

Senate Minutes

October 10, 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 Bucholz (Seconded)

Communications:

1. Guest Speaker: HALLOWEEN Representative
 - a. Jacque Nelson: Hall-o-ween: Doors open themselves to the community. Parents bring their children to trick-or-treat in the dorms. All of the dorms will be participating this year, and students can choose if they want to participate as well. They will be identified with a purple pumpkin on their door.
 - b. All Senators are invited to participate and volunteer. It will start at 5pm and end at 7pm on Monday Oct, 31st. Depends on how long the Senate meeting goes but if it ends early you are all welcome to come help out.
 - c. ASUP is listed as a volunteer partnership. Athletics will also be present and our partner- we have men and women's basketball team and other various members.
 - d. All children must be accompanied by adults all adults will have wristbands, if adults do not have wristbands they will not be let in the door.
 - e. All residence halls will be participating except for Hag Ty.
 - f. There will also be hall-decorating contests. CPB gave each dorm 75\$ to decorate their lobbies. Have a committee to pick the winners. The winners will be able to pick the next CPB movie and will get to decide the food- and it will be a dorm sponsored movie night.
 - g. Your participation would be much appreciated! Big event for administration. UP is opening our doors to the neighborhood, and this is one of the ways for UP to give back.
 - h. Let me know if you can commit to helping out!
2. Visitor's Open Forum
3. Open Senate Positions: 1 CAS 1 Senior Class

Reports:

1. Executive Board: ASUP President Rivera
 - a. Food carts- will be happening for the first time at the university on Wednesday. Will be happening 11am-2pm on the Pilot House Patio. It is Big Fat Weiner's and Carioca Bowls. We get 8% of the revenue. Invite your friends, share the event!
 - b. Xan Arch- emailed me about student concerns. Phone chargers are available: I-phone and android chargers will be available for check out. Upgrading the study room portal, also working on getting course reserve on the Mobile App. Alana has been working with Xan on Paws and Relax. Working on promoting the NY Times with Jeromy.
 - c. Diversity Initiative- Met with a company today and meeting with two other companies this week.
 - d. I will not be here for the Senate meeting on 24th of October. If you need anything from me please let me know.
 - e. The Resolution- Fr. Jon Donato emailed me- and the resolution will not have to be approved by the Board of Regents anymore. Thank you everyone for your hard work. We

floating around with the sustainability coordinators in all the dorms. Brady reached out to the coordinators via email and will be meeting with them after fall break. Brady wants to discuss the compost bins as well as other ideas they may have about making UP more sustainable.

- iii. Food: Molly meeting with Kirk to discuss the long lines in the commons during busy meal times, the prices in Macs market (with possible coupons) and getting waffles back (he is going to check with the head chef- might be equipment issue). Setting up meetings for food and security for after fall break. Also sending a follow up email to Gerry Gregg about meeting.
- iv. Health- not too much is going on with the Heath committee this week. They're trying to attend the student health advisory board's meeting tonight, and they have the paws and relax event this week. Paws and Relax event this week in the Library on Tuesday, Wednesday from 2-4.
- v. Maintenance- Still working on the stop sign between Lund and Chiles. Haven't heard anything yet from them so we'll just have to be persistent.

b. Student Affairs

- i. Carrie: Not much to report on this week.
 1. Diversity committee- had their first meeting last week lead by Mohammed talked about current events and reviewed last year's issues while brainstorming ways to continue the diversity talk with the whole UP community. They will be partnering with Bethany Sills- Diversity Coordinator.
 2. Katie and Molly tabled at Espresso UP to get more committee members (had a low turn out). She has also set up meeting after fall break with the assistant Provost to discuss sending emails about course evaluations out for midterms next semester.

c. Outreach: Kathleen

- i. Kevin has meeting after this meeting with the UP neighborhood association.
- ii. Connor had meeting with committee members – will be drafting a survey to send to residence halls about ASUP, coming up with other ideas for outreach opportunities.
- iii. Service- Tayler is having first committee meeting on Wednesday.

d. Internal Affairs: Natalie

- i. We have a good group of driven senators. We meet last week for a good hour and a half, which was initially intended for 15 minutes after the CRAC meeting. We discussed many off topic items but we agreed to meet each week after the CRAC meetings to talk about each subcommittee. This way, we all know what's going on and we can help each other out if one subcommittee if needed.
 1. Club Rec
 - a. Natalie is staying on top of her subcommittee and is doing great work. I went to one of her meetings and her members are engaged and responsive to changes and suggestions. Had first interview ... Added 5th member this week. Looked at 2-club response for revisions. Met with two other clubs. Working on meeting with another club leader. Will have small informal meeting this Friday
 2. Oversight (Alex):
 - a. The subcommittee is gaining traction as more members are recruited. Alex has lots of momentum as he attacks the By-Laws with his subcommittee.
 3. Campus Traditions Fund (TBD):
 - a. This subcommittee seems to be dormant, as the chair still needs to be filled.

7. University Committees
8. Constituency Reports
 - a. Kathleen: A couple people approached me about expanding hours in the Commons. Also expanding food options on the weekends as well since the options are pretty limited.
 - b. Kevin: Great to see administrators at the dance.
 - c. John: I heard the food at the dance was really good!

Old Business

New Business

Resolution 16-01

1. Brandon: Originally we were thinking about a \$15 increase. We are now going to be asking for a \$10 increase in the student activities fee instead of the \$15 increase. Feel like it is more feasible and reasonable. Check over the resolution! We are giving the clubs the most money, and then it trickles down for paying senators, putting money toward services, etc.
2. John: Today we are just discussing the resolution. When we return from fall break we will be voting on it. Make sure to spread the word to your constituents to get their feedback and their opinions.
3. Natalie: Reiterate the club aspect of it. There are more and more clubs- and they are steadily increasing. That is why most of the money is going to clubs so that clubs can do more each semester.
4. Brandon: What is your honest opinion as a student?
 - a. Molly: I do not think it is too much. I think that people will be against it at first but we really have to promote it and tell people what it is and how it will benefit the study body.
 - b. Carrie: I feel like people will be upset because it is another element that is being raised. Students might feel like administration is just trying to tack on more money.
 - c. Alana: I agree with Carrie. But, I feel like \$10 isn't that much money, it is reasonable. It is not so huge. I don't feel like it will be that awful as long as we explain it well.
5. John: We researched other school and their systems and this is how we chose this amount. We are in line with schools like LMU and USD. There student activities fee ranges from \$95 to \$100
6. Jacque: Angela and I found some interesting numbers as far as club spending in general. About 30-35% of the club budget was not spent last year. That was about \$44,000 of money; it was the lowest club spending in the past 3 years. The raw numbers tell us we might need to think of an alternative. One option we were considering was-
 - a. There are issues with line item budget: We could create a micro grant system where clubs could ask for money throughout the semester as they begin to accumulate plans for their event. - Clubs don't have to budget for major events. They have to go through an application process and would be a fluid system throughout the year.
 - b. Another option that Jeromy brought up
 - i. Maybe putting aside 20% of the new budget and seeing how it works out and trying it out for the spring. Creating a grant system and see how it works out.
 - ii. Reasons for these alternatives:
 1. Public Record- if anyone wanted to look at the budget it could make us look foolish because the money is not being spent. People might not understand that
 2. Would be beneficial to have some sort of fluid budget system. It can serve as a disadvantage to clubs who want to put on events in the middle of the semester. There is not a lot of flexibility with our current budget system. We can discuss more about this later as well.
 - c. John: We are running into the issue of everyone wants money, but some clubs cant get enough and then some clubs get more but do not spend it. The application process for the micro-grant would be required before money is given before the event. It is more responsible because we are holding club leaders to higher standers and organization with their events.

- d. Kevin: The past 3 years I have been doing Senate- there is always clubs that don't spend their money. This would encourage club to be more accountable for their events.
- e. Natalie: I agree with this. We have to make it clear that it is FMB, not ASUP making this decision. It needs to have infrastructure set up, and all of us need to speak to how it is going to work before we spread the word.
- f. John: Just a note- FMB would need to be appointed officials by the Senate. FMB will have to be elected officials because it is a lot of money that they are responsible.
- g. Angela: It has been one of my goals with my platform. There needs to be more people involved with the decision making process. I don't want to discourage clubs from having events and asking for money if they have a set plan for it. They can ask for it at the budgeting meeting! But, if they don't have enough time to organize it they have another possibility to receive more money for things that pop up last minute. The senate meeting after fall break I will have way more details.
- h. Brandon: Are there any questions?
- i. Brady: If we are going to make this happen. How are we going to allocate the money for the micro-grant? Would we vote on it? Who appoints FMB members?
 - i. John: Fantastic question. The great thing is that you all have a say in this. You get to decide what happens. In my opinion the people should be people that Angela recommends for FMB. Financially you should be taking information from Angela because it is her job.
 - ii. Brady: What is FMB?
 - 1. Angela: Financial Management Board. They are the people that listen to every club present their budget requests. They allocate all the funds in the budget an then present the funds and allocations in Senate. I want FMB to be an integral part of this process because it is so much money. I want many people to make these decisions instead of one person.
- j. Alex: What is the current fall budget?
 - i. Angela: I do not have the official numbers right now. We budgeted for 3500 students. The estimate is about: \$221,725 for all clubs.
- k. Natalie: Do you think increasing the time commitment for FMB will increase interest in it? Is it feasible to get a certain amount of people on it?
 - i. Angela: We need people who are financially literate. I am hoping to recruit people that are interested. Want to make it a bigger part of ASUP. It looks great on a resume. I want to create it as a long-term position, and grow FMB to eventually be funded one day.
 - ii. John: If this does what it is supposed to do, which is cut down the amount unspent. There will be space for the new clubs. Look at the things we want to add; movies as a Service will still require more money because it will be a more involved service. That \$10 is going to new things that we are doing, like the 20 new clubs, want to be able to fund all the clubs, and the funds that they need. That is why we want to implement this plan to be more efficient/helpful. I think it is important to be knowledgeable about the resolution and you need to be able to market it appropriately.
- l. Natalie: What is the tentative plan?
 - i. John: Over fall break I want you guys to get opinions and ideas from many different people. Get a good idea of what people are thinking and bring it back to us. Want to make changes and amendments. As far as structuring, just think of ideas on how to structure it. Take some time and put some thought into it.
- m. Alex: This says student government fee, and I think it would be clearer if it said student activities fee.
 - i. John: Agreed.
 - 1. Approved by all sponsors for the resolution.

Open Forum

1. Wyatt: Have recruited a member to the Technology committee, looking for others. Have meeting with IT soon.
2. Kathleen: Registering people to vote! It's the last week. Will be tabling in the library- if you are registered the deadline is the 18th for people to register. Was contacted by Tiger Simpson about Green Dot Training- Saturday November 19, 10am-5pm
3. Natalie: Vote UP panel tomorrow from 7-8 in St, Mary's. It will be on Gender in the election.
4. Brandon: Have a fun and safe Fall Break everyone!

Adjournment