

# Senate Minutes

October 3, 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 Buccholz (Seconded)**

## Communications:

1. Guest Speaker
2. Visitor's Open Forum
3. Open Senate Positions: 1 CAS 1 Senior Class

## Reports:

1. Executive Board: ASUP President Rivera
  - a. Diversity and Inclusion Initiative Scholarship
    - i. Background and Inspiration
    - ii. Action Plan: 3 Pillars
      1. Addresses Diversity and Inclusion
        - a. All students are eligible
        - b. To apply you must write an essay that addresses both diversity and inclusion, there are three questions.
        - c. After they are chosen they must do something while at UP that addresses diversity and inclusion (event, panel, etc.) Must be proactive and continue the conversation in the community
          - i. Action required after scholarship
        - d. \$1,000 minimum ( which we have reached, but final number will be announced when campaign is over)
      2. International Representation
        - a. There are 42 countries represented here at UP
        - b. We are working on having flags from every country represented on a specific part of campus
        - c. Creates a visible representation of our diverse campus
      3. The Diversity Course:
        - a. In the past, UP used to offer a World Religions course
        - b. Provost Greene is going to work with ASUP to put a diversity course/workshop in place.
        - c. Course that focuses on diversity and inclusion
        - d. Could be a 1 credit course or an elective, worked into freshman workshop
        - e. A course that is fun, innovative, and creative, more conversation based
          - i. Working out everything with Provost Greene to put this in place
      4. This initiative aligns with the 20/20 Vision

- a. Provost Greene has been fundraising currently is at about \$30,000 so that faculty and staff can get certified in diversity.
- 5. What I want from you?
  - a. Feedback! From you all about what I can improve or change.
  - b. Want to get all sorts of feedback from all constituents, faculty and staff about the vision, add pillars, etc.
  - c. Should be done by end of October, beginning of November
- 6. Questions:
  - a. Natalie: When you talked to Provost Greene about the course, what topics would be the framework?
    - i. Brandon: I am trying to talk to different people to see what we can create. Want to look at all angles. Fr. Poorman suggested having different individuals from different university ties such as their diversity coordinator from PSU, to come and present to students at UP. The course itself is in the works.
  - b. Mohammed: Is the world religions class back?
    - i. Brandon: It is not back. It has been replaced by a new theology class. It used to be a requirement for theology. I want to bring back the course, especially because our students are getting certified in diversity.
  - c. Alex Peterson: Is the \$1,000 that you have raised a one-time scholarship? Or are you going to set up an endowment
    - i. Brandon: Right now it is just going to be one time. I would hope this would set the precedent for next ASUP Presidents to take this on. I am going to get a committee to review it also.
  - d. Connor: I know we have a Diversity Coordinator here at UP. I went to a Diversity Seminar and schools the size of UP have a whole centers dedicated to diversity and inclusion. I know we have just one main coordinator. Is there something administrators are trying to do to dedicate more space to make a diversity center?
    - i. Brandon: I believe they are trying to do something with diversity in the new building. I don't know if it will be completed devoted to diversity. But, there will be more space in the new academic building.
  - e. Natalie: When people send in an application, which would go over it?
    - i. Brandon: I was hoping to get a three-person panel together of professionals. I want one instructor, and maybe two people from the health center. Not students. If you have any further questions please let me know.
- 2. Financial Report: Director Hudson
  - a. Senate Polo order placed- should be here before fall break, or the first week after.
  - b. Received 8 applications for controller position
  - c. Sending out my first Budget email- I hope by Friday, realistically probably Monday
  - d. Received 2 reallocation requests:
    - i. Woman's Soccer:
      - 1. Moved \$50 from referees to team bonding dinner (most of games are away-not going to use entire amount allocated)
      - 2. Budget = \$1,250 = 4%
    - ii. Woman's Ultimate:
      - 1. Hanford Tournament→ Beaver Brawl:
      - 2. Moved \$75 from bid fee from Hanford to Bid fee for Beaver Brawl

3. Moved \$200 from Hotel for Hanford to Bid Fee for Beaver Brawl (Bid fee = \$275)
4. Budget = \$2,450 = 11% of budget
3. Communications Report: Director Tucker
  - a. Club Contest- Great success. Have had about 10 clubs participated
    - i. Active Minds in the lead with 175 likes
    - ii. The winner will be announced on October 9th Sunday,
    - iii. The winner will receive dinner sponsored by ASUP for their club, recognition on the ASUP website, and uportland social media
    - iv. Thank you to everyone for posting on club pages and spreading the word.
    - v. Currently working on implementing a brochure and weekly newsletter in the residence halls
4. Campus Program Board: Director Nelson
  - a. The Fall Dance is this Friday. Get your tickets! If you have any questions or clarification please let me know.
5. Elections: ASUP Vice President Apenyo
  - a. Nothing new to report for elections
  - b. Petitioner for the Senior Class coming in next week
  - c. Pilot Express Service is up and running- Pilot Express provides a ride to the airport, train, or bolt bus. We are taking sign ups in St. Mary's beginning today! Spread the word!
6. Senate Standing Committees:
  - a. Campus Affairs: John Akers
    - i. Maintenance- they have been contacted about the stop sign between Chiles and Beauchamp. Awaiting their reply
    - ii. Athletics- Pretty quiet week. They found out what cart was posing an issue for the kick boxers. The report is not urgent as the instructor has found an effective way to put away the punching bags. They plan to find out if the cart can be fixed with welding or replaced entirely. No news on the cardio machine because both Nick and Jonathan couldn't find the machine. The employees at gym also didn't hear about a broken machine. For extending the Beauchamp hours, Nick is getting started with the survey in his class. This survey will be a semester long project, but should provide some valuable information that we can use to show the administration that they should or shouldn't open the Beauchamp earlier on the weekends.
    - iii. Security- Molly met with Public Safety on Tuesday. They discussed keeping students informed. Molly will send a follow up email to see if she can meet with Gerry Gregg regularly.
    - iv. Health- Alana has reached out to Kelly Carter she runs all the freshman workshops and now they are waiting for her thoughts on the freshman spending a day of class at the health center for next year. Alana also contacted Dean Xan Arch to try to get a Puppy Day in the library the week before fall break when many students have midterms.
    - v. Tech- Wyatt began searching for people who are interested in serving on this committee. He made multiple announcements via Facebook and hall mass and will continue looking. He also emailed Michelle Sunderland, the Director of Technical Services, to set up a meeting in order to introduce himself and get resources for fixing technological issues around campus. Once I hear back from her, I will start looking into the constituency reports from this week. This includes getting a Wi-Fi signal in the basement of Franz Hall (room 034 in particular),

fixing the groups in Outlook, and fixing the email settings in Moodle. Constituents have made complaints about little cell phone service in Lund Family Hall. Wyatt will bring all of these issues up at my meeting with Michelle.

vi. Sustainability- Meeting with Anthony Ng this week.

b. Student Affairs: Carrie Fitzgerald

- i. We are in the process of recruiting members for committees so far we have these people for the committees. Having members reach out.
  1. **Diversity:** Nawal Oumar, Lydia Heye, Marissa Torres, and Olivia Mitchell, Zina Patel, Stephanie S.,
  2. **Spirituality:** Samuel Crowley
  3. **Academic Affairs:** Emily Sandaval, Danny de lac Cruz, Bridget Mulhall, Hunter Crawford, Chris Fernandez, Sam H, Julianna Ceccarelli,
  4. **Residency Life:** Paul Doan, Justin Damon, Dane Swanson, Julianna Ceccarelli, Sophia Boyd, Jessica Karr, Taylor, Stephanie S., Danielle Yao,
- ii. Diversity has their first meeting this week in Saint Mary's, Mohammed is currently chatting with the people who want to be a part of this committee for a set time for everyone.
- iii. Residency Life: Katie will be tagging along with Brandon to meetings with hall directors.
- iv. Academic Affairs: Katie emailed Michael Andrews Dean of Arts and Science along with the Dean of Business School currently emailing to set up a time for meeting and introductions (I will keep you posted on the time chosen it should be in the next week). Katie will be giving a presentation to the Student Leadership Conference about her role within ASUP and how they can work together.
- v. Tabling at Espresso UP this coming Wednesday to hear out constituents, get subcommittee members involved, and market ASUP office hours.

c. Outreach: Kathleen

- i. External Affairs: Kevin received email from the UP Neighborhood Association Board chair that had a couple concerns. Including the crime and safety and keeping students safe. They also mentioned noise complaints and student parities. He will be meeting with them after next weeks senate meeting.
- ii. Internal: Good turnout at meeting. Working with individual residence halls. Having agreed to go to hall council once a month
- iii. Service: Having first meeting next week. Tayler: is helping organize Larch benefit, needs to know the end of the week who is available in volunteering for it.
  1. Tayler: I am going to send out an email later today! Just let me know if you are available to help out.

d. Internal Affairs: Jonathan

- i. Sent out an email to all potential members.
- ii. Oversight: Working to get Freshman members on the sub-committees and there is a meeting later today with John Akers to discuss by-laws
- iii. CTF- Looking for chair replacement, still up in the air
- iv. Club Rec- Natalie has been very busy. Suggestions have been sent to Bowling Club and Film Production Club, waiting to hear back. Natalie is working on

interviews with potential club leaders. 3 clubs have been reviewed once, and 4 have been received and not reviewed yet

1. 5 total members on the sub-committee

## 7. University Committees

## 8. Constituency Reports

- a. Connor: No more waffles in the Commons on the weekends. My understanding they used to always have waffles in the commons on their brunch hours.
- b. Jonathan: Had constituent contact me on the parking situation. Sent her the email about the shuttle that I received on Friday, and she was very happy with the improvements.
- c. Alex: General concern about the lead testing positive in the water. I know administration sent out email reporting the lead levels
  - i. Natalie: Maybe administration could email all students updates on the lead situation.
- d. Kathleen: Constituents wondering if they could have another person working in the grill. It has been very busy with long lines.
- e. Mohammed: Meeting with Res Life and Public Safety last week, and it did not go very well. Medical clemency brought up. There is an Oregon law that is not implemented at UP. If you call P-safe regarding alcohol poisoning or sexual assault, you would get in trouble if you were intoxicated at all. Wondering if in the handbook there is one sentence in the student handbook that addresses sexual assault. Want to change that and make students more aware, and so students feel safe and they can contact an individual at the school rather than worrying about getting into trouble. Constituent had one on-one meeting afterwards with one of the directors- did not go very well either concerning the handbook.
- f. Katie: One constituent mentioned having course evaluations at midterms. Too late now to implement but something to think about for next semester.
  - i. Jeromy: I would contact Provost office to find out more information that way.
- g. Brady: There has been continual confusion about what ASUP is for the freshman class. Hoping in the future there can be greater relevance
- h. Connor: Constituent says Mac's Market prices are "ridiculous" and hoping to decrease the prices.
  - i. John: That is a difficult conversation but it is worth talking about.

## Old Business

## New Business

### Budget Reallocation

1. GSP: Had 400 in the budget for a retreat. But, we don't plan on doing the retreat this semester, too late into the fall. Want to reallocate the money
  - a. 200 for meetings
  - b. 200 for a speaker event that is open to the campus for everyone to come
2. Kathleen: How many members in your club?
  - a. GSP Representative: About 20-30 members attend every meeting, we have 70 on our email list.
3. Connor: What do you plan to use money for in the meetings?
4. GSP Representative: Plan to have a small speaker for just the club, tie-dye project, etc.
5. Natalie: What kind of speaker event are you wanting to do?
6. GSP Representative: We are hoping to have a large turnout from an individual from a charity. Did it last year and want to do it again.
7. Kevin: Straw poll for approving the recommendations?
8. Kevin: I move to approve the reallocation as submitted. (Seconded)
  - a. For: They are using the money for the retreat. It makes sense and it is a good use of the money.
  - b. Against

- c. For:
- d. Against:
- i. Approved

### **New Club Budget Request**

9. Angela:

- a. Lyric Theatre Club: Their mission is to bring appreciation and recognition to all theatre to students. They have about 15 active members on their roster. Requesting a total of \$280. They want to do 2 performances and a movie night. One at Assumption Village, and one Broadway night.
  - i. Requesting \$100 for performance at Assumption Village for Accompanist: Tracey Edson, \$100 for second performance (Gender Bender Concert) \$50 for food for five meetings, \$30 for a movie night (play a musical). Total of \$280
- b. Tayler: How much left in the New Club Fund?
  - i. Angela: About \$1,100
- c. Natalie: If you have any questions about this club please let me know. But, I don't think there will be that many clubs recommended this semester. We have a few clubs that are pending and being looked at right now. From the receptiveness – I don't think they will get looked over twice. That might mean changing the new club fund for next semester because there might be more clubs potentially. Right now, I don't think you should cut down price just because there will be more clubs, I don't know think that will happen. Maybe 1-2 clubs will be approved at the most.
  - i. John: If even the new clubs are approved. They might not have the time to spend the money
  - ii. Kathleen: For the money that is designated to new clubs, where does it go if not spent?
    - 1. John: It goes to the Quasi-endowment. We get a certain amount of it each year.
  - iii. Alex: In the previous meetings we have had we set the standard for 150 to each club. I do think it makes sense to add more. I think 200 for each club is a good starting point for each club.
  - iv. Mohammed: For the movie night what are they doing?
    - 1. Natalie: They are interested in getting people talking about production, music, art, etc. I think these events are their version of getting people interested of the vast sides their club can show and provide for people. Those being their priorities. They are planning on doing a concert too. They are also planning on sharing lyric productions with the community. I think the movie is one of the things they are trying to do to get people interested.
- d. Alex: Straw poll: Who supports the idea for 100 for each of the events?
- e. Mohammed: We discussed 250 is a good amount.
- f. Natalie: straw poll for 100 for the accompanist for the concert at assumption village? 50 for meetings? 100 for
  - i. Natalie: I move to allocate 100 to line item accompanist for Assumption Village performance, 100 for gender bender concert, and 50 food for meetings from the New Club Budget (Seconded)
    - 1. For: As discussed before, want to fund their top two options, want to get people interested in their club
    - 2. Against: Alex-Could be considered or seen as unfair to the other clubs because we are giving them 100 more. Something to think about.
    - 3. For:
    - 4. Against:

a. Approved

## Open Forum

1. Brandon: Raising Student Government Fee Initiative
  - a. Working on implementing a project on raising the Student Activists Fee. We want to raise it from \$85 to \$100. It is a \$15 increase. Have been meeting with administrators.
    - i. We want this money to pay Senators, fund more clubs and their events, CPB events
  - b. Tight Timeline: By October 6 we need to write the resolution about the student activities fee and why we want to do it.
  - c. October 10: we would present the resolution in Senate- we discuss and debate it
  - d. Oct 24: When we have to pass it. Will discuss it again in Senate, and debate it.
  - e. Then, we will have two weeks to promote it. We will have a special election for the student body to vote on it. That would be November 15-16.
  - f. Then if passed and approved by the student body, it will go to the January Board of Regents meeting. The Board of Regents will discuss it and hopefully approve it. fee meeting only happens one time a year. So it is a quick turn around time and this is the only time that we can do it. I want to recruit members to help with this! Whoever is interested definitely you can join.
  - g. In February it would roll out to the student body
2. John: Do you think this is a good idea? Is it worth talking about and writing a resolution
  - a. Brady: Where is this money going? I just don't want to come out that the only reason we want to do this is to pay ourselves
  - b. John: I did a lot of research on this. Checked out other universities student activities fee. Right now we don't have enough money for all of our clubs.
  - c. Alex: I think that we would have to promote that this wouldn't roll out to next year so it wouldn't be benefitting us this year.
3. Brandon: Our fund would increase by \$54,000. Senators would be paid \$600 per semester. It would go to fund more clubs for what they want, would go to CPB movies as a potential service.
4. John: We have concrete reasons for doing this. We just have to show and be transparent about where the money is going.
5. Jeromy: The Board only approves increases once a year in January. If you miss this opportunity you won't be able to bring this up again until the next January.
6. Brandon: At the end of the day it will benefit the student body.
7. Natalie:
8. Kevin: Next semester Leadership 225 is offered- it's the intro course. First of 3 to get leadership course. Pass it along to constituents. There are scholarships for the Leadership program as well!
9. Jeromy: I encourage it. If you have any questions about the leadership course please let me know. I think it would build great rapport if Senators were leadership certified.
10. Mohammed: I am in 325 right now. It's really fun! You implement the skills you learn in the real world.
11. Jeromy: Vote UP event is tomorrow in the Pilot House. Spread the word!
12. Brandon: There is an AT&T plan for students. You can get a discount- 10% off your plan. ASUP also gets some of that money too. Tell your friends and family about it!

## Adjournment