

Senate Minutes

November 26, 2018

Opening:

Speaker Boos: Call to Order
Moment of Silence
Reading of the ASUP Affirmation of Values

Director Burks: Roll Call & Establish Quorum

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES PASSES – BY SENATOR O’CONNELL

Reports:

Executive Board Report, President Nath

- Working on Qualtrics evaluation to send out to Diversity Roundtable and meeting with the Diversity Committee to solidify post-roundtable plans
- Prepared the State of the Campus Address to give at the end of the meeting
- Senior Gift Committee: effort between Sitara, Grant, and Kelly to coordinate outreach for the Office of Development
 - Giving Tuesday (November 27): looking for volunteers at a booth in the library from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Asking students to give a few dollars for the programs that meant something special to them at UP

Elections & Services Report, Vice President Gallagher

- Meeting with ASUP Services Directors to discuss how the semester went and goals for next semester
- Espresso UP: met with Joe
- ADvantage: exploring how to add a screen-printing component
- Composting Program: meeting with Theresa
- Pilot Express: went well for Thanksgiving - runs sold out
- ASUP Films for the week:
 - Partnering with the Political Science Department to show *Imprisoning a Generation* on Tuesday at 7:30 pm in Shiley 301
 - Partnering with Diversity Coordinators & Native American Association to show *Neither Wolf Nor Dog* on Thursday at 7:00 pm in BC Aud
 - Showing Christopher Robin on Sunday at 7:00 pm in BC Aud

Financial Report, Director Wester

- Spoke with Immersion Coordinators about their concerns with the budget and got additional information – the budget remains as proposed
- Change to the budget: ASUP Films Director moved to the tier 1 stipend
- Rollover information: rollover occurs only within the Upper Budget (includes current Exigency Fund, revenues, and leftover money from services, CPB, and administration)
- Screen-printing service: 3 inquiries already. Appears to be a service that will be heavily utilized and provide revenue for ASUP
- Opportunity Grant = huge success: \$400 returned from Athletics → approx. \$500 left for the semester. Multiple Opportunity Grant applications for next semester

Communications Report, Director Burks

- Tree Lighting on Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Pilot House
 - Guest Speaker: Tshombé Brown from the Moreau Center
 - Music by KDUP & the Bluff Boys; holiday cookies & cider, candy canes, ASUP cups
 - Senate hangout after the event
 - Share the event with constituents
- Still awaiting Senator responses for Senate spotlight
- ASUP tabling pushed back due to conflict of space in the Library
- Creating posters this week of Senators to put in academic buildings & dorms

CPB Report, Director Sullivan

- Winter Event: next Thursday, December 6th
 - Featuring: giant snow globe

Student Affairs Report, Senator Krigger

- Continue encouraging constituents to take survey on the Intervisitation Policy & meeting with several RAs about the policy
- Making a list of speakers and clubs to get programming and decorating in the Diversity Space
- Finally have a list of names for the Influential Women in UP History – project led by Sen. Musquiz
- Sen. Joglekar is presenting during the ADA meeting in December about ADA & bathroom accessibility on campus
- VP Gallagher is reaching out to Megan Cohara for Senate Green Dot Training & working on post-LGBTQ forum proposals - researching what other universities do
- Follow-up on constituency report on lack of multiracial option on UP job applications: VP Gallagher sent an email to Jeromy & Fr. Donato

Infrastructure Committee, Senator Papoutsakis

- Speaker Boos met with Brian Dezzani about Franz Campus field availability and scheduling → students need to coordinate with Dezzani to use fields

- Franz Campus is now able to play at night due to new generator
- Sen. O’Connell wrapping up water bottle filler proposal
- Sen. Moore met with Sustainability about the Slug Garden & Earth Week and created a sustainability Instagram: @sustain_UP
- Seminar on Sustainability on Thursday, November 29, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM in the Terrace Room
- Sen. Papoutsakis finishing up work with Club Recognition & Advisory Committee (CRAC) & reaching out to Kirk about food pantries Bon App has had at colleges

Communications Report, Senator Mitchell

- No meeting last week - scheduled on the Thursday of Thanksgiving Break
- Collecting notes from the feedback boxes in dorms
- Marketing for Tree Lighting on Wednesday

Academic Affairs Report, Senator Anderson

- Sen. Anderson working on Qualtrics about DegreeWorks – should be ready by Wednesday
- *Sen. Kasper*: the Student Art Show last week went phenomenally. Huge turnout and KDUP was great. Dean Medina said it will continue every semester

Constituency Reports

1. Pilot Express was late due to traffic and a student had to Uber - not informed about delay (*Sen. Dekker*)
2. Include Senators on screens instead of just E-Board (*Sen. Dekker*)
3. Complaints that the tree in front of Franz is not lit enough (*Sen. Owen*)
4. Request for a tree in Franz Lobby (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - a. Probably don’t want to have needles falling inside (*Speaker Boos*)
5. People love the new syrups in the Pilot House: cardamom, mint (*Sen. Krigger*)
6. Complaint about new fries in the Pilot House (*Sen. Moore*)
 - a. Back to normal now (*Sen. Dekker*)
7. Students unable to bring food into Commons for Friendsgiving due to non-compete clause → moved to St. Mary’s. No other space to eat outside food on campus (*Sen. Paumier*)

Old Business

1. ~Swearing in of FMB Controller Brendon Wexted~

“I, Brendon Wexted, agree to place my primary emphasis on creating a fair and balanced budget under the advisement of the Director of Finance, thus discharging the duties of my respective office impartially and to the best of my ability.”

2. Budget Debate:

Discussion on Immersions –

Sen. Owen: Can we go through line items for the Tanzania Immersion? I spoke with the coordinator, who's concerned about how much money was not being given. There are multiple levels of funding to pull from to make immersions happen: 6 fundraisers planned, individual fundraising, out-of-pocket fees, and money given by ASUP will go to overall costs, not individuals. The Moreau Center provides funding, but they only get so much money. I think it's worth looking at the specifics and reassessing

VP Gallagher: What percentage of the total cost of this immersion is paid for by the Moreau Center?

- *Director Wester:* 75%

Director Wester: The amount students pay for immersions is set and over half of participants aren't paying due to financial aid. Immersions are great experiences for students, but ASUP is not a sustainable resource to pay for them. If the Moreau Center wants immersions to be sustainable, they'll have to pull more money from administration. We have so many clubs asking for funding – if we pull from those to fund immersions, we'd be giving less than 1/3 of the budget to 90 different clubs. For every single one of these clubs, their club members pay to go to their events. It sets a poor precedent that ASUP is going to be fully funding organizations all the time. I find it concerning that Fr. Poorman promotes and heavily markets them as part of the university but doesn't fully fund them. But FMB and I propose a budget – it's up to Senate to change things. If you want to fund things differently, find somewhere to pull the money (other clubs, students)

Sen. Owen: As far as the request of \$16,000 [for the Tanzania Immersion], is there a place that cost is going?

- *Director Wester:* That's all they gave us. Most organizations broke down exactly how much everything costs but the immersions ask for one number, which is fine because that's how some organizations ask for funding. It's also our duty to help them find funding, since students are participating, and the administration should be more heavily involved in funding immersions, since they're using them to get students to come here. How much financial aid the Moreau Centers gives is substantial – unsure how they determine how much is given to students

Sen. Taylor: There is a raise to the Speaker of the Senate in the budget, which has been a controversial issue in the past and should be discussed

~Senator Papoutsakis yields time to Jumel Villacarlos: a student passionate about Immersions~

Director Wester: It was concerning to me how, after we fully cut out the ability for clubs and organizations to come to Senate and argue over their budget since there is no longer the additional \$5,000 to allocate, that ASUP and immersions have such close ties. This gives them an unfair opportunity to speak comparatively to other clubs and organizations that have gotten cut just as hard or harder

Jumel Villacarlos: Service is a core commitment of the university. I'm here to be more specific on immersions and how we budget. Participant fees are set to allow more people to go on immersions without financial obstacle. The Moreau Center will fund at least 75% of the Immersions. Immersions are so expensive with inflation and other things that they're costing more. To cover the rest, we have fundraisers and ASUP funding. We try to have significant fundraisers to try to pay for most of it, but we can't afford that – we don't want to spend all our time fundraising because the point of immersions is to be aware of situations before going and be actively present, not put money as the priority. It's sad that the administration doesn't give immersions more money. The Moreau Center has different workers, faculty, and organizations that we work with, and we try do what we can to be as self-sustaining as possible, but we can't because we're service-oriented. The ability to go and explore issues and be more mindful in our lives is vital to be productive members of society. If the set amount is too high we also have the financial aid to cover it, which is outside of the 75% funding from the Moreau Center. We try but we are in need of help. It would nice to have that level up for ASUP, who's supposed to represent us as students, to help us get funding from the administration

- *Speaker Boos:* What's the average cost per person to go on immersions?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* \$2,600 for Tanzania, \$170 for the Collegiate Challenge, approx. \$900 for Border, & \$1,200 for Civil Rights, without financial aid
- *Speaker Boos:* On average what is the per person cost?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* It varies
- *Director Wester:* If you include financial aid, what would the average cost be?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* Depending on financial aid (have to fill out an application), some people get 50% off or more by the Moreau Center
- *Speaker Boos:* Do some get it fully funded and some not at all?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* Everyone that applies for financial aid gets some money. We try to accommodate everyone
- *Sen. Dekker:* Have you spoken with the administration to ask for money?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* We have mainly talked with ASUP and we're going to try to talk with Fr. Poorman and the provost
 - *Director Wester:* Fr. Donato is probably your best resource, he's in charge of student money
 - *Sen. Krigger:* Have you or have you not spoken with administration?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* Coordinators are communicating with Fr. Donato
 - *Sen. Krigger:* Have you asked anyone in Senate about going to administration?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* No
- *Director Wester:* One thing I was worried about – it's backend heavy on the amount of immersions. It puts abnormal pressure on ASUP in the second half of the year to fund many more immersions, when it could be more evenly split. We easily fully funded the immersion last semester. It'd make more sense going forward and benefit both parties to have it more evenly dispersed between semesters because we work on semester-based budgets, not an annual budget

- *Jumel Villacarlos*: There are only so many employees that can oversee Immersions. It's split this way so that Moreau Center employees can work with the immersion from start to finish. I think it's a lack of having enough coordinators to plan all of them, which is also a funding issue
- *Sen. Owen*: Any funding that an immersion receives doesn't go to any one individual, because the fee is set, so the Moreau Center funding goes to individual costs, but this funding goes to the overall program costs, correct?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: Funding goes to the rest of the program costs after fundraising. There's a certain amount of money to make immersions possible, which is needed from ASUP
- *Sen. Mathias*: I'm leading the Collegiate Challenge Immersion this year and the money from ASUP will be going to Habitats for Humanity to reserve a space there. The money is going to these organizations to be able to work with them
- *Sen. Taylor*: Has the Moreau Center begun a conversation about how they would cover costs if they didn't get money from ASUP?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: The conversation is cutting some of the programs that are planned
- *Sen. Taylor*: Will it be cutting the whole immersion or changing what it looks like?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: Tanzania for example, will be completely altered, meaning further planning will need to be altered. It might be possible that the whole immersion gets cut
- *Sen. Taylor*: So it wouldn't be that that the immersions get cut, it'd just be changed?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: The immersions would be cut severely
- *Sen. Taylor*: The immersions would be changed, yes?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: Yes
- *Sen. Dekker*: Just to keep in mind – if we give Immersions their money, someone else is going to be mad and not get what they want. Have you spoken with other immersions to see how they're doing things?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: It's making it difficult and stressful to make them possible for participants
- *Pres. Nath*: Can you walk us through why the student fee is fixed? And what kinds of experiences would students not have with budget cuts?
 - *Jumel*: We want to maximize the ability for participants to go on the immersion and not be burdened financially. If you go on the Civil Rights Immersion your freshman year, your friend will be able to go on the same immersion for the same cost their senior year. Having that constituency is valuable. If you think about it, it's costing less and less for participants
 - *Director Wester*: That makes no financial sense over the years – the costs will go up exponentially
 - *Jumel*: The Moreau Center is trying to cover that – fees are staying the same and requests to ASUP are staying relatively the same. The Moreau Center is trying to pull more resources
 - *Speaker Boos*: Point-of-information – It has not stayed the same. The ask from immersions for ASUP funding has substantially increased from year to year

- *Pres. Nath:* How would student experiences be impacted?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* When we go on immersions we work with organizations there. What you're losing as a participant is the ability to talk to different organizations, which need funding. The point of immersions is to put ourselves in the shoes of those affected by issues of social justice and we would talk to people there, work intimately with organizations, which have program costs. It provides exposure of social justice issues to students, which hopefully they would bring back to campus to share
- *Director Burks:* For instance, with the Tanzania Immersion, was the requested amount of \$16,000 something that the Moreau Center had planned to ask from ASUP? If you look at the ASUP budget, it's not financially feasible to provide these funds, so did the Moreau Center look at it ahead of time and assume that ASUP could provide whatever the cost would be for the new immersion? When you're creating an immersion, you need to look at the whole picture and the financial aspect. It's concerning to assume those funds are going to be covered
 - *Director Wester:* That's kind of the precedent I was worried about
- *Director Burks:* I don't know how it'd be approved if you're assuming that the funds are going to be given
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* We don't assume. The coordinators have a meeting about what's left and different fundraising opportunities. The rest is asked - \$16,000 is a big ask, and it's the Tanzania Immersion, which is new this year, so I think they probably asked for more money than they should've just for safety. I don't think they're assuming that they'll get that money
- *Sen. Krigger:* We've heard you say that you want us to be your middle man between administration and that you haven't gone to them when you started funding. Who are you getting the money from outside of fundraising, ASUP, and the fixed student costs?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* In the Moreau Center itself, the administration is providing money to the immersion, which covers 75%, and the coordinators have been talking with Fr. John Donato
- *Sen. Krigger:* But you didn't do that before you asked ASUP for money?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* I can't be specific because I was a former coordinator
- *Sen. Taylor:* Did the Moreau Center ask you to come speak on their behalf
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* No, this is on my own after the budget cuts
- *Sen. Taylor:* Has there been a lot of talk/worry about this in the Moreau Center?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* This is a lot of worry and added stress. We're looking for ways to get more money so we don't have to cut programs
- *Director Sullivan:* Is the money that you're asking for the immersions to cover the remaining 25% of what the total cost of the immersion is going to be? Since you said 75% is going to be covered by the Moreau Center, there's the portion that students are paying, and financial aid
 - *Jumel Villacarlos:* And then fundraising. The 25% includes participation costs, financial aid, and then the ask from ASUP
- *Director Sullivan:* So where does the money that you're asking going that's not being covered already?

- *Jumel Villacarlos*: That's going towards program costs – the last part of the budget that the immersion has
- *Director Wester*: If this is such a small percent, how many people are going on these? Like on the Tanzania one
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: There are 12 participants
- *Director Wester*: By those numbers, the immersion would be over \$100,000, which seems ridiculous for 12 people. As ASUP it's our duty to help you secure this budget – it's not the end, we want to help you as much as you can and support you to get funding. I think these are amazing experiences, but I think there are more ways to provide funding in a more systematic, beneficial way in the long run
- *Sen Owen*: Can ASUP partially fund this request and decrease the burden on the Moreau Center to make it more feasible to not have to make cuts?
 - *Jumel Villacarlos*: Of course, any more money or effort helps

Overall budget debate –

Speaker Boos: What else do you all want to discuss besides immersions and the Speaker of the Senate stipend?

- *Sen. O'Connell*: Alumni Relations Senior Party

Director Wester: If any of you are going to propose changes, you also have to state where it's coming from since amounts have already been allocated in the budget

Sen. Taylor: On the new budget there's a raise for the stipend for the ASUP Films Director – where did that money come from?

- *Director Wester*: That came from like eight different clubs that were the least impacted by more cuts, it was not much

Sen. Krigger: I'd also like to discuss Pre-Law

Sen. O'Connell: What is FGen? I forgot

- *Director Wester*: First Generation, through the SARC. They wanted to to give first generation students stoles during graduation, take them on trips, and have events to share their stories with the university

Debate on Immersions –

Sen. Krigger: Immersions offer wonderful experiences and service opportunities. However, it seems like they're making the fact that they don't have enough money our emergency, and not taking the best avenues to have us help them with funding. They're asking us to give them money without asking Senators for help with this or not asking the administration for more money. It feels like it's becoming our burden to fund all these things when we have other things to fund and it's the most money ever being requested. Setting a precedent is really important as the years continue

- *Speaker Boos*: About the cost per person that they're asking for...with Men's Ultimate, for example, we pay the \$1,000 minimum cost for tournaments and we don't have the opportunity to ask for that funding
 - *Sen. Krigger*: In Mock Trial it gets really expensive. We fundraise but there comes a point – we do our best to make it accessible and affordable, but some has to come out-of-pocket
- *Sen. Taylor*: One of the core values of the university is service and ASUP as an organization doesn't do enough to support that idea, but fully funding this each semester is putting a bandaid on a wound that will keep opening. It's the place of Senate to work with the Moreau Center and talk to administration to continue the conversation for a long term solution, but not to fully fund this. If we did, there would be less than 1/3 of the budget to give to clubs, a lot of which rely on ASUP and ASUP only for their funding, which is not the case for the Moreau Center. The mission of ASUP is to directly support students or student activities – the Moreau Center has other roads where they can get support. We should give them the money proposed. I am in agreement with the budget as a whole
- *Sen. Owen*: The Moreau Center is not as reliant on ASUP funding as student clubs are – they're asking for funding in supplement to other efforts. It's not fair to say that this is our burden because it's our job to find a way to make this successful. Immersions are something students want, they're student-ran, and they're competitive. It's in the spirit of the university and should be an ongoing conversation to get more funding from the administration, but we're trying to give what we have now. Immersions in general, but Tanzania in particular, are relying on multiple sources of funding; they're doing ambitious events to immerse themselves in community, which is valuable in terms of where money goes. There's a deficiency in the amount the Moreau Center is getting and it's our responsibility to acknowledge that we can do a better job at being at the forefront of talking with constituents – I didn't learn until recently that this was a big issue. It's not all-or-nothing with funding Immersions. We'd have to take something away from something else, but they're not requesting sole funding from ASUP, it's in supplement
- *Tyler Zimmerman*: Since I have access to prior budgets- last year ASUP gave the Moreau Center \$19,200, in 2016 it was \$23,950, in 2015 it was \$21,300, and in 2014 it was \$13,000
 - *Speaker Boos*: Do you know what the full costs were for those?
 - *Director Wester*: They were fully funded just about every year
- *Director Wester*: Why I'm changing that specifically is because we've had a ton of complaints about clubs not getting enough money. The money needs to come from somewhere. If we do end up leaving it as is, we're going to have to put people on this mission in getting the Moreau Center the money they need regardless, whether it's sponsorships from local business, the administration, or other places on campus. I want to stress that this is not the end and we're going to fight as hard as we can to get full funding for the immersions
- *Sen. Kasper*: I think they deserve more funding than \$2,000. The only problem is they were talking that they shot high at \$16,000 and I don't see where they actually wanted to be. If we were to increase from \$2,000 and take from other

clubs, I don't see how the increase is going to decrease the burden so we don't have to make cuts to the immersion

- *Director Wester*: That's one thing I stressed in my budgeting emails – if you were asking for more money than you actually need, we're going to cut you harder because that's unacceptable. Clubs and organizations have been doing this for way too long. There was a club that initially asked for \$36,000. Clubs doing that will be penalized. This is money, this isn't a joke. You're spending money to go to this university to fund these things and we need to be responsible in allocating these funds
- *Sen. Kasper*: From your realistic point of view, how much do you think if were to allocate more money would release the burden that they're experiencing?
- *Speaker Boos*: They're valuing the Tanzania trip at \$78,750
 - *Sen. Kasper*: And 75% of that is paid by the Moreau Center?
 - *Speaker Boos*: 75% of that is paid for by the Moreau Center. If each student pays \$2,600 to go on this trip, plus the \$16,000 requested, you're looking at \$78,750
- *Director Wester*: They didn't tell me. That was another issue – I never had a breakdown of what things actually cost
- *Sen. Krigger*: Just to point out – the people that run these immersions are our constituents, we share a building with them. We should have known that this was happening sooner than today. We need to make a commitment or work on learning what the needs are in this building. But there are so many clubs that asked for money this year and rely on us to give them that money. A lot of clubs still don't get all of the money that they need. That's something that we as ASUP take seriously – these clubs only exist through the funding they get from us
 - *Director Wester*: Not a single clubs gets all the money that they need from us. Even the ones that say 100% funded – they asked for substantially less than they need
- *Sen. Mathias*: If we fund the immersions' total cost, it equals about 12.5% of the entire budget, which is still a lot, and I am biased as an immersion coordinator
- *Sen. Taylor*: Is it 1/3 of the budget?
 - *Wester*: If we end up taking the money away from clubs to give to immersions then < 1/3 of the budget would be for clubs
- *Sen. Taylor*: That is different than what Sen. Mathias said, to be clear

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS SUBMITTED FOR IMMERSIONS BY SENATOR DEKKER – SECONDED BY SENATOR KRIGGER

Pros:

- We are giving them as much as we possibly can for the money that we have (*Sen. Dekker*)

Cons:

- It's a one-size-fits-all solution (*Sen. Owen*)
 - Point-of-information: This is just one Immersion, Tanzania, up on the board, not for all Moreau Center Immersions (*Sen Taylor*)

Pros:

- ASUP, myself included, pledge to support the Moreau Center and immersions in more and longer substantial ways in supporting a long-term plan (*Sen. Taylor*)

Cons:

- There are areas we haven't debated on that we can take funds from to support this immersion. I think we should fund it at least some more (*Sen. Moore*)

Cons:

- Senate could spend more time debating before making a decision (*Sen. Taylor*)

Pros:

- We could spend more time debating something else (*Sen. Dekker*)

MOTION PASSES WITH A SUPER MAJORITY VOTE OF 68.76%. SENATORS IN SUPPORT: JOEY PAUMIER, JORDYN MAYER, SAGE TAYLOR, OLIVIA MITCHELL, KELLY KRIGGER, PROXY FOR MEGAN MUSQUIZ, STELIOS PAPOUTSAKIS, KYLE O'CONNELL, FIONA DEKKER, PROXY FOR MONICA MILLET, & SURABHI JOGLEKAR. SENATORS IN OPPOSITION: JANIECE MOORE, NICK OWEN, GRANT MATHIAS, HARRISON KASPER, & MEG ANDERSON

Debate on the Speaker of the Senate stipend –

Sen. Taylor: Currently the role of the Speaker is more closely defined as a Senator than an E-Board member. However, I believe that the formerly proposed changes to the role of the Speaker in the Senate in the Constitution were received warmly by Senate and that they'd pass

~Knocking in agreement~

Because of the passing process for the Constitution, we pushed the issue of the Speaker's role back to next semester. Rather than push this whole budgeting thing to next semester, I think we be realistic now – It makes sense to give the Speaker the amount of money equal to E-Board position. However, there is an argument to be made that we should wait to officially pass this with the Constitution changes

Director Wester: The Speaker's stipend went up because the Constitution doesn't say anything about money but it does include duties that were adequate enough to be paid more than Senate. We changed it based off workload, which is how service stipends were decided. I'm going to look with my own two eyes to see what people are doing and talk with them and the people in charge of the position, not some Constitution that's not even followed, because he's in the office for over 20 hours a week to get his job done, and the hours in the Constitution say 5. He's going to get equal pay for equal work. That's why one of the services went down and two of the services went up – you look at work. Senate can adjust the Constitution, but my job is to pay students adequately

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RAISE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE STIPEND – BY SENATOR DEKKER, SECONDED BY SEN. O'CONNELL

Pros:

- You are an E-Board member and deserve to be paid like one (*Sen. Dekker*)

Cons

- It's not about the person, it's about the position (*Sen. Taylor*)

Pros:

- Our Constitution is going to get rewritten in spring to match the Speaker being an E-Board member (*Sen. O'Connell*)

Cons:

- We didn't get a chance to debate it (*Sen. Taylor*)

Pros:

- We don't need to, we all agree on it (*Sen. Dekker*)

Cons:

- We're approving a budget change regarding an aspect of a Constitution position before changing the Constitution (*Sen. Owen*)

MOTION PASSES

Debate on Alumni Relations Senior Party:

Director Wester: Overview – Alumni Relations is an organization that hosts a senior party every year

Tyler Zimmerman: In 2015 and previously this was called Senior Party, put on and budgeted by CPB. It changed hands after feedback that Alumni Relations could do a better job in serving seniors and that CPB was making it like Dance of the Decades for graduates. The strategic decision was to have CPB request less money in the spring and have the Alumni office request that same amount with a handshake promise that it'd be granted the same as a CPB event. It's been 2 years since this change

Director Wester: One thing I was concerned about is that again this is another organization asking for funding – an event hosted by administration for students and asking students to pay for it doesn't make a lot of sense

VP Gallagher: It's important to note that the Senior Party is only for seniors, so a quarter of the student body would be able to utilize this event, not 100%

Sen. Owen: If it came from CPB subtracting some of their budget and Alumni Relations asking for that money, CPB money, which comes from all the student body, returns to the student body through events. Alumni Relations money is for the Senior Party, which is taken from all of the student body, but goes only to seniors

Sen. Taylor: As of now the funding for the Alumni Relations is \$2,000. Multiple immersions and First Generation were also funded \$2,000, which is a standard that was set for organizations that aren't student-funded but have other resources. The precedent makes sense and we should stick to it

Director Wester: We set the standards and put them like a blanket over the budget to see where we're at, but we still go back through and make adjustments on a club-by-club basis, above or below the standards

Sen. Krigger: I've been trying to find out information about the Senior Event and I couldn't find much about what it is or why we should fund it. As a senior class Senator, I didn't know it existed and wasn't provided information about it. Did CPB not request money so that they Alumni Relations could request that money?

- *Director Sullivan:* The transition happened in 2015 from CPB to Alumni Relations, so I wasn't a part of that
- *Tyler Zimmerman:* The Senior Party in 2015 was a rowdy, out-of-control dance, so we had a strategic meeting after, where we decided to try something new, but there was no long-term plan for how the funding structure would change
 - *Sen. Krigger:* So it wasn't an ongoing thing that CPB was supposed to do?
 - *Tyler Zimmerman:* It was a handoff – CPB decided they didn't want to do it anymore
 - *Director Sullivan:* If they've asked us to market for it, we've done that in the past, but not to the extent that we do for CPB events
- *Director Wester:* The reason why there wasn't much information about it was because they submitted the budget after it was due because they weren't on Engage, so it wasn't necessarily their fault
- *Sen. Moore:* Do we have any stats on how many seniors attend it?
 - *Tyler Zimmerman:* All I have is the number of tickets bought

Sen. Taylor: If there's any organization I trust to raise more funds, it's Alumni Relations, I don't think they're lacking connections

Sen. O'Connell: A key point is that it's not student run and I don't know if there's any student input

- *Director Wester:* There is a student organization that helps put together boxes for finals and plans some of the event, but it's mostly done by Alumni Relations

Sen. O'Connell: Where would we want to move the money if we did not fund it?

Director Wester: If you cut it completely, it'd be the only request not funded at all

Sen. Mathias: When I asked two people who graduated and were on ASUP, they did not know what the Senior Party was

Tyler Zimmerman: It is called the Gold Grad Party, which was rebranded during the strategic meeting. In 2015 ticket sales were around 400 and last year they were around 300

Sen. Krigger: I think we should at least fund it a little bit – maybe half

Director Wester: We can't just arbitrarily cut things, there needs to be some reasoning and numbers

- *VP Gallagher:* Wouldn't that entail that they should have provided information submitted with their budget to support their request?
 - *Director Wester:* They did submit a line-item budget

Sen. Owen: It is different when Alumni Relations asks for money versus a club or immersion, but those that benefit from the money are our constituents, to some extent. We need to have a conversation about how the senior class can still get their party

Sen. Taylor: We should at least partially fund it so we can keep that relationship open between ASUP and Alumni Relations. If we're going to cut it and give it to other clubs, that money's not necessarily going to make a difference either. I like what was done with the budget – money was cut in a way that clubs/organizations didn't receive money that they weren't spending anyway. I don't think we should cut Alumni Relations entirely

Sen. Moore: It seems like Alumni Relations has a lot of influence and can get money pretty easily, so if we do cut them I don't think it would make a big impact, versus cutting Immersions or clubs

Sen. Dekker: If we don't fund our alumni does that say we don't care about our alumni?

- *Director Wester:* It doesn't help the conversation where we're trying to repair our relationship with administration

MOTION TO FULLY FUND THE \$2,000 BUDGET PROPOSAL TO ALUMNI RELATIONS FOR THE SENIOR PARTY - BY SENATOR TAYLOR, SECONDED BY SENATOR DEKKER

Pros:

- Maintains a good relationship with important players on campus (*Sen. Taylor*)

Cons:

- Using money that's given from all the student body and benefitting only a fraction of students (*Sen. Owen*)

Pros:

- Well thought-out by Brandon (*Sen. Kasper*)

Cons:

- Not a student-run organization (*Sen. O'Connell*)

Pros:

- We've already funded non student-run organizations and this meets the standard that we used for those (*Sen. Taylor*)

Cons:

- This money could go to another organization that has more needs (*Sen. Moore*)
- This request has been made to keep the precedent that this be a free event (*Sen. Owen*)
 - Point of information: It's \$10 with two drink tickets (*Tyler Zimmerman*)

MOTION TO FULLY FUND THE ALUMNI RELATIONS REQUEST PASSES

Debate on Pre-Law:

Sen. Krigger: Pre-Law received significant funding and I'm curious as to why

- *Director Wester:* They're doing some good things, like going on big trips and competing. They have similar costs and structure to Mock Trial, and quite a bit of interest but not as many members. As a new club, they didn't get cut harder than the average club because we want to see what they can do

Sen. Krigger: Can we see what they are being funded, since it's a significant amount?

- *Director Wester:* They asked for \$87.50 for food, which was fully funded (the standard is \$250 maximum on club food), we cut their fees for speakers, and cut their gifts for speakers because as a standard you're not allowed to give more than \$10 for a gift per speaker

MOTION TO FULLY FUND PRE-LAW AS PROPOSED – BY SENATOR TAYLOR,
SECONDED BY SENATOR O'CONNELL

Pros:

- They're a new club, lets give them a start (*Sen. Taylor*)

MOTION TO FULLY FUND PRE-LAW AS PROPOSED PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPRING 2019 BUDGET AS PROPOSED BY FMB –
BY SENATOR DEKKER

Pros:

- It looks fantastic (*Sen. Dekker*)

No cons

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPRING 2019 BUDGET PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

New Business:

1. President Nath presents the State of the Campus Address:

I wanted to begin today's State of the Campus address by doing something that I've seen Yuri and Becca Nerstad and some of our other campus leaders doing, which is a Land Acknowledgement. I think it's really important that we start incorporating it into our campus culture and students of our campus to continue doing that. This one is from the Diversity & Inclusion Program's page. I've been encouraged to tell you all that so you can also share this and incorporate it in your respective work: We acknowledge the land on which we sit and occupy at the University of Portland. 'The Portland Metro area rests on traditional village sites of the Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla (Moe lalla), and many other tribes who

made their homes along the Columbia River creating communities and summer encampments to harvest and use the plentiful natural resources of the area.' We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers of this land.

When I was preparing the State of the Campus for today, I spent a lot of time asking myself how it was done in the past. What do I say, how do I say it, what do I focus on, and how do I best use this opportunity to ensure we continue to best serve the student body? I kept thinking the answer must be in how we've done things in the past. I went through the minutes of the past few years, I read through the transcripts of the leaders who stood here at this time last year and the year before that and the year before that. Somehow, I still wasn't able to describe the unique, refreshing work of ASUP this year by looking at what leaders have said in the past. And then I had this really incredible moment of awakening when I realized that asking 'What did we do in the past?' is not the question to ask anymore. Because this has been a year of growth, of visions becoming reality, and of profound, meaningful change. So this year I decided to focus on answering the question 'What are we doing now so that students can benefit for years to come?'

Because this year the State of the Campus is about shifting away from what has been to what can be. It's about highlighting the change and unique energy that has been so visible on our campus. And it's about the visionary leaders at the University of Portland who are keeping this change alive. It seems appropriate, then, when we start by looking at the beginning of the year to arrival of the incoming class of freshman who not only made up one of the biggest incoming classes, but also had the second highest number of underrepresented students in history at the University of Portland. ASUP's presence, in particular, began strong as members of our Executive Board were present at almost every single Orientation event to welcome the students who are and will be taking on the work that we are starting now.

And this effort to be seen, to be visible when it matters most to students, has been an incredible area of growth for ASUP leaders this year. We saw that first with the powerful presence of so so many of you at the Institutional Betrayal and Institutional Courage events that took place this fall, events that have strongly influenced the discourse on our campus surrounding survivors of sexual violence. In the broader national context of the Me Too movement, of supporting and believing survivors and translating that support into important actions, leaders at the University of Portland have persevered in keeping our campus engaged. It would be impossible for me to not mention the leadership of Dr. Sarina Saturn and Dr. Louisa Brad, two psychology professors who have taken our university's discussion of sexual assault to a deeper level than ever before - we here may be student representatives but we cannot forget those unsung heroes, whether they be students or professors, like Dr. Saturn and Dr. Brad, who continue to advocate for students with the same passion and resilience that we strive for.

In talking about these unsung heroes in our community, it seems only fitting that we acknowledge and honor the work of several student leaders who have been instrumental in changing our campus this year. The names that immediately come to

mind are those of Rachel Melman and Ryan Martin from Active Minds, who have been crucial in prioritizing the mental health and wellbeing of the student body. And of course, the Students Against Sexual Assault and the It's On Us team are among those who we must acknowledge as leaders who have remained resilient in the face of adversity. Emma Covert and Shelby Gavigan, the co-presidents of SASA, have been instrumental in advocating for ways in which our community can support survivors. Just recently, they made a groundbreaking step towards finding funding for confidential advocates to be made available for our students so that survivors can have support when working through the Title IX process. Their work has extended into powerful initiatives like the the Fall Week of Awareness where compassionate listening workshops and other events gave us the necessary skills and knowledge to be part of the solution to a deeply rooted issue. In the wake of the Department of Education's recent proposed changes to Title IX, it is more pressing than ever that we have these conversations - it is because of these broader conversations in our community that our entire ASUP Executive Board participated in Green Dot training. It's the same reason that ASUP worked with the Title IX Office to bring Mike Domitrz to campus, the founder of the Date Safe project, to provide an opportunity for the student body to become further educated on consent. In addition to the growth in these areas, we have also made incredible progress in our work with diversity and inclusion issues on our campus.

Obviously another unsung hero in our community comes to mind - Dr. Eduardo Contreras, who has taken on the role of Assistant Provost for International Education, Diversity, and Inclusion and has overseen the creation of a Diversity Space on campus. University of Portland students have been calling our administration and leaders to create this change for many years and this was one of the most important steps yet. Michael and I were very fortunate to run on a platform that is so timely with these efforts. Our platform centered on inclusion, engagement, and transparency, all of which we've been able to intertwine with the work of ASUP leaders and university administrators. With the help of many of you, we were able to establish a Diversity Committee to brainstorm and formulate ideas on how ASUP can best serve the diverse needs of the student body in the coming year. Senator Nick Owen and Senator Megan Musquiz have been crucial in building those relationships between ASUP and diversity-based organizations on our campus. Senator Sage Taylor, with the many roles he holds in our community, has also been an immense source of support in ensuring that diversity and inclusion-based clubs are supported through ASUP Films, which is one of the services this year that has become very deeply valued by our student body.

The work of these leaders and so many more of you ultimately led to the Diversity Roundtable ASUP just arranged a few weeks ago where leaders from the Black Student Union, Native American Association, Filipino American Student Association, the Gay-Straight Partnership, and many more clubs were able to come together and start discussions around the most pressing issues we're seeing at UP today. Our prioritization of engagement, through collaboration with other students also led us to co-organize a forum with the Gay-Straight Partnership earlier this year to discuss issues facing the LGBTQ+ community at the University of Portland- and we know this forum was following a huge effort coordinated by ASUP leadership to demonstrate visible

support for those students when approximately 500 of us stood in silence and solidarity at the Red Mass - not to stir up controversy or conflict but to visibly remain steadfast in our values and commitment to a truly diverse, inclusive home for all. In turning our direction more inwards, I immediately want to highlight the incredible contributions made by every single one of you, the leaders who are all individually and collectively making ASUP the organization it is this year.

Never have I seen such committed senators holding themselves accountable to serving the student body above all else. But it's not just your commitment to representation that has changed ASUP – it's your commitment to values. Because we no longer read a mission statement that we had no part in crafting at the start of every meeting. We look, instead to our Affirmation of Values, a reflection of what we are committed to for the students we represent. This focus on values and approachability has changed our presence at UP immensely. And I must honor how much the ASUP Executive Board has contributed to that growth as well. As our Vice President, Michael Gallagher has not only contributed to Title IX and inclusion efforts on campus, but internally has done so much to ensure that Espresso UP, Pilots Express, ASUP Films and other services continue growing and providing experiences that students will cherish throughout their four years at UP. His dedication has also allowed for the possibility of new services to be added so we can continue providing for campus organizations.

Kaitly Sullivan, our CPB director, has headed a team of truly inspiring students who continue putting together events that cultivate a campus culture that is innovative, energetic, and creative - her work with her team led to a record attendance at Riverboat this year and phenomenal engagement with other events throughout this semester. Our Director of Finance, Brandon Wester, has been so involved in making sure that ASUP's financial resources best serve every student on our campus - so much so that this year, the Opportunity Grant was fully utilized for the first time since its creation. Students, clubs, and organizations asked for more money from ASUP this year than ever before. His work on making ASUP accessible and approachable has been central to our organization's growth.

These efforts towards accessibility and visibility has also been so strongly supported by Director of Communications Kathleen Burks. Her work to keep ASUP transparent with the community is first and foremost seen with the ASUP newsletter which now maintains nearly 1,000 subscribers. This semester, Kathleen's efforts to revamp the newsletter to be an all-encompassing platform of campus events and to provide feedback outlets throughout the campus, have tangibly demonstrated our promise to remain in open communication with the student body.

And lastly, Speaker of the Senate, Brady Boos, has brought so much order, focus, and accountability to our Senate. His passion for ensuring that Senators serve the student body, his dedication to following through with every student concern, and his efforts to ensure we are efficient and effective are admirable.

I want to conclude the State of the Campus address today by emphasizing that this list of accomplishments, of highlights, of important leaders on our campus - these are all examples of the changes we are implementing now to prepare for our future.

As we continue on this trajectory, it's crucial that we continue to ask ourselves how our actions and our efforts are benefitting our current community and students for years to come in our community. Thank you all for contributing to this change and to this movement. I look forward to continuing next year with all of you and with more enthusiasm and energy than ever before. Thank you.

~End of the State of Campus Address~

Open Forum

1. Send donations for Molly Hightower if you'd like to be a part of it (*Sen. Dekker*)
 - a. Waiting to hear back from the Student Advisory Committee on Athletics to determine date & time for the event (*Speaker Boos*)
2. Help advertise the ASUP Films showing of Christopher Robin on Sunday – working with SASW to host a toy drive that night (*Sen. Taylor*)
3. UPNA meeting tomorrow with Fr. Poorman – I'll also be bringing up the funding of Immersions (*Sen. Mathias*)
4. Will be speaking to the University Committee on Accessibility so email about anything you want included (*Sen. Taylor*)
5. Meeting with Gerry Gregg tomorrow – provide feedback about parking spots on campus (*Speaker Boos*)