Walenfeldt
  - a. "Exploring Race Power and Privilege"
    - i. Friday, September 29
    - ii. Featuring Lisa Grady-Willis
      1. PSU professor
    - iii. Two hour, one time training
    - iv. Open to faculty, students, and staff
    - v. 20 – 30 spots open
  - b. *Appropriate Play*
    - i. Chosen by Jessica, the director, specifically for the UP community
    - ii. Written by African American playwright: Brandon Jacobs Jenkins
    - iii. The play is about a white family who discovers racist artifacts in their late father's possessions
    - iv. The play is confrontational, incendiary and funny and straddles between education and entertainment
    - v. Runs October 4-8
2. Visitor's Open Forum
3. Open Senate Positions: 1 Nursing

## Reports:

1. President Rivera: *Executive Board Report*
  - a. Great retreat this past weekend
  - b. Great fall dance
  - c. Development / Student Center Discussion
    - i. Met with Fr. Mark yesterday:
      1. 6 projects ahead of any new projects (i.e):
        - a. Dundon-Berchtold
        - b. River campus fields
        - c. River campus boathouse
        - d. River campus track

- e. Anchor leaving Hag Ty
    - f. Announcing new project on Friday
  - ii. Fr. Mark advised Brandon to be cautious
- 2. Vice President Akers: *Elections & Services Report*
  - a. ASUP Films
    - i. Selena
      - 1. 30 person turnout
    - ii. "IT" confirmed as November film
    - iii. "Halloween Town" will be shown October 6.
    - iv. Pilots Express
      - 1. Driver Training this past weekend
      - 2. Spots filling fast
      - 3. ASUP Vans are constantly booked
        - a. Vans have been returned dirty
    - v. Elections
      - 1. Record turnout
        - a. 40% of freshman class
        - b. Highest fall election turnout ever
        - c. 18% than last year
- 3. Director Baade: *Financial Report*
  - a. Recruiting for FMB members
    - i. Searching for controller
- 4. Director Sarich: *Communications Report*
  - a. The Listening Session has been rescheduled for September 27th, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Terrace Room
- 5. Director Nelson: *Campus Program Board Report*
  - a. Huge shout-out to Alex for Senate Retreat
  - b. Huge Fall Dance turnout
    - i. Crowd control issues
    - ii. Safety issues going forward for CPB volunteers
      - 1. Item of concern
  - c. December Event
    - i. Out of the box event
      - 1. Innovate past "Destresstival"
      - 2. Keep an eye out for CPB email
  - d. Stay tuned for Rock the Bluff info
- 6. Senate Standing Committees:
  - a. Senator Nath: *Student Affairs*
    - i. DACA
      - 1. First draft of Senate statement written
      - 2. Partnership with MECHA and
      - 3. Next Monday at 7pm October 2 in St. Mary's
        - a. Featuring Yuri
        - b. DREAMer speaker
        - c. Professor
        - d. Potential visitor from admissions

- b. Senator Rausch: *Infrastructure*
    - i. Farmer's Market happening Friday from 1pm – 5pm
    - ii. Ecocontainers?
      - 1. Hugely popular.
      - 2. Changing campus culture
      - 3. Bon Appetite is saving \$3,500 a week
    - iii. Temo Crammer (Chair of Oversight Committee)
  - c. Senator Adams: *Communication*
    - i. Student Film Festival
      - 1. On the Bluff Studio partnership possible
    - ii. Goal: group dialogue
    - iii. Posters for each academic building and dorm
      - 1. Next item on agenda
  - d. Senator Fitzgerald: *Academic Affairs*
7. Constituency Reports
- a. Senator Papoutsakis
    - i. Hall retreats were planned conflictingly with the Fall Dance weekend
      - 1. Director Nelson
        - a. CPB and Res Life should be more transparent in future.
  - b. Senator Pyros
    - i. When is the Dundon-Berchtold construction beginning?
      - 1. President Rivera
        - a. Construction will begin before end of October
      - 2. Director Sarich
        - a. Construction will only occur during normal work hours

**Old Business:**

*None*

**New Business:**

- 1. Swearing-In of New Senators
- 2. Nursing School Petitioners
  - a. Petitioners
    - i. Fiona Dekker & Chelivah Magbinua
      - 1. Why would both of you like to be in ASUP? (Senator Burks)
        - a. Being in ASUP would help me meet other majors on campus (Petitioner Magbinua)
        - b. Hall council for two years in Kenna (Petitioner Magbinua)
        - c. Shepard Academic Resource Center (Petitioner Magbinua)
          - i. ASUP could help lower freshman loss rate

- d. Promote belonging on campus (Petitioner Magbinua)
  - e. ASUP is a hard working group that deserves my respect (Petitioner Dekker)
  - f. Nursing school goes to Health and Counseling Center more than any other school (Petitioner Dekker)
  - g. Help freshman transition into the nursing school because the transition is difficult (Petitioner Dekker)
2. What would be your plans to promote UPSNA? (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - a. Currently apart of UPSNA (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - b. Also currently apart of UPSNA (Petitioner Dekker)
      - i. Seek to promote attendance and active membership
  3. What is your biggest strength as a student leader (Senator)
    - a. Communication and empathy (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - b. Responsibility, organization, listening, advocating, I'm a familiar face (Petitioner Dekker)
  4. How do you plan on reaching out to other nurses? (Senator Papoutsakis)
    - a. In open lab and through the buddy system (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - b. Weekly emails (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - c. Nursing school, third floor (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - d. I know the freshman and sophomores well and would work on getting to know juniors and seniors (Petitioner Dekker)
  5. How can you balance school and ASUP?
    - a. Through helpful professors, supportive students (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - b. Time management, commitment, ASUP is about being present (Petitioner Dekker)
  6. Is there a reason you missed the retreat?
    - a. Unable to RSVP beforehand (Petitioner Magbinua)
    - b. Work from 3-6pm (Petitioner Magbinua)

**ii. MOTION TO APPROVE FIONA DEKKER AS NURSING SENATOR PASSES (8-7 with 1 abstention)**

3. Swearing in of Nursing Senator Fiona Dekker

## Open Forum

1. President Rivera
  - a. Food carts coming Wednesday
    - i. Carioca Bowls
    - ii. 11AM – 2PM
    - iii. Pilot House Patio

2. Jeromy Koffler
  - a. Leadership minor in Franz Center is being developed
  - b. Development process is accepting ideas
    - i. Looking to collect feedback from ASUP
    - ii. Going forward, ASUP should have involvement in the program

## **Adjournment**