

Senate Minutes

February 4, 2019

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 OWEN

Communications:

1. All Senate positions have been filled
2. Visitors Open Forum: Sam Starkey, former ASUP Senator
 - Worked with Senators and Executive Board last year to put out a campus-wide ASUP survey to collect concrete data on feedback from the entire student body
 - Released last year after the pay raise scandal → large student response
 - Intent: assess what UP students know about ASUP and surmise what they want ASUP's role to be

Results:

- Response: 594 participants – 15% of the student body
 - Even turnout among classes
 - Majority on-campus students
 - Largest response from the College of Arts & Sciences
 - High student involvement on campus
- Campus issues (in order of highest to lowest importance): Food Service, Sexual Assault/Title IX, Diversity/Inclusion, Health & Counseling, Wifi/Technology, Sustainability Initiatives, Budgeting Updates, Courses Curriculum, Campus Safety, Other
- Majority of participants didn't know who represented them
- Perceived role of ASUP on campus (in order of highest response to lowest): oversee ASUP services, allocate Student Government Fee, meet weekly to address student concerns, communicate with constituents, no idea, other
- Effectiveness of ASUP: B+ rating

- What students would like to see from ASUP: 78% more events, community building, & campus conversations
- Themes from “Any other comments/suggestions/concerns regarding ASUP?”:
 - Pay raise
 - Disconnect
 - Increased communication
 - Specific issues
 - Confusion about ASUP’s role

Implications for this year:

- Important to continue implementing this survey this year and for future years
- First took place February 5 - 22, 2018
- Campus Climate survey to be released tomorrow, February 5, → delay the ASUP survey approximately one week – February 11 - 28, 2019
- Are you planning on writing similar questions for this year’s survey or will there be changes? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - I exported the same survey from last year but we can modify the questions
 - Sam and I will be working on it so reach out if you want to see the survey questions in order to get them ready to be released next week (*Dir. Burks*)

3. Guest Speaker: rescheduled due to weather

Reports:

1. *President Nath, Executive Board Report:*

- Met with Grant & Kelly last week about Senior Class Committee: involved with Prost with Profs, promoting seniors, and giving back to the university. Great way to get involved with outreach
- Asked by Dr. Contreras to help promote the Campus Climate Survey – need to look into innovating different approaches with surveys, getting redundant
- Met with the BSU for their upcoming Love of Chocolate Event
- Met with Kit Tobin, student representative on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Health
- Releasing a survey about student health on campus
- Worked with Sage to put together the search committee for the theology department – a concrete way for ASUP to get involved in the hiring process → committee of 25 students from different clubs, backgrounds, faiths, identities – meeting this week to hire a new theology professor
- Reaching out to the Presidential Advisory Committees – contact me if you have ideas for questions to ask

2. *Vice President Gallagher, Elections & Services Report:*

- Application form for elections going live next Monday. Closes Saturday, March 2 at 12:00 pm
- Candidates Meeting: Monday, March 11 after the Senate meeting
- Encourage your friends to apply
- Waiting on updates from ASUP services:

- ASUP Films is partnering with Campus Ministry to screen The Dating Project: February 7 at 7:00 pm in Franz 120
- ASUP Films is partnering with the Chinese Language & Culture Club to screen Crazy Rich Asians on February 24

3. *Director Wester, Financial Report:*

- Clubs have concerns about the budgeting process – encourage them to set up meetings with me to talk about them and get all the information
 - This year had the most money ever requested by clubs/organizations
 - Average of 60% cuts
- Budget inbox has moved again → now to the left of the ASUP Office door
- Considering the Health & Counseling Center's Opportunity Grant application for funding a meditation room in Beauchamp
- Deadline for next fall's budget is Monday, March 11 after Spring Break - early due to lengthier process: three weeks in order to have open office hours for clubs to meet with Senators and more time for FMB to meet with clubs

4. *Director Burks, Communications Report:*

- Met with Sage & Jake to arrange ASUP presence at Pilots After Dark on Friday, February 22nd (Fields Hall trivia) → giving out promo items
- ASUP Survey coming – incentive: 2 tix to The 1975 on Saturday, April 27
- Tabling in the Library: scheduled for Mondays & Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm starting next Monday, February 11 through Wednesday, May 5
 - Sending out an Excel doc for sign-ups
 - During my office hours, I'll be at all of them → accountability for Senators
- Designed the general template for Senator posters to post around campus and will get individual approval before printing them
- Senator board also moved next to the new door of the office

5. *Director Sullivan, CPB Report:*

- Dance of the Decades:
 - Saturday, February 9 from 9:00 pm – 1:00 am
 - Busses loading out of Beauchamp this year
 - Ticket sales: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm & 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Commons - selling fast. \$15 for guest tickets, \$10 for UP students

6. *Senator Owen, Student Affairs Committee Report:*

- Met with Tshombé about the Diversity Space to start compiling list of Portland organizations to serve as resources for clubs and the whole UP community
- Sens. Owen & Taylor met with Andrew Weingarten last week over Intervisitation Policy → formalizing the list of 24-hour spaces on campus received by the Hall Directors to be published in The Beacon. Planning on getting rid of gendered language in Life on The Bluff to make the policy more inclusive and easier to enforce → putting together a presentation for the Board of Regents meeting in May to propose the changes

- Sen. Musquiz met with Emily Nelson from KDUP about playing in the Pilot House
- VP Gallagher meeting with Sen. Taylor this week to discuss ADA meeting about accessibility on campus
- Sen. Joglekar working on project to encourage political discourse & awareness – working with the Political Science and History departments
- VP Gallagher followed up about the unnamed “Fr. Wilson” portrait in Franz – it is actually Fr. Beauchamp

7. *Senator O’Connell, Infrastructure Committee Report:*

- Meeting on Thursdays now at 2:35 pm
- Sustainability Committee meeting now on Mondays at 3:00 pm
 - Working on getting local vendors for the UP Market
 - Looking to get more people involved in the Slug Garden
- Sen. Mathias met with the UPNA, which discussed reducing speed limits on Willamette; meeting with Kirk at 6:30 pm in the Pilot House
- Sen. O’Connell reaching out to Jim Ravelli to follow-up about water-bottle filler proposal in Franz

8. *Senator Mitchell, Communications Committee Report:*

- New non-elected committee member: Lane Witkowski
- Figuring out a better system for students to get involved in committees
- Looking into the possibility of submitting constituency feedback through Moodle or on the Pilots UP page
- Sens. Mitchell & Mayer brainstorming specific questions to ask for tabling and work with Sen. Krigger to create the ASUP manual for freshmen
- Joey is continuing his ASUP service director videos - he's done one with Sage for ASUP Films and one with Theresa for the composing program. They were included in the ASUP newsletters and posted to our Facebook. Feel free to share with constituents
- Promo items should be here this week, so they'll be ready to go by the time we start tabling next week
- Planning an ASUP Kissing Booth for Valentine's Day on next Thursday – giving out Hershey kisses and ASUP materials to students, hopefully outside in front of Franz, weather-permitting

9. *Senator Kasper, Academic Affairs Report:*

- Continuing ongoing projects
- Share Sen. Anderson’s Degree Works survey
- Sen. Millett meeting with the nursing dean on Thursday
- Sens. Kasper & Musquiz meeting with the CAS dean next Wednesday

Constituency Reports:

Follow-ups:

- Sen. Mathias & Speaker Boos meeting with Kirk about food service concerns - Commons closing early, lack of variety of salads, Mack's prices, UP app incorrect, lines out the door
- Sitara reached out to invite Presidential Advisory Committees to come to Senate → coming in the next few weeks
- Portrait confusion resolved

New reports:

1. Freshmen confused about Dance of the Decades – thought that CPB picked a decade but they can actually go as any decade (*Sen. Millett*)
2. Complaints about the campus using rock salt for snow/ice – bad for bike and vehicle tires, bad for the environment (*Sen. Owen*)
3. Heard from constituent during Friends of Trees event that there are no composting bins for non-food compostable materials (*Sen. Owen*)
4. Only brunch options for students on weekends, not lunch (*Sen. Moore*)
5. Issues with the Accessibility & Education Office: treats professors & students in a condescending manner, confidentiality breached or students not made aware of their policy, general lack of competency to provide equal access (*VP Gallagher*)
6. Report that some counselors in the Health & Counseling Center are not licensed or are in the process of getting licensed → not appropriate to call them psychiatrists when they're not licensed. Issues with confidentiality with counselors in some cases (*VP Gallagher*)
7. Lack of Diversity Center programming & resources – students don't feel welcome and are unsure of its purpose. Hawaiian students specifically felt uncomfortable with the photo displayed of students walking on campus – felt it was tokenizing. We can do better to make it more welcoming and define its usage (*Dir. Wester*)
8. Student asked about that the Public Safety video "Run, Fight, Hide" about active shooters be distributed with the alcohol & drug videos from UP (*Sen. Taylor*)

Open Forum

1. Schedule presentations from Senators during new business in Senate meetings (*Speaker Boos*)
2. Reach out to schedule regular one-on-one Senator meetings (*Speaker Boos*)
3. Self care (*Speaker Boos*)
4. Recent Green Dot Training – Sens. Kasper & Mayer attended, majority of Senators still need to be trained (*Sen. Taylor*)
5. Campus Ministry & ASUP Films screening of The Dating Project on February 7 at 7:00 pm in Franz 120 (*Sen. Taylor*)
6. Tomorrow evening: SJs & Moreau Center shuttling to Portland airport as part of Unite Program to welcome refugees to the U.S. – students went last year and want to continue it this year → meeting at 9:45 pm in the food court (*Sen. Owen*)
7. Next Green Dot training on Saturday, February 23 – probably the last training of the semester. To be led by Tyler Zimmerman (*Tyler Zimmerman*)

8. Black Protest & Reform event tonight at 7:15 pm in Franz 120 – encourage ASUP attendance (*Dir. Burks*)
9. Interested in gardening? Scheduling a tour of Slug Garden at the end of February as part of the Sustainability Committee – share with constituents (*Sen. Moore*)