

Senate Minutes

March 18, 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 MAYER

Communications:

1. Guest Speaker: Kirk Mustain, Bon Appetit Supervisor

Introduction:

- Successful year so far, applied feedback from last semester (variety, vegan options, managing crowds)
- Worked on communication – talking to students about what they want to see
- Hired a new chef this year, Doug
- Development: Lund Family Hall dining
- Busy time for Bon App in April with end-of-year events
 - Pilipino Cultural Night, Luau, International Night, Guam Night
- Losing student staff (approx. 80 employed) at the end of the year to study
- Meet with Alan Timmins bi-weekly, work with Fr. John & Jim Ravelli

Q&A:

- There's been a lot of questions about food waste – where does it go, are there sustainable options, ways to provide food for food banks? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - We are food recovery certified and work with Urban Gleaners to pick up post-production leftovers. Anything that's viable gets cooled down, put in separate pans, and goes through them. 10,000 pounds donated last year
 - Anything post-consumer (left on plates) goes through the pulper and is turned into mulch for the composting program, picked up by the City of Portland. There are new, stricter guidelines by the city for composting and garbage, so looking into other options

- The Eco-tainer program has become solid and integrated into the dining program. Still doing giveaways at the beginning of the year
 - The way we prepare food is sustainable – making it in separate batches to have fresh food and not overproduce, which is why it takes some time
- How would you qualify the success of the metal straw program? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - It's okay. Most people have their own beverage containers. Have the idea of a resident program – buy-in for the year and use 200 meal points for beverages, similar to the program for off-campus students. This is reusable – you get your own container and can refill it throughout the year, cuts down on paper cups and straws
 - Spend \$4,500-5,000 for paper products per week – want to cut that down
- How do you deal with students eating different meal portions? (*Sen. Moore*)
 - It's based on what people want, we mix it up. There are still half portions, but it depends on the entrée. We listen to students and are always willing to try anything. We thought about weighing the salads but the sticker shock might scare people
- How is the stealing of forks and spoons going? (*Sen. Moore*)
 - It's about average, but not as blatant as it has been. I don't know that it's all theft, half might end up in the garbage or are taken out of the Commons. We'll replace about 50,000 pieces of cutlery throughout the year. Making sure we have supplies and finding viable options is important
- What would you like prospective freshmen to hear coming in about Bon App? (*Sen. Kasper*)
 - We make good food, work with the local community to reduce food miles. We're fortunate to live here where we have access to local organic food providers and great local vendors
- From our constituents, one of the most common reports is issues with vegan food options. What makes that an obstacle? (*VP Gallagher*)
 - Self-advocacy is important. There are vegan & vegetarian options at all the stations. Our vegan population is about 8-10% on campus, so we can't give them all the space but we make accommodations. Students can ask for these things. We've automatically made some vegetarian options vegan and take out all allergens in order to cover the spectrum. If they ask and they're still having problems, they should come to me
- How is the switchover from the beginning of the year to funnel more students to the Commons? We're still hearing of lines going out the door (*VP Gallagher*)
 - When 400 people walk in and you can get fed in 10 minutes, that's pretty incredible. A lot has to do with when there are class breaks. With another viable food operation on the other side of campus, that should help
 - We're putting 2,100 people in two buildings, at the Commons and the Pilot House. We have no way to spread it out over a meal period. I check to see how long it takes and average wait time is 4.5 minutes
- For lunch and dinner, Bon App does great with vegan options, but there are not many options for breakfast, especially on weekends (*Sen. Moore*)
 - We'll work on the breakfast piece. We want this program to be better for students, getting food should be the easiest part of college

- Are there plans to extend the hours in the Commons beyond 7:30 pm? (*Sen. Mandla*)
 - The Commons is open until 8:00 pm
- Is there any plan for upperclassmen to use meal points to purchase wine and beer in the Pilot House? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - There's no plan to do that now because of potential pushback from administration. I'm trying to make the prices more reasonable. More late-night programming centered around upperclassmen could help bring people into that space. The only people drinking beer there currently are staff, faculty, & alumni
- Are there opportunities to collaborate with the local food markets/vendors? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - We've done internal ones, but the hard part is taking the meal plans to incorporate and still being fair to food vendors. That was an issue with meal carts last year. The best food comes at the end of the year (June). But I'm open to anything, the food plaza is a perfect space
- Are there plans to do outdoor events, like a barbeque? (*Sen. Owen*)
 - There are plans, we'll push the meals outside when it's nice
- What is the general plan for Lund Family Hall? (*Sen. Mayer*)
 - It'll be a pretty big space (4,800 sq. ft). We want to expand what's going on in The Anchor – kombucha, smoothies, juice, cold brew, and do a lot of one thing really well. Since students want quesadillas, I want to offer a couple varieties of quesadillas, Chipotle-style. It'll be fast and designed to go, because it's at an intersection of campus
 - We'll have a more aggressive in-house grab & go program, with pre-made sandwiches & salads as well as late-night cooking programs with local vendors for students
 - Industrial-style design, gender neutral bathrooms
 - Private dining room inside for students (14-18) to reserve and about 60-75 single seats
 - Expecting it to be done by the fall. It was a terrible experience opening mid-semester with the Pilot House. Currently waiting on artist renderings

Old Business

1. Bylaws Update

~Senators break into caucuses to discuss~

- The first sentence of the resolution should make it more accountable but less strict (*Sen. Kasper*)
- I thought we were making it so that it was not about elections (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - We would need to scrap this version then (*VP Gallagher*)
- What we talked about previously was making this so that it doesn't bar people from running in elections, but incorporate it into the duties for Senate so that it's part of grounds for dismissal for Senators. If the concept of a project and the

timeline is reasonable, we can include it under Senate Duties of the Bylaws Bylaws (*Sen. Owen*)

- With being required to work with a committee, is there something implied or written that there are projects with that committee? (*Sen. Moore*)
 - Projects is the name we've given to addressing constituency reports
 - There is nothing that says we have to be doing projects or working in the duties of the Bylaws (*Sen. Owen*)
- Including this in the grounds for dismissal is worse than not being able to run in the next elections (*VP Gallagher*)
- It's not up to us to make the decision of who the students can and cannot vote for (*Sen. Taylor*)
- We should not pass Bylaws to limit what the student body can and cannot do, but it's perfectly fine to have internal processes (*Dir. Wester*)
- Duty number one of the Constitution is to meet weekly with constituents and report on it. Two ways to remove a Senator is recalling, which is by the student body, and dismissal, which is internal (*Sen. Owen*)
- Based on what is written in our duties, students are serving their constituents by engaging with them and reporting on it. This is making it more difficult and kind of a waste of time. We have the duties more or less set in place. If there's a problem with someone in Senate, we can address it internally (*Sen. Moore*)
- It's a very case-by-case basis whether a Senator is dismissed or not. The wording of projects and duties would have to be very (*Sen. Millett*)

MOTION TO MOVE THE RESOLUTION 19-01 INDEFINITELY BY SENATOR TAYLOR

- Pros: We've spent more on this than anything else (*Sen. Taylor*)
- Cons: If we're not going to work on this, then what? We've been getting out of meetings early (*Sen. Owen*)
- Pros: Why introduce something new to enforce when we can't enforce what already exists? (*Sen. Taylor*)
- Cons: This makes it explicitly understood for future Senate bodies (*Sen. Owen*)
- Pros:
 - It could unfairly kick someone out of Senate (*Sen. Moore*)
 - It's not our responsibility or in our power who can and cannot be chosen by the student body (*Sen. Taylor*)
- Cons: We already have mechanisms to limit who the student body can and cannot vote for, with checking GPAs and student conduct (*Sen. Krigger proxy, Sam Starkey*)

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Reports:

Executive Board Report, President Nath (Read by VP Gallagher):

- Re-scheduled the Interfaith Roundtable to next Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm in order to encourage student turnout to ASUP Speech Night.
- Met with Sen. Owen last week to determine central themes and agenda items to discuss with students for the roundtable. Meeting to firm up the details
- Planning to host one more roundtable this semester to have concrete feedback for the Core Curriculum Revision Committee
- Some of the best news in ASUP this year: after efforts with Sen. Taylor to create a diverse search committee of students to help hire a new theology faculty member as well as writing to the department and advocating in support of a particular candidate, that professor has been hired! They are an openly queer professor with specialties in queer theology and race & gender theological issues. Thanks to Sen. Taylor and the students who helped with interviews, as well as to the considered candidates, and to Dr. Medina & Dr. Dempsey

Elections & Services Report, Vice President Gallagher:

- Budgets for ASUP services are late but getting them in today
- Elections updates: there have been withdrawals and there is only one pair running for President & Vice President
- Meet the Candidates Night at Espresso UP this Wednesday and Speech Night on Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Quiet Side of the Commons
- Candidate pictures are due on Sunday. Elections portal opens on Tuesday at 7:00 am and closes on Wednesday at 7:00 pm, candidates called at 8:00 pm

Financial Report, Director Wester:

- Two more Opportunity Grant requests:
 - \$5,000 for Tanzania Immersion
 - \$400 for Philosophy Club
 - Currently 92 requests for the budget – more than last semester
 - Still receiving late budgets despite getting out sufficient and early information
 - Clubs that don't meet with FMB may not be eligible to receive funding
 - Senate discretionary fund proposal: Earth Week. Must be voted on by Senate
- Explanation by Sen. Moore, head of the Sustainability Committee:*
- Week-long event in April with different events each day
 - Cooking night, professor lecture about sustainability, sustainability & innovation fair, facials in the Pilot House
 - Request of \$306.30: includes promotional materials and food
 - \$120 for blank canvas totes
 - \$16.80 for wooden utensils
 - \$129.50 for utensil giveaway
 - \$40 for food for the cooking class
 - \$18 for advertisement
 - I commend Senator Moore. This is great to take the initiative to use the Senate discretionary fund and I think this is a great use of it (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - Where are you getting the food for an entire class that costs \$40? (*Sen. Kasper*)

- Most of the food will be in bulk and we're reserving the space in Lund for a limited number of students. Probably vegetarian/vegan
- This is awesome. I'm curious where you're getting the blank canvas totes and if they're a sustainable resource (*Sen. Krigger proxy, Sam Starkey*)
 - It's an online vendor, I went with the cheaper option. I'm not sure how it's sent and packaged

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF \$306.30 FROM THE SENATE DISCRETIONARY FUND BY SENATOR TAYLOR PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

CPB Report, Director Sullivan:

- Accepting cash donations for Camp STIX at the Office of Student Activities and at CPB promo events
- Tickets go on sale Friday, March 22nd at Chiles Center Box Office. Free for UP students, \$10 for non-UP guests
- Plazapalooza: Pre-Rock the Bluff Festival, taking place Saturday, March 30th, before RTB

Student Affairs Committee Report, Senator Owen:

- Met with Andrew Weingarten to catch up on Intervisitation Policy – approving and printing flyers of 24-hour spaces to distribute across campus. Language changes to Life on the Bluff may not have to be presented to the Board of Regents, but meeting with Fr. John and Matt Rygg
- Sens. Joglekar & Mandla working on the Holi Festival on Saturday, April 14
- Sen. Joglekar working with The Beacon to improve political discourse on campus
- Elizabeth Tripp working to get student art and local art in St. Mary's

Infrastructure Committee Report, Senator Moore:

- Director of P-Plant is working on putting water-bottle fillers in the Franz basement and first floor. No timeline but hoping to get done next year
- Working on getting more bike covers
- Belmont Goats still open on weekends from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Communications Committee Report, Senator Paumier:

- Didn't meet last week due to the Candidates Guidelines Meeting

Academic Affairs Committee Report, Senator Kasper:

- Met with Xan in the Library about the 24-hour space – interested in looking into alternatives. Would need a smaller space than the Library with cameras and card swipes. Alternatives could be the future Innovation Plaza, the Pilot House, or St. Mary's. Moving forward by meeting with P-Safe
- Sen. Anderson reaching out to the Registrar about extending the add/drop period
- **Sen. Millett designing posters _____** & arranging Night Strike

Constituency Reports:

Follow-ups:

1. Tried to locate the cord in Franz 112 to fix it, but couldn't find it (Speaker Boos)
2. Sent in a work order – the table in the Terrace Room is fixed (Dir. Burks)

New reports:

1. Confusion about when registration is (*Sen. Mitchell*)
2. Raccoons are back and more aggressive than the squirrels (*Sen. Mitchell*)
3. Complaints about a lack of space in the Library (*Sen. Mandla*)
4. Non-music majors want to know where they can practice music on campus (*Sen. Taylor*)
 - a. Quiet Side of the Commons (*Speaker Boos*)
 - b. Audio room by the Mac Lab in the Library (*Dir. Wester*)
5. Wifi in the Library is terrible (*Sen. Moore*)
6. Students unsure if voting in ASUP elections is still credit-based (*Sen. Owen*)
7. Developing something with the Office of Residence Life for students transitioning to off-campus living (*Sen. Owen*)
8. Complaint from a group that is having difficulties in trying to work with Espresso UP since Joe has left (*Sen. Anderson*)
9. Xan has heard that off-campus students want lockers on campus for students to store their stuff (*Sen. Kasper*)
 - a. Students can go to the gym (*Speaker Boos*)
10. The chargers at the Library's checkout need updating (*Sen. Kasper*)
11. Complaints about taking removing the stop signs by the Library – can we put in flashing lights? (*Sen. Millett*)
12. Need to be a fifth-year Senate position – affects Engineering & ROTC students in particular (*Sen. Paumier*)
13. Need more chairs outside the classrooms in Franz (*Sen. Paumier*)
14. Request for a CAS Career Fair (*Sen. Paumier*)
15. Proposal: equal distribution of fries and tots in the Commons (*Sen. Paumier*)
16. Met about wifi complaints in Tyson – approving access points, adding a satellite to the new building. They would love to come and talk more about the issues with Senate (*Sen. Paino*)
17. People want the garage doors in the Pilot House open on nice days (*Sen. Mayer*)
18. People want wifi available outside in the Quad (*Sen. Moore*)
 - a. Our current system was not intended to be campus-wide (*VP Gallagher*)
 - b. They're working on that (*Sen. Paino*)

Open Forum:

1. Columbia Pool is closing in 2020. Meeting today at 6:30 pm at the Park Cottage off of Lombard. UPNA looking for another Senator for next year (*Sen. Mathias*)
 - a. It's awful to work with the Columbia Pool to provide passes for students – no follow-up, expensive (*Dir. Wester*)
2. Civil Rights Immersion is selling cookie dough – reach out if you want to buy it. One pound for \$6 (*Sen. Anderson*)
3. What time are tickets sold on Friday? (*Sen. Millett*)

- a. The box office opens at 11:00 am and closes at 5:00 pm (*Dir. Sullivan*)
- 4. Wednesday is ASUP Women's Month Collaboration with Espresso UP – student performances of music sung or composed by women (*Sen. Mitchell*)
- 5. International Night is this Friday from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Quiet Side of the Commons. Let me know if you signed-up to volunteer since the link didn't work (*Dir. Burks*)
 - a. Senator Mandla is performing
- 6. ASUP Films & Active Minds showing *Perks of Being a Wallflower* on Sunday at 7:00 pm in BC Aud (*Sen. Taylor*)