

Senate Meeting – 24 October 2012

Agenda

Seventh Student Senate Meeting

12:15 – Call to order and agreement agenda.

12:15 – Kristina Ver Foley (Director of University Outreach and Advancement) on AUP's new website.

12:30 – Computer Science, Mathematics and Science Rep (Dana Kianfar) and Comparative Literature and English Rep (Alena Mealy) presenting their goals and projects.

12:40 – Presentation chair Environmental committee (Shannon Mueller) and statement chair Social committee (Elizabeth Rubel).

12:50 – Vote of Confidence by Computer Science rep (Dana Kianfar) and Economics rep (Maximilian Schleich).

13:00 – Old business + New Business.

– Announcements and Adjournment.

Minutes

Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:13PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): Announcements
 - a. PPE and Sophomore Reps handed in resignation, Sophomore Rep open, and PPE dissolved for the time being
 - b. First guest speaker has not yet arrived, continue with Reps
2. Dana (CS)
 - a. Computer Science open house – (6:30PM today)
 - b. Looking for new Environmental Science Professor – on the committee
 - c. Trying to get computer science majors together to consider how to share skills with university
 - d. Set up computer lab in Grenelle for Computer Science Majors
 - i. Can't experiment without administrative passwords
 - ii. Room available, thinks he has support of IT
 - iii. Talked to Dean, may be available by Spring
 - iv. Would not be available to other students, but not an issue yet
3. Alena (Comp Lit)
 - a. Goal to bridge gap between students and teachers
 - b. Adding a booklist to classes already for spring
 - c. Created a Facebook account with booklist for department

- d. Meeting tonight at 6PM to talk to Comp Lit students about changes needed
4. Welcome Kristina Ver Foley – Director of Outreach and Advancement
- a. Web redesign project:
 - i. Public website as well as MyAUP being redesigned for an expected launch in May 2013
 - ii. Big, important project for AUP
 - iii. Old platform doesn't offer much flexibility
 - iv. Idea: functional, modern and appealing to prospective students
 - v. Started in Fall of 2011, and found company MStoner (US based consultancy) – leaders in field
 - vi. MStoner met with students, faculty, administration last May 2012, analyzed over summer, and delivered in early September 2012 first design ideas
 - vii. Received 2 initial design concepts last week – minimal, but going public soon
 - viii. Enlist help and feedback – single largest investment currently at AUP
 - ix. Focus groups on Campus
 - 1. Tuesday, Oct. 30th, 3:30PM-4:30PM grads
 - 2. Wednesday Oct. 31st: 10:30AM-11:30AM undergrads
 - x. Please attend or put word out to constituents
 - xi. Contact Sebastian Ordelheide (Outreach and Advancement) if you wish to attend
 - xii. Survey going out to public soon after focus groups – parents, students, staff, prospective students, etc.
 - xiii. Nov. 15th, choose a design concept – will revise current content and simplify
 - xiv. Mid-Feb, Early March – revised version of current info will move into template for new website – will recruit students to help in late March-early May with content transfer
 - b. Monthly Communications Meetings (campus wide)
 - i. Working with ASM and 7eme – student life at AUP needs a more public presence
 - ii. Meeting with SGA
 - c. Questions?
 - i. Daniel (Freshman): Focus groups will be held...?
 - 1. Maybe 118 rue St. Dominique – will confirm
 - d. Hands out flyers for local Alumni weekend (May 2013)
5. Shannon (EC Chair)
- a. Having trouble communicating with maintenance, but meeting next Tuesday to work on fixing recycling program
 - b. Dana (CS) – Library and (behind Bosquet) have own recycling, but rest of buildings need it

- i. Looking for a new company to work with, old one might have been too expensive
 - ii. Need to figure out budget, maybe through student activities
 - iii. Need to campaign with students – will need Senators’ help to reach out to constituents to encourage recycling
 - c. Shannon (EC) campaign for reusable water bottles coming soon too
 - d. Questions? No.

- 6. Message from Social Committee
 - a. (See attached doc)
 - b. Left email address for everyone should someone want to help/ask questions

- 7. Call for vote of confidence: Dana (CS) and Max (Econ)
 - a. Everyone knows the situation
 - b. Danite and Luka already resigned, Florian has not yet
 - c. Sophomore and Junior Reps have many duties, need someone to fill as soon as possible
 - d. Luka and Florian look forward to running for positions next semester
 - e. All those in favor of impeaching Florian Schrieter as Junior Rep a
 - f. Clear Majority – Sven (VP) will convey to Florian

- 8. Daniel (Freshman) – makes a motion
 - a. Issue of only 18 credits per semester, issue with 4 credit courses; what if you don’t use 2 extra credits?
 - b. Anya Verkamp, freshman, brought issue to table – difficult to complete double majors within current system
 - c. Proposal: if a student takes only 16 credits in a semester, those 2 remaining credits could possible carry over to an additional 2 the next; 20 credits in the next semester
 - d. This policy would pertain to only new students
 - e. Could encourage students to stay for a full year instead of a semester
 - f. Any motions?
 - g. Stephanie (IBA) – motion to make proposals to make proposition possible; Daniel (Freshman) seconded
 - h. Adriana (Film) – we should look at how other universities (in US) how they manage it; part of AUP is small class size, but this could take an effect on that
 - i. Ryan (MCT) – Suffolk, his undergrad, had same situation, students paid extra for extra credits
 - j. Mae (GC) – yes, students can pay extra for extra credit classes; ASM classes are free right now; should speak with Dominique Meys
 - k. Stephanie (IBA) – moves to previous question
 - l. Majority favor – concluding debate
 - m. Sven (VP) – usually, make a motion to create a committee, for example, to continue exploration

9. Announcements

- a. Stephanie (USC Communications)
 - i. Bosqu'ary – this coming Friday, October 26th, Halloween Party
 - ii. “Well Tuned Words” – Renaissance/Early Baroque music concert, Monday, October 29th
 - iii. Re-sharing info on personal accounts (FB, twitter, etc.)
- b. Sven (VP) – full access to Senator email address?
 - i. To get into contact with your constituents, very powerful tool; need to be using
 - ii. Contact the Helpdesk to make sure you have a usable account
 - iii. Toghzan (Senior) – email IT sent out was confusing, sent about 3 weeks ago;
 - 1. Sven (VP) – please forward that to me and Senators
 - iv. Recycling Scheme, Web Focus Groups, Halloween Party
 - v. Looking for Vice Chair for Clubs Committee – need a Senator; come talk to Sven or Clubs Committee
 - vi. Max (Econ) and Adriana (Film): reps to speak next week
 - vii. Daniel (Freshman): update on proposal
 - viii. Next Wednesday, no meeting (Fall Break)

Meeting adjourned (12:50PM)