

Senate Meeting - 19 September 2012

Agenda

By Sven van Mourik (VP):

12:15 – Call to order

12:15 – Officer Report: Senate Chair (Sven van Mourik) on elections, voting and committee chairs

12:20 – Officer Report: USC Communications Director (Stephanie Dissette) on student communications and awareness

12:25 – Short reiteration of senate procedures by Senate Chair (Sven van Mourik)

12:30 – Unfinished (old) business and new business

- Possible exercise of new senate procedures
- Announcements and Adjournment

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (Communications Director)

Meeting Begins (12:15PM)

1. Sven (VP): Welcome, again, what is your goal as a senator for the year?
 - a. If you speak, please stand up
 - b. Madi (History): make sure history major does not get "swallowed up;" lots of cross-listed courses this semester; everyone who is not history can get into classes too
 - c. Alena (Comp Lit): been in touch with constituents and department head; more theory-based class; potential pre-requisites for certain classes; have a list of required readings before signing up for the course; small department, but classes are overloaded right now – need more space; alum get in touch with current majors; update comp lit blog
 - d. Mae (Global Com): work more with the 7eme and newspaper to communicate better with a larger major on campus; work on networking, possible social events for just this major
 - e. Max (Econ): make it easier to double major in Econ and something else – stronger degree; change Econ honors program
 - f. Bessie (Psych): classes aren't very diverse in subject or professor; department already in the works trying to get a new full-time professor – utilize student support to make a priority
 - g. Dana (Comp Sc.): courses not practical – need new ones; send out student surveys and meet with them individually; better inter-

departmental communication, can be helpful to ITS too for faster aid to students; help teach Drupal; alumni connections stronger, helps for internships and job offers

- h. Laura (ICP): courses aren't offered every semester, difficult to meet core class requirements, attempt to work with Gardner and other professors to help students get all their core classes in under normal 4 years; international law minors have trouble meeting requirements because classes aren't offered regularly enough; practical side of politics – getting a model UN or other conference in motion for less theory and more action
 - i. Sven asks Senators to remind new elected Senators of what their job really means;
2. Sven (VP), on elections: reminds that election results announced on Friday
 3. Sven (VP) reminder committees: chairs voted in next Wednesday within Senate
 - a. One grad and one undergrad for each committee
 - b. Vice chairs needed – Senators, give it some thought and research
 4. Stephanie (CD) talks about communications on campus
 - a. Utilize each other as fellow SGA members to communicate with student body
 - b. Please promote this week's Back to School Party
 - c. Use your resources (FB, email, etc.) to help promote SGA events

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5. Sven (VP) reviews Senate procedures*
 - a. Review of terms
 - b. Demo
6. Sven (VP): Any unfinished business? Any new business? No.
7. Final announcement: contact new students running for office to inform on Senate procedures; please promote voting and Back to School Party

Meeting adjourned (12:41)

**(Document to be attached)*