

# Senate Agenda

October 24, 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 Peterson** (Seconded)

## Communications:

1. Guest Speaker: Murdock Trust
  - a. Miles- Work with NW Accountability Project
  - b. Camille- Junior, Nursing student, representative of NW Accountability Project
  - c. Alex: Junior, Theology major, representative of NW Accountability Project
  - d. Sage: Senior social work major, representative of Jobs with Justice organization
  - e. Hannah Nightingale- Senior, supporting NW Accountably Project
  - f. Hannah Vogel- Representing Feminist Discussion Group
    - i. Camille: We are here to bring awareness on the Murdock Trust. They are a big supporter and donor of our school. However, they also fund not the best organizations. They donate money to anti-LGBTQ organizations, anti-labor organizations, and they also contribute to the freedom foundation- a group that attacks public workers.
    - ii. Hannah Vogel: The Murdock Trust is and does donate and support insidious groups. They support organizations associated with gay conversion therapy, anti-LGBTQ, and hate groups. We are here to make a stand against that kind of monetary funding and against corporations that use their funds for oppression and exploitation.
    - iii. Miles: Murdock: Murdock Trust is behind many organizations especially freedom foundation and alliance defending freedom- funded NC anti-trans bathroom bill, and funded the only gay-conversion therapy treatment center in Oregon- which no longer happened because it is illegal in Oregon. Basically, Murdock Trust is behind and a lot of funding for organizations that do horrible things.
1. Want to write a resolution to be passed
- iv. Hannah: The Murdock Trust does contribute to good things such as research. We want to use our student voices and make a stand that we are not in solidarity with them. As a student body we don't agree them. We want to say we don't support or condone these activities. It's about putting the pressure on them as an organization by saying we don't support or condone this funding to these types of activities.
- v. Alex: We are not trying to jeopardize the Murdock funding to the University in any way because they do fund a lot of great things on campus. We just want to make a stand against the horrible organizations they also support
- vi. Questions:
  1. Kathleen: Do you know how much the Murdock Trust donates, or the relationship with the school?
    - a. Miles: They give money to basically every college in the NW. It usually goes towards hard science funding. As of 2016, Murdock has given UP about \$100,000

2. Kevin: Do you know how this could affect science majors if ASUP goes through with the resolution?
  - a. Miles: I have met others who have done research projects funded by Murdock. I know a lot of the people are uncomfortable with the fact that the same money they are receiving is also going toward hate groups around the country. We just want to take a stance, it's not just UP. Its many campuses standing in solidarity together that we do not support them in funding those organizations.
3. Alex: What would the resolution entail?
  - a. Miles: It is up to what you as a Senate want to pass. At University of Oregon they are passing a resolution they are taking a stance condemning the organizations they fund.
  - b. John: I think our goal here is to urge administration to put pressure on Murdock to not fund some of the organizations that they currently do. They do fund a lot of great and amazing things with research. Our resolution would be along the lines of urging the administration, we need to do more research on UP's relationship with them.
  - c. Recess
2. Visitor's Open Forum
3. Open Senate Positions: 1 CAS 1 Senior Class

## Reports:

1. Executive Board: ASUP President Rivera
2. Financial Report: Director Hudson
  - a. Reallocations:
    - i. College Ecology- They wanted to move money for their movie rights for food. (15%)
    - ii. Women's Lacrosse- Moved money to second coaching stipend because they didn't need it. (18%)
    - iii. International Club- Didn't need money for PAL (7%)
  - b. Budget Emails have been sent out:
    - i. CTF meeting will be on Thursday (6:00 is the hesitant time)
  - c. Spring 2017 Requests:
    - i. Mini Grant: \$10,000 will be included, and have made all the club leaders aware of that
    - ii. Submission date: Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.
    - iii. If you have any ideas for line items in the upper budget, please let me know ASAP (dinners/snacks for committee meetings, events, etc....) let me know!
  - d. Controller Interviews: Happening this week
    - i. 3 candidates
    - ii. Will have someone hired by Friday
  - e. FMB Applications
    - i. Will be sent out this week
    - ii. I want to make it tailored toward individuals who have financial literate backgrounds
    - iii. If you know anyone interest refer them to me
  - f. Polo's are finished!!
    - i. Starting tomorrow, pick them up in the ASUP office
3. Communications Report: Director Tucker
  - a. Hi everyone I hope you all had a great fall break! Just getting back into the groove of everything. I don't have a lot to report on today. I have been sending out emails to various people about the Beauchamp survey, I contacted the Beacon about it and have

yet to hear back from them. There are Vote Up shirts in the office on my, if you do not have one yet- come pick one up for the event happening this week.

4. Campus Program Board: Director Nelson
  - a. Preparing for budgeting season as an organization.
  - b. Preparing for Hall-O-Ween on Monday. Will be meeting at the Chiles Center at 4:30. It is low maintenance as far as volunteering.
  - c. We have a Rock the Bluff artist! Very early on. We have a lot more time for things like marketing and making sure the venue is good to go. Taking the quality of this event to the next level, we are making the most of the time.
5. Elections: ASUP Vice President Apenyo
  - a. Tomorrow John and I will be at the academic senate and will give you a report on that next week.
  - b. We have a petitioner for CAS position and will be hopefully be hearing from her soon to vote on that
  - c. Happy birthday to Natalie! And to Jacque on Wednesday!
6. Senate Standing Committees:
  - a. Campus Affairs
    - i. Sustainability- Brady is currently meeting with the coordinators in the dorms and filling up his committee with members. If you have any suggestions for him, I'm sure he'd gladly take any students interested in joining
    - ii. Tech- Wyatt had his meeting with Michelle Sunderland. They talked about some of the tech issues around campus. Cell towers will hopefully be added around campus in the winter, Verizon on Mehling and AT&T on Schoenfeldt and Fields Hall. Office 365 group settings are being handled. Issue was the setting wasn't on. They are handling that so we can use the group settings. Currently they are making sure everything is working before they roll out new features. Upgraded the access point in Franz to allow for greater bandwidth. They are also looking to upgrade all the access points and add some more. Their target date is December 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - iii. Food- Molly postponed her meeting with Kirk until next Monday because of break. She's working on setting up meetings for both food and security.
    - iv. Athletics- Jonathan and his crew sent out the Beauchamp survey over break. Please take it if you haven't already. It's on the ASUP Facebook page and I think it was sent out in an email as well. They'll continue working on that and gathering more info.
  - b. Student Affairs
    - i. Diversity: Nothing new to report
    - ii. Academic Affairs: Katie is giving a presentation to the Student Leadership Advisory Council this Wednesday. She will be describing her role within ASUP.
  - c. Outreach
    - i. Kevin met with the neighborhood association. Main concern was student renters and improving their relationship in the surrounding community.
    - ii. Connor is working with Stephanie about sending out a campus wide survey about ASUP and what students want to see out of ASUP. Plans to have a meeting this week with his sub-committee to brainstorm ideas.
    - iii. Tayler: Planning on meeting with her committee at the end of the week.
  - d. Internal Affairs
    - i. Oversight: Now have a good-sized sub-committee. Brainstorming ideas about how ASUP can be better understood to the whole student body
    - ii. CTF: Angela took care of a lot of the logistics. Have a goal to have a separate pool of money for promoting events for bettering the whole UP community.
    - iii. Club Rec- Recommendations will be sent out for Portland Film Club and Encores' Away. Will be meeting with Badminton club this week. Natalie will be meeting with Jeromy this Wednesday and they will decide what to do the Society

of Automotive Engineers- if they need to be re-recognized or go through the entire process again

7. University Committees
8. Constituency Reports
  - a. Connor: Resident in Haggerty noticed that the lights were left on in Beauchamp all night
  - b. Jonathan: People will be concerned and upset with the intramural schedules. Does not have optimal competition want to have soccer in separate leagues with girls and boys
  - c. Brady: People were stoked about the waffles back in the commons!

## Old Business

### Resolution 16-01

1. Discussion:
  - a. John: Do you have any questions/amendments/feedback about the Resolution? What are your thoughts?
  - b. Connor: Everyone that I talked to was confused at first. But, then I explained it in more detail and they understood the reasoning. It seemed quite indifferent.
  - c. Taylor: A lot of my constituents were not really for it. Had a lot of negative feedback especially from off-campus students
  - d. Kevin: Majority of my constituents are seniors so they were also quite indifferent about it
  - e. Alex: Generally I received positive feedback from my constituents. There was no one against it. They said \$10 was not that big of a deal and they were for it.
  - f. Natalie: I had a lot of positive feedback of the overall general idea
  - g. John: It seems like the more active students on campus are more interested. And the off campus students are more against it because they are less involved.

### Caucus to Discuss

2. Amendments
  - a. Natalie: Friendly amendment to remove semi-colon
  - b. Alex: Friendly amendment to add underlining to all section headings
  - c. Kevin: Friendly amendment to add a colon at the end of the heading on page 1
  - d. Brady: Personal point of privilege
  - e. John: Is there anything in the resolution itself you want to change?
  - f. Wyatt: In the addendum we discussed deleting, "its no surprise this is on the horizon for ASUP" and "its time to start treating senators the way they should be treated"
  - g. Jeromy: Might want to consider use of the word we and instead use ASUP- don't want to create a tone you are not looking for
  - h. John: Lets replace all the we's with ASUP and see how that looks
  - i. Jeromy: I would suggest deleting the rhetorical questions because it can be confusing. "So how do we solve this issue? How do we get the most out of every dollar every student spends on their student government fee?" We do not want to offend anyone, we need to be clearer about what we are trying to address in this section.
  - j. Natalie: Can we re-word, "The next step is to start treating Senators like they should be treated; as paid volunteers and representatives of the student body. Holding unpaid students accountable when they already give up multiple hours each week is difficult." We were looking at that section and this section as a little bit of an attitude. It doesn't offer anything to the statement as a whole, doesn't offer any new information. Removing it altogether. I think approaching it more straightforward would be best.
  - k. Alex: Transitioning what comes next. I think we should put something in about the research from other schools
  - l. Kathleen: Change the second ASUP to representatives
  - m. Jonathan: Semi colon in the second to last sentence

- n. Alana: Can we change, "It's no surprise that this topic is on the horizon for ASUP? Before we re-structured ourselves last year, we visited other schools to see what we could learn from their student governments. It became apparent that a larger executive board and a smaller senate would help increase accountability. The next step is to start treating Senators like they should be treated; as paid volunteers and representatives of the student body. Holding unpaid students accountable when they already give up multiple hours each week is difficult. With this payment, there is more than just an expectation that Senators will be actively involved in their constituencies. With payment, it becomes a requirement. To, "Before ASUP re-structured itself last year, representatives visited other schools to see what could be learned from their student governments. It became apparent that a larger executive board and a smaller senate would help increase accountability. Additionally, it was found that by paying Senators, the expectation that they will be actively involved in their constituencies becomes a requirement."
- o. Brady: Personal point of privilege
  - i. John: Duration
  - ii. Brady: Indefinitely
  - iii. John: Approved
- p. Tayler: In the Major Event Grant- Change: "In the past few semesters, ASUP has had a lack of spending for clubs. Even though we never have enough money to go around, clubs commit to one event and are unable to follow through. So how do we solve this issue? How do we get the most out of every dollar every student spends on their student government fee? We dole out larger sums only when we are absolutely sure that the event will occur.
  - i. To "In the past few semesters, ASUP has noticed inconsistent club spending. Some clubs are given funding for proposed events that, for various reasons, are not followed through on in the next semester. In order to solve this problem and assure that every dollar is spent effectively, ASUP plans to dole out larger sums only with confirmation that the events will occur. By shortening the gap between budgeting and when the events would occur, the number of events that never quite make it out of the planning phase will be reduced.
- q. Alex: It sounds like we are saying we do not have the funding for the events. So it would make more sense to change: "This will reduce the number of events that never quite make it out of the planning phase, and allow ASUP to move away from the partial funding rut we are currently stuck in. Fully funded events are much more likely to happen than events that are partially funded because we didn't have the budget to distribute more money;"
  - i. To, "Additionally, this will allow ASUP to move away from the partial funding system that ASUP provides now. Fully funded events are much more likely to happen than events that are partially funded."

3. Senator Burke: I move to pass Resolution 16-01 as amended. (Seconded)

- a. For: We have worked hard on this. I think the changes are very beneficial and will benefit the student body as a whole.
- b. Against:
- c. For:
  - i. Approved

## New Business Open Forum

- 4. Jeromy: Vote UP event panel on the economy on Tuesday at 7 in St. Mary's there will be delicious chocolates and refreshments.
- 5. Wyatt: Meeting with Michelle Sunderland
  - a. Help Desk- if you have any questions that are a great resource. She wants to get the word out about the Help Desk to students. IT is planning on updating Moodle and asking it more assessable, that should be coming next year. Looking to reach out to students about technology and what we want to see from technology at the University. Michelle is more than happy to come into Senate!

6. Angela: If you have any ideas for line items for next semester please let me know.

## **Adjournment**

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## Addendum (Revised 10.23.2016)

### What is the Student Government Fee?

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