



Senate Minutes

February 25, 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 PREVIOUS MINUTES PASSES BY SENATOR KRIGGER

Communications:

1. Visitor's Open Forum: Alexandra Newsom, member of the ASUP Oversight Committee
 - Oversight Committee is a Senate Committee of non-Senators to keep Senators accountable. Duties: check-in on office hours, attend Senate meetings to ensure things are up-to-par and following the Constitution
 - How many people are on the Oversight Committee (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - Currently two people: myself and Temmo Cramer
 - How are you selected? (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - Temmo was chosen by Brady and appointed to his position and then spoke with me about joining the committee
 - Would you say there's any structure in terms of how you're selected, how you run and hold Senate accountable? (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - We check-in on hours bi-weekly. We are held accountable by Brady and have a schedule that we follow when checking-in on office hours
 - What do you do on this committee? (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - It's about holding you all accountable. I haven't had any issues in Senators attending office hours this year. Besides that, I don't think there's much we have the ability to do as a committee.
 - There are other requirements of Senators and Senate as a whole to function as stated in the Constitution beyond hosting two office hours a week. How could you ensure Senate is accountable for the other things? (*Sen. Owen*)

- As of now, I don't see how Oversight can go beyond what it does now.
- To follow-up, would establishing a standard or best practices make it easier to serve as a member of the committee and check-in with Senators? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - Yes, even though it is a formal committee it functions more informally. We aren't even on the ASUP website under committees.
- Was there any application process for joining this committee? (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - It's similar to how students join other ASUP committees, so there's no application (*Speaker Boos*)
- Would you be interested in working with Senate to format more specifically what the Oversight Committee is? (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - Yes.
- It's weird how the Oversight Committee functions now. Brady found Temmo, who was appointed, and we need to think of how we can keep the separation in place between Senate and Oversight. If Oversight's obligation is to have zero obligation to ASUP and keep us accountable, there need to be ways that it isn't an ASUP-appointed committee (*Pres. Nath*)
- How do you think of your role? Should it be expanded or have more people added to the committee? (*Sen. Krigger*)
 - I agree that there need to be more members because the two of us can't check-in on everyone's office hours with our own schedules. I think the responsibilities can be expanded, but if you were to do too much, you may need to think about adding some sort of compensation.
- Is there anything we can do as Senate to help find new members, if Oversight needs more, or make sure the committee works better? (*Sen. Krigger*)
 - I agree that we need more members. You can let your constituents know that Oversight is one of the ASUP committees. As long as you guys show up to your office hours and are accountable, it makes our job easy.
- Is the only official step Oversight takes right now to check-in on office hours in terms of accountability? (*Sen. Krigger*)
 - Our role throughout the semester is to check-in on office hours. If you have issues with ASUP or accountability as what's defined, then you can come to us.
 - That's all they're required to do in the Constitution, which is why we're looking at restructuring it (*Speaker Boos*)
- Do you think that the Oversight Committee should be structured like any other committee, being that any student can come in and serve on it? Or do you think it should be treated differently? (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - I think the process is fine as it is now. My job is to check your hours and there's no bias I can really bring into that, whether you're my friend or not. But if we expand the responsibilities of the role, which may increase biases, then we may want to consider an application process.
- Just to get this right, the Oversight Committee checks in on our office hours and reports to Brady to take action if we're not showing up? (*Sen. Musquiz*)
 - First I will meet with you individually and if it continues, it gets brought to E-Board to discuss with Tyler for further action (*Speaker Boos*)

- I myself have been unable to attend office hours at times, due to being sick or other reasons, but I've never been spoken with about missing them (*Sen. Taylor*)
- The responsibilities of Senators and committees are more expansive than holding two office hours, like meeting weekly with constituents and reporting that, attending committee meetings...Do you think it makes sense beyond the role of the Oversight Committee to ensure that all the duties are being met? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - In terms of committees, I'm sure your committee leader would be able to hold you accountable. In terms of maintaining a certain GPA, that's done by Speaker Boos and Tyler. Office hours and Senate meetings are what other people don't take account of on their own.
- It says in the Constitution that we are to meet with constituents weekly and report those during Senate meetings, but we don't all provide reports every meeting. Oversight Committee should be aware of that so that we're reporting during Senate meetings. (*Sen. Owen*)
 - If you would like me to go to each Senator to relay those constituency reports, I can do that. But if you're supposed to report weekly in a public setting during Senate meetings, that's seen by other Senators and Executive Board members.
- Do you think membership on the Oversight Committee could be added to the Lead@UP application to get more students involved? (*Sen. Mathias*)
 - That'd make it unlike the other ASUP committees
- I think a concern is that the role of the committee is not well-defined, so we may want to keep that in mind when we offer this opportunity to students (*Pres. Nath*)
- You're all adults so you should be expected to show up to office hours, attend committee meetings, meet with constituents and report. You shouldn't need me to hold you all accountable to do those things.
- Do you think the committee is necessary? (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - Yes.
- What would be your ideal vision of how the committee functions? (*Sen. Kasper*)
 - I want the committee's function to be clearly stated and well-defined. It's not even explicitly mentioned on the ASUP website.

Old Business

1. Bylaws, Senator Owen

- I don't believe this Resolution should be tied to elections (*Sen. Taylor*)
- It should be in the hands of the student body. Maybe Senators haven't completed a project but they bring constituent reports to Senate every meeting (*Sen. O'Connell*)
- I like that this Resolution forces documentation. Whether it's tied to elections or not, it brings another layer of institutional knowledge to Senate to make it clear who's doing what. It will make continuity easier between projects and make them more sustainable throughout the years (*Sen. Krigger*)

- I looked at what other schools do as a guideline. Michael also made some changes in response to Senate concerns, which were really valid and should be considered (*Sen. Owen*)
- It doesn't seem like we can ask the Oversight Committee to look over documentation from every Senator, since it's made up of two people with not a lot of time or compensation (*Sen. Taylor*)
- I agree and this Resolution would increase their work. What is set in place now that could include some of what Oversight Committee does? (*Sen. Krigger*)
 - Isn't that the role of the Speaker of the Senate? (*Speaker Boos*)
 - We could follow what Michael recommended, where we complete those steps with Brady, since we meet with him multiple times during the semester (*Sen. Moore*)

~Senate breaks into caucuses to discuss~

Thoughts:

- I propose that we change it so that Senators are held accountable to start work on a project and make tangible progress, with oversight from the Speaker of the Senate (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - How will that be measured?
 - Documentation, some kind of timeline
- Might that look like the Speaker enforcing it, where Senators outline their projects during meetings and propose a timeline of when to get it done? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - That's what I was thinking (*Speaker Boos*)
- It's difficult because it's dependent on each Senator. There are good ideas behind the Resolution but it's tough to have one scale to measure everything (*Sen. Taylor*)
- I don't think it should be tied to elections but in Senate itself if we aren't doing our jobs, there should be some kind of punishment. If you're saying the same thing every week, people know you're not doing what you're saying (*Sen. Mandla*)
- I appreciate the idea of monthly/bimonthly progress reports of what people are working on. I don't think it needs to be a giant list or added to the workload of the Oversight Committee (*Sen. Paino*)
- I see a big issue with some of the ways the terms are defined. If I were to make a timeline and my first step was to email someone while another person's first step was to do intensive research, then it's going to be easier for me to get measurable progress for my project than that person (*Sen. Anderson*)
- You can't change behavior but you can change incentives. I think this resolution is trying to change behavior. There is a lot that we need to already be enforcing in Senate. In adults, we should be expected to complete our duties and be held responsible by ourselves, Senate, and E-Board. If they're not doing that, then there's not a resolution that can change that behavior (*Sen. Taylor*)
- I disagree. We need to at least define what our jobs are. Our only outlined requirement is showing up to Senate meetings. If we're not doing anything else, then that's not enough. I think we need to further define the language and what a timeline is, but we need to be held accountable (*Sen. Musquiz*)

- If it's tied to elections, people might recognize that Senators always bring forward constituent reports and get those solved, and that might be their thing. So we can be flexible about what a project is. Collecting constituency reports is something that we have to do, and if that's what floats your boat, then you should be free to do that as long as you're doing it measurably and successfully (*Sen. Krigger*)
- It seems like this is going in the direction of duties, not what the resolution is saying, so we should look more closely at duties specifically (*Dir. Wester*)
- I'd rather this be tied to solving constituency reports than completing our own projects. We have more of a responsibility to solve what students want us to solve rather than our own projects (*Sen. O'Connell*)
- I feel like this resolution is talking about ways to hold Senators accountable for things that aren't even their duties yet. So Director Wester makes a solid point in terms of looking at the duties of Senators instead of this (*Sen. Taylor*)
- Joey made a good point: we could consolidate this reform into Article 1, Section 2 of the Bylaws (Senate duties). By incorporating this, not into terms for candidacy but by having it impact grounds for dismissal, that consolidates it into the year that a Senator was elected and puts it under the enforcement of the Speaker and included with duties that are already outlined (*Sen. Owen*)
 - How would you like to go about that? (*Speaker Boos*)
 - I wouldn't want to transfer it straight-up, I think we need to be deliberate – incorporate it into duties, remove language about eligibility for candidacy, and have it pertain to all the other duties, so that it is tied to dismissal. We also need to clear up what is a project (*Sen. Owen*)
 - I feel like this discussion should be moved until next meeting and we meet with our committees to come up with four duties to be included (*Speaker Boos*)
 - I agree that we should table this but it's something we can keep pushing back. What's written explicitly is not asking much of Senators. To be deliberate and intentional, we should table it, but we should commit to having something written in stone in the Bylaws (*Sen. Owen*)

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PROS

- We're taking a pragmatic step soon to ensure accountability for Senators (*Sen. Owen*)
 - He said he's committed to doing some kind of step to incorporate it into the Senate bylaws (*Speaker Boos*)

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New Business

1. Senator of the year
~Senate votes for their choice for Senator of the year via confidential ballots~
2. Presentation of Women's Month by Senators Mitchell & Musquiz
 - One of UP's first events for Women's Month in March
 - Starting later due to Spring Break the first week of March
 - Events planned:
 - March 13th: Shalonda Meffee
 - Black fashion designer Speaking about black female empowerment and female empowerment through fashion
 - Collaboration with Style UP at 7:00 pm in Franz 222
 - March 19th: Women in Leadership Forum
 - Collaboration with the School of Business
 - End of March (TBD): Self Defense Class
 - Formal workshop put on by the Portland Police Bureau, who work with the LGBTQ+ community and women
 - In contact with Brian and Beauchamp to reserve a room
 - March 20th: Espresso UP
 - Planning a themed drink
 - Writing thank you notes to influential women
 - Coffee Jams: featuring student musicians
 - Sign-ups through email; flyer sent to professors for students to play female-written pieces
 - March 24th: Dr. Golesorkhi, "Intersectional Empowerment of Women"
 - Partnership with MUN. Speaking about empowerment of women
 - Confirming time & room
 - March 17th: ASUP Films, *On the Basis of Sex*
 - Weekend TBD: Collaboration with Pilots After Dark
 - Throughout March: Senator tabling
 - Chat with constituents, photo opportunity with stats/influential women, whiteboard/sticky notes about relevant topics
 - Throughout March: Period Project
 - Project to collect feminine projects & demystify periods
 - Tabling event with flyers detailing the Period Project
 - It'd be helpful to coordinate with the Feminist Discussion Group (*Dir. Burks*)
 - On March 11th, there's a Women in Business thing, which you could partner with (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - We may have had the date wrong, if that's the one on March 19th
 - I would recommend reaching out to the Gender & Sexuality Partnership to involve more diverse perspectives (*Pres. Nath*)

Reports

Executive Board Report, President Nath:

- Interfaith Diversity Roundtable still set for this Thursday at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's but confirmation details to come in case it needs to be rescheduled

- Emailed the University Committees again to come speak to Senate
- Met with Fr. John about updates last week –finished a piece with Michael for The Beacon about elections. Tell people to apply! A competitive election produced all of us and it's a way to increase our presence and quality. I've been emailing clubs to encourage them to apply
- Working with FDG & GSP for a potential event about rising violence against LGBTQ+ people in Portland
- Attended a meeting Dean Medina with Sen. Taylor about the hiring of the faculty member in the Theology Department
- The Beacon published an article about this, but UP rescinded the degree of Cardinal McCarrick, received in 2008, last summer, based on allegations of recently-confirmed sexual abuse allegations. I wanted to acknowledge the University doing something important, even if it wasn't popular

Elections & Services Report, Vice President Gallagher (read by President Nath):

- Espresso UP:
 - Joe will speak to Senate today about stepping down as Espresso UP Director due to unanticipated, job opportunities. Lauren Kerr has trained with Joe and will take his place
 - I am sorry to see him go, am proud of what he has accomplished in Espresso UP, and am excited to see what the future has in store for him
- ADvantage:
 - Experiencing an issue with the a-frames this semester, which were understood to be waterproof for outdoor advertising, but they aren't and are not under warranty. Working to restore some type of outdoor marketing
 - Drafting a proposal to recommend moving the old TV advertising system to a cloud-based system that is more efficient, easier to use, and cheaper
- Elections:
 - Applications close March 2nd at 12:00 pm. Get your applications in and encourage others to apply!
 - Drafting an email to send out to Elections Committee. We will be meeting during the first week back from Spring Break
- ASUP Films Update (*Sen. Taylor*):
 - *Crazy Rich Asians* screening last night: went well, great club representation. Partnered with Chinese Language & Culture Club and FASA
 - Had to reschedule the screening of *Complicit*, happening after Spring Break
 - Showing *Perks of Being a Wallflower* the Sunday before Fresh Check Day along with Active Minds
 - Upcoming screening of *On the Basis of Sex* in March

Financial Report, Director Wester:

- Opportunity Grant: funded Villa. Under \$3,000 left
- Budget due March 15th – clubs have been notified, will send the email to Senate
- Two FMB members dropped but we're still meeting the requirement. May try to get more support

Communications Report, Director Burks:

- Finally resolved the problems with Qualtrics with Brad Kerr's help in Information Services, so the ASUP survey is ready to go. I will likely wait to share it until after Spring Break. I also realized that Michael & Kavya are new to Senate so it will be fairer to start it later
- This week is about spreading the word about ASUP applications! Tell everyone. Posters have been up and we've shared the event on Engage and Facebook. I will send a graphic for you to post on your own social media. The application is on Engage under forms, titled "ASUP Candidacy Application," and closes Saturday at 12:00 pm
- Thanks to Grant for tabling with me today in the Library! We collected constituency reports with the incentive of free ASUP phone wallets
- Coordinating with Ruby Beauchamp about tabling for sustainability
- Coordinating Speech Night details with Michael & Tyler – catering order and balloons this week
- Sending out the last ASUP newsletter until the Tuesday after Spring Break so reach out if you want anything included

CPB Report, Director Sullivan:

- Dance of the Decades was a success
 - 1,600 tickets sold – sold out! 1,100 students took the bus
 - Only negative: bar closed at 11:15 pm due to alcohol being stolen
- Rock the Bluff is happening on March 30th. Working on a pre-RTB festival to happen the day before, coordinated by Wyatt & Victoria – taking student ideas
 - Tickets available Friday, March 22nd at Chiles Center

Student Affairs Committee Report, Senator Krigger:

- Sens. Taylor & Owen trying to meet again with Andrew Weingarten
- Discussed art & art displays in the Diversity Space – multiple avenues to pursue for local artists and artists of minority groups
- Sen. Joglekar meeting with a constituent about accessibility concerns
- ASUP manual is close to a final product. Will reach out to those in charge of workshops & Orientation
- Sen. Joglekar met with coordinators for the Holi Festival, who applied for the Opportunity Grant

Infrastructure Committee, Senator O'Connell:

- Waiting to hear back from Andre Hutuchinson about the Franz water-bottle fillers
- Starting a project regarding extending the weekend hours in Beauchamp
 - Point of information: Senators have taken on this project repeatedly the last few years and survey results showed that too few students are in support
- Met with Fr. Gallagher about having a pro-choice group on campus, as being Catholic and pro-choice personally. Help out if you're interested! (*Sen. Mathias*)
- Celebrate North Portland event this Saturday in the Commons (*Sen. Mathias*)

- Spill the Tea Over Tea with ASUP happening after break – chance to drink tea and complain (*Sen. Mathias*)
- Sustainability Committee is putting more signs on campus dorms about recycling. Shipstad may resume recycling after success of their signage project
- Need to reserve the spaces for Earth Week (*Sen. Moore*)
- Trying to get the SLUG garden up and running, ran by Andy Quackenbush. A faculty member who lives here can take it over during the summer (*Sen. Moore*)

Communications Committee Report, Senator Mitchell:

- Kathleen and Lane Witkowski passed out 150 ASUP cups filled with candy and cards with ASUP social media at the Pilots After Dark event on Friday. Positive reception from students who attended – who doesn't like free stuff?
- Olivia & Jordyn are working on the ASUP Freshman Manual with Kelly to get that ready to go for the incoming class of 2023
- Joey reached out to Michael about doing a basic how-to video for filling out the ASUP Application Form on Engage
- Joey will be hosting dinner with Janiece for freshmen in the Quiet Side of the Commons on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm to have more regular conversations with constituents. Great idea for those with meal points!
- Grant and Kathleen are working on Spill the Tea Over Tea with ASUP, starting after Spring Break on Mondays from 12:30 - 1:30 pm & Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:00 pm in St. Mary's. Opportunity for students to meet over tea & treats to complain, voice concerns, or just chill

Academic Affairs Committee Report, Senator Millett:

- Sen. Anderson meeting on Wednesday about problems with Degree Works
- Sens. Kasper & Musquiz coordinating with Bon App for the Student Art Show coming up
- Sens. Kasper & Anderson working on making the Library a 24/7 space
- Coming up with ideas for this semester's Molly Hightower Event

Joe Lesieutre, Director of Espresso UP, addresses Senate:

- Leaving Espresso UP at the end of this month due to new work opportunities
- It's been great working with you all this year
- One thing ASUP has done this year is going to events and talking about ASUP collaboration. Espresso UP was one of the services I talked most about in terms of collaboration, which Joe has been awesome about throughout his time here. It's something that has made students feel that this is their home (*Pres. Nath*)

Constituency Reports:

1. Request for soy sauce in the Commons (*Sen. O'Connell*)
2. Dislike the new coffee brand & fries in the Pilot House (*Sen. Mathias*)
3. Wonderful feedback about the CPB dance and the new space (*Sen. Krigger*)
4. Have new ASUP service directors work with past service directors to teach them the ropes (*Sen. Taylor*)

5. Complaints about the virtual computers in Franz & the Library – blink off & on while you're working, not logging-in (*Sen. Anderson*)
6. Online testing format, Exemplify, has problems for Nursing students (*Sen. Paino*)
7. Lights off in East Quad – safety issue (*Sen. Paino*)
8. Request for more pie – pie on Wednesday (*Sen. Paumier*)
9. Request for more woodchips on the path near Christie (*Sen. Paumier*)
10. Notification of letters for students in addition to packages (*Sen. Paumier*)
11. Bring back old French fries to the Grill (*Sen. Paumier*)
12. Amazing feedback about the dance. Only negative was the bar closing (*Sen. Kasper*)
13. Coat check was done very well at the dance – faster than in the past (*Sen. Millett*)
14. Wifi issues, especially in the Library on Sundays and basements (*Sen. Moore*)
15. P-Plant worsens the mud on the East Quad bark trail by driving on it – idea: put on black mesh (*Sen. Moore*)
 - a. That would be expensive compared to bark (*Sen. O'Connell*)
16. Tall lights in the main parking lot were flickering – freaked people out (*Sen. Owen*)
17. The Beacon and local news reported that a student slid off the road in the west hills, but there were no delays/cancellations – safety concern (*Sen. Owen*)
18. When it's raining, we should have a shuttle service to drive students around on campus (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - a. The Public Safety van has been helpful with me due to my knee (*Speaker Boos*)
19. Webprint doesn't work, which has made printing difficult (*Sen. Mathias*)

Open Forum

1. Reach out if you want to help with Fresh Check Day (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - a. Fresh Check Day is a mental health fair put on collaboratively with clubs, who represent different mental health aspects. Happening later in March
2. More info on the 24/7 Library project: led first by Sen. Owen. The ASUP Senate of 2013 tackled this project as well – they said there were complications then but Xan is happy to talk about different alternatives to 24/7 space now (*Sen. Kasper*)
3. Reach out if you're interested in helping decorate for the Awards Banquet on April 12th (*Sen. Mayer*)
4. I need specific examples of problems with DegreeWorks to bring to my meeting on Wednesday (*Sen. Anderson*)
5. *Priced Out* screening tomorrow, February 26, at 5:30 pm in BC Aud. Documentary about gentrification in Portland, the film director will be there. Highly encourage Senate attendance (*Dir. Burks*)
6. Sen. Mitchell and I are hosting our Junior Class Town Hall event in the Terrace Room in the Commons tonight at 7:00 pm (*Sen. Owen*)
7. I need help on my project with Campus Ministry regarding a pro-choice group on campus (*Sen. Mathias*)
8. Student Art Show on April 11th! (*Sen. Musquiz*)