

Senate Meeting – 27 February 2013

AGENDA

18th Student Senate Meeting

- 12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
- 12:15 – Student Joe Lukawski and Treasurer Mimi Adrien presenting a film budget.
- 12:30 – MPL and MMPA Rep (Darcee Meilbeck) reporting on Graduate Dean’s Forum with Neil Gordon
- 12:35 – Presentation Dema Al-Kakhan, running for the MEIS senator position.
- 12:40 – Report Senators who are involved in faculty searches
- 12:50 – Old business + New Business.
 - Announcements and Adjournment.

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:18PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): invites Joe Lukawski and Mimi (Treasurer) and Rene (MAGCS) for budget presentation
 - a. Joe: I sent a proposal to you all via email already – quick summary; I was a Fulbright scholar last year in Morocco; I’d like to have a night of presenting this project to AUP and the general public
 - b. (Plays movie trailer)
 - c. Joe: Originally, I thought about doing a screening in the Grand Salon, but it would be amazing to have a real screening in a real theater; I found a good price through a connection to rent out a cinema; and we would be able to privatize the reception afterward too; the GSC will cover expenses for the reception out of their budget; Roots and Shoots could also fundraise along with the evening, as the subject of the film relates to causes they support;
 - d. Rene (MAGCS): there are several of us in my program that want to encourage investing in projects like this; we want this as a part of our agenda for the future; we feel this film is a predecessor of projects to come;
 - e. Joe: so it’s a pilot screening, something we could produce in later semesters; the idea is to involve all of AUP, and even Science Po; we would have them advertise our events and be invited, and vice-versa; screenings and lectures like this should be shared
 - f. Laura (ICP): is Science Po the only school you are reaching out to? The Sorbonne would also be a good idea, etc.

- g. Joe: If you have contacts at the Sorbonne, I am happy to invite everyone; the only problem here is that the theater can only hold so many people, but I would be happy to have them; I'd like to build a relationship with AUP students and students at French universities to share skills; etc.
 - h. Laura (ICP): well,
 - i. Noor (Sophomore): what's the capacity of the theater?
 - j. Joe: 160-200...
 - k. Laura (ICP): have you checked with the theater as to food?
 - l. Joe: yeah, we have discussed it, it's involved with renting the space afterward – that's the extra cost; they are used to these sorts of screenings; they understand that we would bring in food, and clean it up; so far the pilot date will probably be Monday, April 8th; anything else would have been a lot more...
 - m. Noor (Sophomore): you said it was in the 5th Arrondissement?
 - n. Joe: I don't have the address on me, but it's off line 10
 - o. Laura (ICP): are you offering a voucher ahead of time, would you need a student ID?
 - p. Joe: as it is now, it's a free entry; we'll see how things develop, but I am open to having outside guests – it's just a matter of capacity; we may charge admission as a fundraiser, but we need to meet over it and figure that out; the fundraising element is something we will look into later; right now, my vision is to have it free of charge
 - q. Stephanie (IBA): I move to approve this budget.
 - r. Alena (Comp Lit): seconded
 - s. Laura (ICP): what language is the movie in?
 - t. Joe: the narration is in English and everything else has subtitles; there is also French spoken for those who are French speakers
 - u. Sven (USC VP): any more questions or points of information?
 - v. Alena (Comp Lit): move to previous question
 - w. Unanimously approved
2. Sven (USC VP): Last Monday evening was the Dean's Forum for the Grads; I asked Darcee (MPL/MPPA) to report on that, but she isn't here right now, could someone else report who was present?
 - a. Amy (MIN/MAIA): sure; so we met with Dean Gordon, in a nice space/safe space, so we feel confident that the information won't get out to people it shouldn't; there were refreshments, etc.
 - b. Amy (MIN/MAIA): we discussed TAs; the organization of that; the administration overall; it was about 2.5 hours long; we discussed French classes, etc.
 3. Sven (USC VP): invites Dema to come present herself as the possible new MEIS program
 - a. Dema: Hello – I am running to represent the MEIS program. Any questions?

- b. Amy (MIN/MAIA): what would you like to do for your program this semester?
 - c. Dema: I would like to host a nice dinner party, perhaps with Moroccan food and a speaker; there is a speaker coming later that we could base it around.
 - d. Amy (MIN/MAIA): I move to accept Dema as a new senator.
 - e. Ryan (MCT): seconds
 - f. Laura (ICP): move to previous question.
 - g. Voted in unanimously – (Dema joins the circle)
4. Sven (USC VP): there are several Senators participating in the Faculty searches – it's the largest one in thirty years – can any of you speak on it?
- a. Laura (ICP): I sat in on Skype interviews – there were a couple interesting candidates, coming from nice backgrounds; they have picked their top three, and now they are coming in to give a mock class – more to come
 - b. Elisabeth (Psych): I'd like to update next week.
 - c. Maritza (Art History): we have narrowed our options down to three; they all look pretty great on paper – they will come in for guest lectures and campus tours; the first one is next week on Orientalism; another on March 25th and March 28th; we would love any and all students to come – even outside of Art History; it's going well
 - d. Sven (USC VP): I can speak on the History Department; Professor Sawyer (Department chair) has narrowed down his options to four possibilities; we had about 200 applicants; now they are coming in to give lectures; we had one in yesterday; one is from Korea and would be a specialist on Asian History; another has done field work in Africa; the one we saw yesterday was interesting, but I look forward to seeing more to come
5. Sven (USC VP): Announcements
- a. Alexandra (Film): next Monday, 4th at 6:30PM G-29 there is a Film student mixer – all students are invited; we aren't screening anything until the film festival, but we're trying to bring everyone together
 - b. Michael (Junior): I met with Danielle Savage from the Careers Office, she will start coming in to the Clubs Room next week; Thursday or Friday afternoons for one or two hours
 - c. Jay (Freshman): I am trying to plan an end of the year flea market – for students leaving Paris to sell their things they want to leave behind; I'd like to start talking about when might be a good time; let me know if you have any recommendations?
 - d. Rene (MAGCS): do you want us to email you?
 - e. Jay (Freshman): (writes his email on board)
 - f. Rene (MAGCS): are you planning it on your own?
 - g. Jay (Freshman): I would love some help!

- h. Alena (Comp Lit): I can definitely support; I have plenty I would like to sell myself.
- i. Noor (Sophomore): I think right after finals would be best.
- j. Laura (ICP): before finals might limit peoples ability to be involved
- k. Michael (Junior): do you know where you'd like to have this?
- l. Jay (Freshman): no, not yet
- m. Alena (Comp Lit): I would recommend after finals, even if in the Grand Salon; people want to detox then; we could offer them all a table
- n. Jay (Freshman): outside would be nice too, if possible
- o. Mimi (Treasurer): how will the proceeds work? I'd like to email you about that.
- p. Laura (ICP): doing it outside is illegal in France – you'd need a special license.
- q. Jay (Freshman): even outside Grenelle?
- r. Laura (ICP): I wouldn't recommend it.
- s. Maritza (Art History): you should work with a charity, in case not everything sells – maybe the American Church could help
- t. Mimi (Treasurer): as far as the law works, I have a professor that you could collaborate with that
- u. Max (Econ): I would have the market after finals – maybe you could put together a website where people could pre-advertise what they will have
- v. Stephanie (IBA): I would like to grant the floor to our Treasurer.
- w. Mimi (Treasurer): There will be a Clubs Meeting with wine and food tonight – It will help explain what will happen with the clubs room next year; it's tonight at 5PM
- x. Sven (USC VP): we are currently missing several senators still – especially with the French Language department; we are in France, it is important to have that department represented; any French minors here?
- y. Laura (ICP): (leaves early)
- z. Sven (USC VP): can one of you please start looking into finding someone for the job?
- aa. Togzhan (Senior): I have a friend in the Department – I can work on it.
- bb. Stephanie (USC Communications Director): please don't forget, new senators to send me your bios for the website ASAP! No later than the next meeting. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned 12:55PM)