

September 9th, 2015

First Senate Meeting of Fall 2015 Semester
Minutes taken by USC Comm Director Elizabeth Segre-Lawrence

12:12- Attendance Taken

- Today Is the first meeting but also an **informal** meeting as not all positions are filled

12:13- Senate folders handed out

- Contains information on how senate runs, “first assignments”, and other important information
- Senators will now be holding join open-houses
 - This will allow for more buzz and less calamity amongst the departments
- Senators must also use the shared drive in order to share information amongst themselves and to leave important information for their predecessors
- Next week will also be informal, and will be a **faculty/senate lunch** for senators, their faculty advisors and other people in the student leadership department.
 - Indian food will be provided
- Speech Night will take place on **September 14th at 18h**
 - The new format for speech night will be a moderated debate
 - Panelists so far will be Kevin Fore, Marc Montheard, Evon Pervan-Keller, and Taylor Paris
 - Senators are encouraged to come and pose questions
 - The audience will be able to pose questions at the end of the event
- The back to school party will take place on **September 11th from 7PM-12AM**

12:22- Committee Overview

- There are currently **six total committees** within the student government: The Activities and Clubs Committee, Sports Committee, Judiciary Committee, Careers Committee, The Social Committee, and The Environmental and Community Service Committee.
 - The Activities and Clubs Committee (ACC) will be responsible for helping manage the student activities budget throughout the year alongside the SGA treasurer
 - Each senator receives a budget of 100 euros to help host events
 - Current chairs are **Petra Krupova, Eric Ritchie, and SGA treasurer Luljeta Malota**

- The Judiciary Committee is responsible for handling the constitution and making sure all senate activity is constitutional
 - Current chair is **Celeste Palmer**
- The Environmental and Community Service Committee handles all philanthropic endeavors on campus and is comprised of three clubs: Roots & Shoots, AUP Cares, and AUP Green
 - Current chair is **Alexandra Elz**
- The Sports Committee keeps the student body updated on all sports news and works with the captain's committee
 - Current chair is **Christopher Knapp**
- The Careers Committee will help students get more access to internship and job opportunities and works closely with Danielle Savage from the Careers Office
 - The chair of this committee is yet to be decided but will be the **junior rep** once elected
- The Social Committee helps students plan and promote events around campus and updates the senate on events that occur around campus
 - Current chairs are **Sarah Haper-Johnston and Victoria Lewis**

12:31- SGA Executive Overview

- The current SGA Treasurer is **Luljeta Malota**
 - There is a total of **100,000 euros** available in the student activities budget
 - There's 28,000 for activities and social, 60,000 for clubs, 9,800 for the execs and 2,200 for the senators
 - Last year there were some budget approved that take out of this years 100,000 leaving 56% of the clubs budget left
 - **ASM, the Grad Gala and AUPPA** were the clubs that asked for this money
- The Current USC Communications Director is Elizabeth Segre-Lawrence
 - Takes minutes every week
 - Shares posters and information on social media
- The current USC Social Director is **Delaney Peterson**
 - Runs events on and off campus
 - The back to school party, Peterson's first event of the year, will take place on **September 11th from 7-12** of which senators are expected to attend
 - If they don't attend the Back to School party, they are expected to attend two executive events that take place throughout the year
 - Other events to take place include the Halloween Party, the End of the Semester Party, and the International Student Soiree
 - Wristbands that get people unlimited wine and champagne all night are currently on sale in person and online for **20 euros**

- **Students cannot drink at the venue at all if they do not have a wristband**
 - The event is free entry for AUP Students (with presentation of a current AUP ID), but if they want to drink they must still buy the wristbands for a total of **20 euros**. If outside people would like to attend they may do so but have an entrance fee of **5 euros** and **20 euros** for the wristbands
 - There will be an after party at a club called Les Planches which will be free entry for AUP students
- The current USC President is Evon Pervan-Keller
 - Serves as a link between faculty and the students (especially senate)
 - Also handles charity week

12:51- Quick “Hello” from Student Dean Kevin Fore

- Potential candidate introduction
- Current Senator introduction
- What does senate do?
 - Senate has the power to bring about changes on campus
 - They are also able to foster community
- “Senate is an experiment in democracy”
- **“Everyone (senators) is here with goodwill”**
- This year’s main focus is to get faculty more engaged in senate activity
- We’re trying to have as many faculty members attend this lunch as possible
- What is the role of graduate students in student senate?

1:11- Senate adjourned