

Senate Meeting – 14 November 2012

Agenda

Ninth Student Senate Meeting

12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.

12:15 – Joumana Hassan to talk on AUP's Open House

12:25 – Executive Report - SGA Treasurer (Mimi Adrien) presenting several budgets

12:40 – Politics Rep (Laura Gonzalez) on the ICP meeting.

12:45 – Politics Rep (Laura Gonzalez) and Global Communications Rep (Mae Camara) on their goals.

12:50 – Officer report: USC Vice President (Sven van Mourik) on General Student Assembly and reminder of the duties of a senator.

12:55 – Old business + New Business.

– Announcements and Adjournment.

+ If time allows, an informal brainstorming session on senator motions that could change the university (wireless printing, open credit transfer, library hours).

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:13PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Joumana Hassan (Admissions) to discuss AUP's upcoming open house
 - a. Introduces herself – as an alum
 - b. Trying to get as much student representation as possible – you are all student leaders
 - c. Showcasing AUP – who we are, what we do, etc.
 - d. From 1-2:30PM – showcase fair of all the departments that exist, publication, student government student life; this time slot is when we most need you
 - e. People come from all over the world to visit campus and meet students; they want to hear from you
 - f. Faculty and student presentation from 2:45-3:45PM – undergraduate student debate (why my department is best) – successful last year; also have the time to showcase student government, activities, representation
 - g. Can anyone commit now?
 - h. Stephanie (MCB) – is there a graduate session to the student debate?
 - i. Joumana (Admissions) – undergrad debate is to help undecided incoming students consider majors; usually fewer grads involved, and their roundtable can be anything they want it to be
 - j. Need to know by the end of the week
 - k. Elizabeth (Psych) – what is the date?

- l. Joumana (Admissions) – 23rd November
 - m. Elizabeth (Psych) – as psychology rep, I'd like to be there to represent my major
 - n. Politics, Economics, and French still need representation
 - o. Laura (ICP) – I'd like to be there for politics, but I have class; can I help send someone from my department to you?
 - p. Joumana (Admissions) – yes, of course. Email me here: joumana.hassan@aup.edu
 - q. Sven (USC VP) – there is no French representative right now in the Senate
 - r. Joumana (Admissions) – that's okay, I know that department is changing a lot right now
 - s. Max (Econ) – if I can't be there, I will find a rep for the Econ department
 - t. Joumana (Admissions) – great. Thank you. We would also use anyone who'd like to come give campus tours throughout the day;
 - u. Anyone going home over winter break that would like to take admissions material to your home school or high school, that would really help too; most incoming students hear about AUP through friends, family, current students
 - v. Sven (USC VP) – can anyone else here now volunteer?
 - w. Joumana (Admissions) – you can let me know by Friday; thank you.
2. Sven (USC VP) – calls forward Karena (USC SD) to discuss a speaker proposal
- a. Karena (USC SD): one of my goals this year was to bring more speakers to AUP students
 - b. The guest speaker I found is Grace Brown – “Project Unbreakable”
 - c. She uses her skills as a photographer to help raise awareness about sexual abuse
 - d. (Plays her video) – speaker in video is the speaker we want
 - e. Monday, 26th November – important to the SGA and student affairs as a part of our sexual awareness week leading into December 1st, world aid's day
 - f. Speech and Q&A session
 - g. First time overseas, but she's spoken at other universities like MIT; important for our university because she is a young university student that's making a difference through social media; empowers victims of sexual violence – taking back power that was taken away from them
 - h. Mimi (Treasurer) – explains budget; how this speaker would affect the budget; takes about 8% of the Global Activities budget. (Pie chart to be attached)
 - i. In previous years, we haven't used as much of those funds; shows a shift in getting more speakers from outside the community; this speaker also ties in perfectly with our sexual awareness week; would say a lot for AUP
 - j. Karena (USC SD) – any questions?

- k. Laura (ICP) – would she focus particularly on university students or sexual violence in general?
 - l. Karena (USC SD) - it's not about the degree of violence, it's about how
 - m. Laura (ICP) – do we need to accept this budget?
 - n. Sven (USC VP) – that's up to you
 - o. Laura (ICP) – moves to accept this budget
 - p. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) seconds
 - q. Darcee (MPL/MPPA) – with Sven asking us to pose a question to our constituents for General Student Assembly – three constituents have already asked me for more speakers; this is perfect
 - r. Max (Econ) - Part of club's budget?
 - s. No, global activities budget
 - t. Laura (ICP) – move to previous question
 - u. Majority rules
 - v. Unanimously accepted
3. Mimi (Treasurer) - club's budget
- a. First, thank you for approving budget for the Wine Society; we followed up on your concerns, and she has given us a more specific outline for her plans with the new budget
 - b. Four requests for this meeting: AUPPA, Club's Room, Roots and Shoots, AUP Wine Society
 - c. (Passes around a budget breakdown for AUPPA's previous approval)
 - d. AUPPA – about 11% of club's budget
 - e. Roots and Shoots – about 4.1% of club's budget
 - f. Roots and Shoots has been around for a while, it's one of the most effective clubs on campus; already had events this year; meet regularly; good student participation; bi-monthly bake sales going well
 - g. Roots and Shoots is asking for a total of 963 euros (4%) of club's budget
 - i. T-shirt budget – sustainability; using collected t-shirts to make new things such as bags
 - ii. Bake Sales – fundraising for students to go to Tanzania; asking for about 25 euros for each; goes to scholarship fund
 - iii. Informational meetings – hoping to get reimbursed for refreshments we provide for our members
 - iv. Community informational events – different outreach activities, such as “Wasteland” screening, had about 10 people attend and then more show up later for a discussion; a lot of good feedback, led to our t-shirt collection and reusing
 - v. December 5th – trying to host another such event
 - vi. Jane Goodall Fee – have to pay to be an official Roots and Shoots club
 - vii. Max (Econ) – questions: refreshments for your meetings? last year we said we wouldn't pay for refreshments for only the

- club members, but if events are open to public we would offer; otherwise, everyone would come asking for food budgets; why do you need 180 euros for refreshments?
- viii. Mimi (Treasurer) for community informational events – usually in the evenings, more of a dinner; pizza, etc. with an outside speaker or professor, we'd like to make it a bigger event; open houses usually involve refreshments;
 - ix. Stephanie (IBA) – not sure I agree with expense for club meeting snacks, don't think it's appropriate
 - x. Max (Econ) – move to accept the proposal, excepting part for club meeting refreshments (lowers to 913 euros)
 - xi. Stephanie (IBA) seconds
 - xii. Any questions or points of information
 - xiii. Laura (ICP) move to previous question
 - xiv. Majority agrees
 - xv. Budget approved, with exception of refreshments, by majority vote
- h. AUPPA – MUN Hamburg, good for school – AUP can boast on website, etc. School has done MUNs in the past, the team has been successful every time; shows photos from previous debates
- i. In the past, we didn't have enough support to be official delegates, which did not allow us to be included in international rankings
 - ii. 2,710 euros request – mostly for transportation and housing
 - iii. Everyone going pays 65 euro registration fee; they sign a contract that says they have to pay what we help out with to compensate should they drop out
 - iv. Laura (ICP) – vice president of AUPPA; joined a society of Parisian schools of Model UNs; aiming for 650 participants for a Parisian-wide Model UN – to occur next semester; privately funded with an endowment fund; aiming to build it up to help send students to MUN; need to build up our name to make this happen, which means we need at least 10 people to be a delegation to get in rankings, even if given awards, can't be represent without; opening up to members of the student body, not just club members; last year, members paid about 800 euros out of their own pockets
 - v. Daniel (Freshman) – besides 65 euro fee, will participants have to pay extra for anything?
 - vi. Laura (ICP) – pay for what food the conference doesn't provide; and of course, what we can't get approved here; 7 is minimum for a delegation this year
 - vii. Sven (USC VP) – any motions on the floor?
 - viii. Ryan (MCT) – moves to accept budget
 - ix. Stephanie (IBA) seconds
 - x. Max (Econ) – how long is the conference?

- xi. Laura (ICP) – 6-9th, three days
- xii. Toghzan (Senior) – students will have to pay for transportation?
- xiii. Laura (ICP) – only to subsidize, our first request the clubs committee asked us to bring down, so we asked participants to pay 65 euro entrance fee; bringing budget request down 650 euros
- xiv. Stephanie (IBA) moves to previous question
- xv. Majority vote
- xvi. Budget unanimously approved
- i. Mimi (Treasurer) – last request is for the Club’s Room; passes around request (to be attached)
 - i. First, we want to make this club’s room and study room more useable for students; we really need a vice-chair, who would mostly focus on being liaison between clubs; any volunteers?
 - ii. Mae (GC) – I can’t commit right now, but I would like to talk to you about it
 - iii. Mimi (Treasurer) – thank you. We’ll talk soon.
 - iv. Back to budget request: ASM can still use it for weekly classes
 - v. Will work together to make room more adaptable, comfortable
 - vi. Spoken with Nicholas in maintenance, and he agreed to put in carpet and paint to match ASM office – using maintenance budget
 - vii. Requesting 1,250 euro
 - viii. Stephanie (IBA) – have you thought about putting in a computer and printer?
 - ix. Mimi (Treasurer) – yes, there are already two computers, students could print in ASM, and we would have a phone,
 - x. Daniel (Freshman) – moves to accept budget
 - xi. Toghzan (Senior) seconds
 - xii. Laura (ICP) – only concern is that the building has been sold – it’s no longer AUP property, we’re renting it; will there be a club’s room in our new building for these things?
 - xiii. Mimi (Treasurer) – we are still here for another 1.5-2 years, hopefully, if this is successful, it will build more community involvement, and that will transfer to new building
 - xiv. Max (Econ) – you proposed the budget, then said you would go back and talk about it again, should we table it?
 - xv. Mimi (Treasurer) – unless we talk and something critical comes up, we want to order this now; we will come back if something comes up
 - xvi. Miriam (Junior) – I’ve been in the room; not sure how a couch would fit – have you considered the space?
 - xvii. Mimi (Treasurer) – yes, we have measured with couches in the building, we feel confident

- xviii. Dana (CS) – since you have storage spaces, etc. the room will be locked a lot, right?
 - xix. Mimi (Treasurer) – we want to have it open to the general student body more; trying to trust AUP students and make it available, but if there becomes a problem, we will re-evaluate; if you're concerned about open mic nights, SGA is always there and I will be responsible
 - xx. Laura (ICP) – are you going to make it a room you would reserve, or is there a calendar where you would sign it out?
 - xxi. Mimi – it's already a room you can reserve through the 7eme website; we will discuss this method with clubs
 - xxii. Kevin Fore (SA) – right now, there are no rules, we want to set this up and introduce it so that we can use this room properly
 - xxiii. Mimi (Treasurer) – we will be responsible for setting rules, etc. when we are set up
 - xxiv. Max (Econ) – do we really need storage units and cabinets?
 - xxv. Mimi (Treasurer) – units would be more aesthetic, more accessible, as opposed to locked storage units
 - xxvi. Max (Econ) – but is it necessary for all clubs to have one?
 - xxvii. Mimi (Treasurer) – there are more clubs than 10, not all will use them, we will continue to evaluate that need
 - xxviii. Max (Econ) – meeting room, study room, and classroom? So do we need the couch and lounge chairs if it's more or less a study room? What is the point of the room?
 - xxix. Mimi (Treasurer) – we want it to be relaxed and informal for clubs to meet; clubs have expressed that desire, not to sit around a conference table, but sit and relax
 - xxx. Kevin Fore (SA) – table can be put out or away to make more space
 - xxxi. Dana (CS) – if we are to approve this budget, how soon will it all be ready?
 - xxxii. Mimi (Treasurer) – hopefully, we will order this now, the room will be available as soon as possible, and over winter break maintenance will put in carpet and paint
 - xxxiii. Amy (MIN/MAIA) – moves to previous question
 - xxxiv. Majority approves
 - xxxv. Budget approved by majority vote
4. Sven (USC VP) – introduces Laura (ICP)
 - a. Organizing ICP end of semester
 - b. Using part of 50 euros allocated to each senator for it – don't need approval for it, but wanted you to know
 5. Sven calls forward Mae (GC) and Laura (ICP) to discuss goals
 - a. Mae – there are differences/problems with course availability in GC,

- i. Trying to collaborate with professors to make sure this can be fixed
 - ii. Working with 7eme to have a student public sphere for GC majors to collaborate better
 - iii. Trying to host a social by end of semester to launch this new forum; skeptical about how that would work out, attendance, etc.
 - iv. Idea is to network with current students for future collaboration, etc.
 - v. Questions? No.
 - b. Laura (ICP) – probably heard most of my goals today
 - i. End of semester department party
 - ii. MUN and endowment fund
 - iii. Working in connection with the AUPPA, they overlap and take pressure off; works with ICP speaker series too
 - iv. Hopefully a larger end of year party
 - v. Figuring out budgeting for speaker series
 - vi. Questions? No.
 - c. Sven (USC VP) – point of information, Laura (ICP) mentioned use of 50 euro budget; available as long as you stay at or under 50 euros; just announce to Senate
6. Sven (USC VP) – General Student Assembly
- a. Vital way of raising awareness
 - b. Introducing Senators to constituents
 - c. Need questions from Senators – posters for around school
 - d. For all of you that have not seen me already about this, please send me a question by tonight
 - e. Stephanie (USC Comm) – reads sample questions; asks for large images for posters
7. Sven (USC VP) – time to consider goals for the semester
- a. Attending meetings to a large part of your role
 - b. Talking with constituents and faculty is another part
 - c. Also, having an affect for change in this university can be a big thing too; my goal is for all of you to end the year having accomplished a larger goal for a positive change in the university, such as our History Rep’s wireless printing goal, which was successful
8. Any old/new business?
9. Announcements:
- a. Was the idea for an informal brainstorming session, but not enough time today
 - b. Registration for new courses has begun again – Senate meetings will be at the same time next semester, Wednesdays period 3

- c. Will have an end of the year party coming up through SGA, for the 30th November; we will want your help promoting soon
- d. Please send an email to Stephanie (USC Comm) with photos; to Joumana (Admissions) if you can help with open house

(Meeting adjourned 1:23PM)