

Senate Minutes

September 5, 2016

Opening

Call to Order: Speaker of the Senate Akers

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in of Elected Senators

Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Director Tucker

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Senator Bucholz (second)

Communications:

1. Guest Speaker
2. Visitor's Open Forum
 - a. Kelsey Smith for the Beacon. Will be taking notes on what is happening.
3. Open Senate Positions: 1 Senior Class, 1 CAS

Reports:

1. Executive Board: ASUP President Rivera
 - a. Happy second week of school! As ASUP President, I meet weekly with regents, administrators, and/or faculty to keep them informed with matters brought up within Senate. I also meet with them to discuss projects and ideas that I feel would be beneficial to the Student Body. Some weeks, there may be events on campus, and you can find me at most of them, representing ASUP. This summer I partnered with Lyft and New Seasons to offer student discounts. Food carts are still being sorted out and finalized.
 - b. In terms of my reports, I will be talking about meetings I've had the prior week and any projects or ideas I am working on. I have been working on addressing the diversity initiative plan- I am working on creating a scholarship that addresses diversity and inclusion, I have met with administration and will give you more information. Feel free to contact to me anything
2. Financial Report: Director Hudson
 - a. Hi everyone. I have created a controller position that I will be hiring soon for the semester. I am in the process of creating my presentation for Step UP club conference and teaching them about the budgeting process. If you have any good questions for things I can add please let me know. Also in the process of forming the FMB application.
3. Communications Report: Director Tucker
 - a. Hi everyone! My name is Stephanie Tucker, and as many of you know I am the new Director of Communications. Each week the report I give

tends to relate to the ASUP website, social media, marketing, and events happening on and off campus.

- b. Office Hours:
 - i. I have posted the Executive Board office hours to the ASUP website. I will email you all a copy of them, and there is one located in your Senate binder. When you can finalize an exact time for office hours could you all be sure to email John, so I can publicize them. Also, Be on the lookout for an email from me, so I can get to know a little more information about you and your interests!
 - c. Media Space:
 - i. Media space is a great resource for audio/video file sharing through UP students/administration. You can access it online from go.up.edu...ill pull it up on the main screen to show you where it is located. My goal after the senate minutes are approved for that week to publish the audio file to the ASUP media space with a brief description and attach the transcribed minutes with it. I am working on doing the same for the website right now, or to attach a link to media space to go straight there. Just a thought and an extra resource for any one who is interested, and it is a great way to promote transparency between the students and ASUP.
 - d. Goals
 - i. My main goal for this year is to make ASUP more relevant on campus. Whether that is through social media, word-of-mouth, or promotional items/events on campus. I want students to know what ASUP does, how we relate to student body, and for students to know we are a resource for them. As far as social media on Instagram, in the past ASUP's average number of likes was about 20 likes per post. Now, our average number is at about 52, which is great!
 - ii. I'm excited for this year and for this opportunity to work alongside all of you.
4. Campus Program Board: Director Nelson
- a. CPB Director Role in Senate
 - i. Continuing to integrate the two organizations by allowing opportunities for Senate to participate and vice/versa. Make ASUP more relevant on campus. CPB feel comfortable in Senate meetings and vice versa.
 - ii. Recognizing that we are very heavily funded, wanting to remain transparent with our events and that the goals of both senate and CPB are aligned
 - iii. If Senate wants to give feedback on CPB events and their impact on the community, they have me as an easily accessible resource
 - b. Activities Fair
 - i. Went smoothly despite last minute change to Chiles. People got to see a lot of activities.

- ii. CPB received over 200 sign ups and expect to have a large first meeting, meetings are Thursdays at 7 in St Mary's.(tentative)
 - iii. Will send out email with more information, ASUP is welcome to come.
 - c. River Boat
 - i. Very successful event, received a lot of great feedback
 - ii. Developing a survey for students to take in order to accumulate tangible feedback, will email out once its live
 - iii. 1492 people attended
 - iv. Thank you to Senators for coming and participating, presence was well noted
 - d. Upcoming Movie
 - i. CPB Goal for movies to become a more well rounded event (not just a movie)
 - ii. Friday the 9th at 9:00pm behind the Commons on the bluff
 - iii. Finding Dory, Free blankets to the first 100 viewers, free churros, concessions available
 - e. Hall-o-ween
 - i. Starting discussion of how we want to execute this event this year
 - ii. Recognizing that there are no longer hall senators – would be great to have current senators participation in this event to keep Senate a part of hall communities.
 - iii. More information to come
- 5. Elections: ASUP Vice President Apenyo
 - a. Hello I'm Tsikata. I am the Vice President. The elections will be held September 20-21st for the Freshman, this past weekend we sent out emails regarding elections and committees and so far, 76 people are interested. Applications are due this Friday. There is two open positions senior class and college of arts and sciences, they can apply or petition.
 - b. Elections Committee: Because we have a smaller senate, everyone will have the opportunity to join the elections committee and more people have the opportunity to be involved. Elections committee is essentially the behind the scenes of elections. Ill sends out more information later.
- 6. University Committees
 - a. Jeromy: ASUP Presidential Advisory- The ASUP President did submit recommendations for each of the presidential advisory committees this year. Fr. Poorman will announce the appointments by Sept 10th, once we do then we will make public. There are 6 Presidential Advisories committees, they will each have student representation. The appointed individuals and Brandon will be able to give us more information on topics discussed in these meetings throughout the year. Great opportunity for the Senate and students at large.
- 7. Constituency Reports

- a. Senator Troung: Held office hours today from 1:30-2:30. Some people wanted dodge ball class/games for intramurals. UPSNA wants to provide alcohol awareness events, and hoping to partner with ASUP for events. Another request was a wine tasting coinsurer class, that would be a one credit course.
- b. Senator Buccholz: Someone told me the ATM- Chase has been broken the past few days in the bookstore.
- c. John Akers: I saw people working on it. Not sure if UP does the maintenance or if Chase does. We can look into it and find out more information.
- d. Senator Kathleen Burkes: Quesadillas back for late-night at Pilot House

Old Business

Senate Petitioners

- 1. Akers: In our unofficial meeting we had the petitioners come in. We are going to have a few more questions for the petitioners and an official vote.
 - a. Connor Burke: I am petitioning for School of Education.
 - 1. In the School of Education the class sizes are pretty small.. Sent email to school of education of who I am, and plan on sending out these emails with relevant information. I think I have a great chance to get to know people. I am open to meet and talk, creating more of an informed public about what I'm doing, because there is only 150 students.
 - b. Carrie Fitzgerald
 - i. I am petitioning for the School of Business- As of a now I already have office hours they will be Monday from 11:30-12:30. I am in 3 business classes right now and am planning on speaking with the teachers about giving presentations in class about who I am, and how I am a resource for the Business School. I am active in my classes and student worker for the athletic department. As of now I have already drafted email to school of business dean introducing myself and who I am as a senator.
 - c. Tayler Davis
 - i. School of nursing petition- I already have office hours, created senate page for school of nursing and posted on facebook. Invited people on Facebook. Have reached out to teachers to give presentations to classes.
- 2. Natalie: What do you think the greatest tool you will have for reaching constituents?
 - a. Carrie: Social media, we all use it and it is relevant. Being in classes is a unique opportunity to spread the word and awareness face to face.

- b. Tayler: I agree, having class is a great way to spread the word and social media, everyone can share there ideas and concerns
 - c. Connor: I agree, online presence is huge- everyone can utilize it, and I am hoping for an email list.
- 3. John Akers: One goal for the semester?
 - a. Connor: My goal is to enhance the school of education and the experience you go through, while in it. There is a lot of tuning you can do, I hear a lot of complaints and I want to address them and see why they are not being met by the administration.
 - b. Tayler: I know personally I didn't know we were represented in Senate. No one made it clear to me, I want to be a presence in SON, There a lot of concerns and I want to be the voice for changing, people know that there is someone actively helping.
 - c. Carrie: I want to have a greater presence, not only to business school but to all different committees, not just business... I want to be a resource for the whole entire student body.
- 4. Senator Troung: What experiences can you bring to help you as a senator?
 - a. Connor: I am a Junior I been here for 2 years, I was the RTB coordinator for CPB and I am this year. I have a lot of event experience, and experience being involved at UP.
 - b. Tayler: I am also a junior, heavily involved with the Moreau center, I was immersion coordinator, went to Italy last year for 2 months, close relationship with the Moreau center, good asset in the service aspect of our school and connecting students, senate, and the student body.
 - c. Carrie: I'm a sophomore, I am connected to the athletic department, and I hope to get more people interested in that. I am an outspoken person. I don't have a lot of experience but I am here to build experience and I will personally do my best to help people out.
- 5. Meeting closed to the public. Discussion on the petitioners petitioning into senate. After an official vote all three, Connor Burke, Carrie Fitzgerald, and Tayler Davis were voted into the senate.

Committee Assignments

- a. John Akers; With Amanda resigning and Anthony withdrawing his petition we had to make some changes to committees. Some assignments are temporary but I will list off what we have tentatively.
 - i. Campus Affairs- Health: Alana
 - ii. Security: Molly
 - iii. Maintenance- Mohammed
 - iv. Athletics- Jonathan
 - v. Food- Molly
 - vi. Student affairs chair- Carrie
 - vii. Residence life- Katie
 - viii. Academic affairs- Katie

- ix. Spirituality- Individual from the Moreau Center
 - x. Internal community relations- Connor
 - xi. External community relations- Kevin
 - xii. Outreach- Kathleen
 - xiii. Internal Affairs- Jonathon- Chair
 - xiv. Service- Tayler
 - xv. Oversight- Alex
 - xvi. CTF- temporary Alex
 - xvii. Club recognition- Natalie
- b. John Akers: Once we get freshman senators and petitioners in, we can move things around. Not all the committees are listed, some of the committees are vacant at the moment and will be co-chaired by non senators these are: athletics, residence life, diversity and inclusion, spirituality, and service.
- i. One that we have is service- Michael Gallagher
- c. Jeromy: This the first year with the new committee structure and reduced number of senators. Important year for senators to give feedback to the chair about the structure and for the four main sub committees to work together. If each committee chair believes they are the committee, it may be struggle although there is chairs- each of the 4 larger categories needs to gather people to share the workload until they gather enough people in their committee. The real work starts once all the committees have about five people. I recommend after the meeting all of the committee chairs meet with each other, and try to collectively set priorities in the early part of the semester, one of those being to recruit committee members. That's where the activities fair numbers are really exciting, we have a lot of people to fill these positions, and we will have a larger pool of people to get involved. Remember just because you are the chair, you are not the entire committee that is not how this structure, or the constitutional reform was designed. It was designed to get more people involved because non-senators are welcome to get involved.
- d. John Akers: If you are assigned to 2 committees it may seem like a little much. But do not worry we have a lot of people who want to be in committees. It will be great because you will have a lot people interested in the topic of the committee, you will have a lot of help. Any questions?
- e. Carrie: Can we get an email with all the committees and subcommittees?
- f. John Akers: Yes we have a spreadsheet with all the committees and assignments. I will be sure to send it out once we get it finalized.
- g. Katie: When we will find out about non senator co-chairs?
- h. John Akers: hopefully soon, waiting to hear back, to finalize the names and positions.

New Business

Polo Debate

2. Angela: We have \$400 total so about 25 per person...The options are polo's. color wise its up to you, turtlenecks are also a possibility or t-shirts. If people are willing to pay more for another t-shirt we can go a little bit higher and get Nike those are about 33\$ these are yours, open to anything. It depends on what you are wanting.
 - a. Jeromy: I want to re-emphasize the whole point of this. It's your uniform that will identify you as a leader. Over the years people have debated polo's, t-shirts, turtlenecks. What is the identity you want? What is the image you want ASUP to give to the student body? You want it to give the impression you are approachable and professional enough to meet with administrators.
 - b. Angela: If you wanted to go the Nike route you will have to pay about \$15 out of pocket.
 - i. Carrie: What fabric would the non- Nike ones be?
 - ii. Angela: A cotton blend.
 - iii. John Akers: Is it possible to do polo and turtle neck?
 - iv. Jacque: I think the turtle neck is a representation creates the image of the approachable everyday person and a good point of reference would be the E-Board white polo's that we have been wearing. what is the image you got when you saw us, I hope if felt we were open and accessible. If the student body needs us to be wearing polo's or turtlenecks, that's something we need to think about. How you are dressed does make a difference.
 - v. Molly: Are fun shirts still happening?
 - vi. Angela: It depends on how much money we have left in the budget. We can definitely talk about that it depends on how much money we have left, and how much we are willing to spend.
 - vii. Natalie: I like uniformity, shows we are all together. Even the polo's are different colors, all polo's show that we are one group. A polo can be accessorized. I know our goal is to be Goal is to be a more uniform group, and us all having uniformity it's a symbol of that.
 - viii. John Akers: Does anyone want anything else other then a polo?
 - ix. Mohammed: How many t-shirts would the 20\$ get us?
 - x. Angela: Everyone will get one polo
 - xi. Jeromy: Great time to practice a caucus
 - c. Jonathan: Our group discussed that we want the polo, maybe a purple polo, and the cotton one because it is less expensive and we have enough money in the budget for it.
 - d. Connor: We were thinking about a black polo, in a dri-fit material that is more athletic, can go through any weather, the black would be a contrast to e-board white polo's, it would stand out a little more. Might consider different styles instead of a unisex.
 - e. Carrie: Discussed about polo's, possibly purple or black, all for the male/female different shirts.
 - f. Akers: All agree on polo's. Lets talk about materials
 - i. Connor: I think dri-fit material, but we don't need Nike.

- ii. Carrie: if you find a cheaper dri-fit I'm all for that
- iii. Jonathan: color- purple because it would stand out more than black and it's the UP color
 - 1. Carrie: I think the purple would show the writing better than black shirt and they would be more fun
- iv. Natalie: I think the black would get people's attention, depends on preference. It does offset the e-board white polo's.
- v. Connor: I think any color, I think black would look sleeker, it mirrors the e-board. We could have black with white writing.
- vi. Molly: Black would be easier to wear all day, wouldn't have to worry about looking gross or getting dirty due to spills.
- vii. Jacques: Remember that this is an opportunity and a chance rebrand ASUP. You are representing ASUP as a whole. Purple would be cool because haven't done it in awhile. Last year the Senate wore black, so it might be a good opportunity to rebrand.
- viii. John: Worth noting we had t-shirts last year, I think polo's is a step in the right direction.
- g. Jonathan: Straw poll for white buttons on the black polo's.
- h. Jonathan: Straw poll for who wants to match everyone
- i. Mohammed: The fabric? The off-brand dri-fit?
- j. John Akers: in agreement on polo's, color, fabric and the black buttons
- k. Connor: if we could personalize with our names I would prefer it. If it's in the budget
- l. Angela: Yes it's in the budget it would be covered.
 - i. Buccholz: I move to approve the black polo's with the black buttons with personalized customization as the official shirt of ASUP Senate. (Seconded)
 - 1. For: We all agree on black polo's and we want to match, we want to be personable-names on it would be really helpful and it's in the budget.
 - 2. Against
 - 3. Approved

Open Forum

1. Buccholz: Unofficial non ASUP committee- it's called Vote UP. There is a three part mission: voter registration, voter education, and voter registration. Check out the website, I will give more information. Goal is to get 800 new voters. A Senators you can come to the events and help out, training will happen in the Moreau Center September 8th. Allows for further educational resources for students. We want to have educational panels about various topics, they will be on Tuesdays at 7PM, and they should be about 40-50min long. Our focus is teaching people about voting. ASUP is sponsoring the 3 Vote UP events, they will be in the Pilot House, on the TVs. Invite your friends and spread the word.

The first kickoff event is the 13th, because constitution day is on the 13th. Getting people interested is really big. We want to reach out to any students to write in to the Beacon, about editorial. Want students involved in the conversation about voting and why it is important. We want senators to advertise and to be involved. If you have any information please let me know.

2. Jeromy: Step UP to lead: Every year at the beginning of semester we invite leadership conference for club leaders and student leaders. Served as an orientation and training. We expanded to residence life, and moreau center, and senators are invited as well. Saturday, September 17th will be in BC from 9AM-12, conclude with free meal in the Commons. There will be many conference style sessions in Franz, people can pick and choose what they want to attend. Have ASUP involved this year, would love to see you all there. Madeline Turner is the coordinator, may see invite from her. It is free of charge, you can volunteer and get connected by meeting a lot of people. Exec Board will be there and Senators are welcome to be involved. Will keep the info flowing.
3. Connor: This summer I was able to intern for an organization, partner with US military to go abroad. Work with children in various centers where children go for after school programs. Worked as a camp counselor. I want to promote it, can earn up to 16 college credits, if you are an ED major it counts as your practicum. Want to spread the word and more information. Meets student initiative of getting students abroad especially for people who cant afford it. If any one wants to lean more and help promote it, get the ball rolling with meetings, its open to everyone.

Adjournment

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