AGENDA

16th Student Senate Meeting

12:10 – Call to order and agreement agenda.
12:10 – Introduction Senators
12:20 – USC Vice president (Sven) presenting overview senator survey Fall 2012.
12:30 – Appeal Blake Collins chair Computer Science
12:35 – Budget request presentations by Treasurer (Mimi Adrien)
12:50 – Old business + New Business.
    – Announcements and Adjournment.

Minutes
Taken by Stephanie Dissette (USC Communications Director)

Meeting begins (12:13PM)

1. Sven (USC VP): Welcome, agreement of Agenda?
    a. Laura (ICP): can we move the clubs request earlier on, 12:20, to allow a club leader that needs to leave to speak quickly
    b. Sven (USC VP): okay, all in favor? (majority approved)
    c. Would also like a quick introduction please, from each senator, and brief intro of plans
    d. Amy (MIN/MAIA): hello, my plans are mostly about grants
    e. Ryan (MCT): continuing to work on bringing newspapers onto campus
    f. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): working on extended access to grad lounge, proving to be difficult with legal implications, working with Dean Neil Gordon to fix it
    g. Laura (ICP): MUN work, still working with constituents in order to figure out what else needs help
    h. Loraine (GC): trying to bring together all publications on campus, ASM, trying to consolidate them all online at 7eme
    i. Alena (Comp Lit): Speaking with department head about stress-relief, trying to get booklists out earlier to students, trying to help constituents be successful this semester
    j. Noor (Sophomore): working with businesses around 7th and world's fair
    k. Alexandra (Film): trying to bring together Film students, create a better community amongst students
    l. Carol (Visiting): visiting from Northeastern in Boston, third year student, trying to get visiting students more involved

m. Togzhan (Senior): organizing Graduation Gala, having a meeting next week for the Seniors to allow them to ask questions, express concerns, etc. an email will come later this week; also working on promoting the careers office, bring Danielle Savage on campus, make her more accessible

n. Jay (Freshman): still working on specific plans, but want to make AUP an even easier place to be socially speaking

o. Max (Econ): scheduled a series of events for the semester for economics students and bring in more AUP students – one last week, another tonight

p. Maritza (Art History): working with the department on hiring committee (mock lectures, etc.), will keep you all updated on that

q. Michael (Junior): working with Sophomore rep and Social Director on World's Fair

2. Sven (USC VP): invites Mimi (Treasurer) to work on club budget requests and budget overview

a. Mimi (Treasurer): (PowerPoint presentation to be attached)

b. Mimi (Treasurer): any questions on Global Budget? No.

c. Mimi (Treasurer): moving on to club requests
   i. Runway
   ii. Awards Night
   iii. MUN – AUPPA and Debate Club

d. Mimi (Treasurer): April 30th we want to have a leadership awards night, about 6-9PM; don't have the space here, so we want to rent out an auditorium

e. Mimi (Treasurer): USC SGA and GSC SGA are also supporting this event

f. Mimi (Treasurer): Runway, and the two MUN requests next

g. Mimi (Treasurer): looking to approve 558 euros for the auditorium

h. Laura (ICP): can you please go back to the spreadsheet for the theater? Is it just for the space of the theater for the night?

i. Mimi (Treasurer): yes, we need more space to accommodate the number of people on our campus

j. Alena (Comp Lit): just curious about the talent show – can you explain?

k. Mimi (Treasurer): sure. it will be organized by AMP, Runway club might also participate with a fashion show at the beginning, and it will also include an awards night for student leadership – perhaps a sports award night included

l. Laura (ICP): do you have anyone already signed up for it?

m. Mimi (Treasurer): AMP has been working on it all year, they have judges reserved… etc.

n. Laura (ICP): is there a refund if it gets cancelled

o. Mimi (Treasurer): we don't anticipate a need to cancel it

p. Loraine (GC): where exactly is the theater?

q. Mimi (Treasurer): not far from here - where the last White Mask production of "Grease" was held
r. Noor (Sophomore): is just half a day enough time?
s. Mimi (Treasurer): yes, that should suffice, it's an evening event
t. Loraine (GC): will AMP be asking for more budget for this?
u. Mimi (Treasurer): yes, probably, but they likely will have most of what they need already; the idea is to build a tradition of acknowledging student talent, giving more recognition and celebrating them more
v. Max (Econ): you said that you anticipate 400 students to attend
w. Mimi (Treasurer): the theater can hold up to 400
x. Laura (ICP): Do we know how many people normally attend these events?
y. Mimi (Treasurer): hard to say, it's a new event – last year it was in Combes, but it was full; the White Mask musical in the past was well attended, this is replacing that for this semester
z. Togzhan (Senior): do you think that the remaining funds will be enough for the rest of the year?
aa. Mimi (Treasurer): I know that there are two clubs still looking for funds, but that won't take much of what is remaining, other than that, there aren't other clubs asking yet
bb. Mimi (Treasurer): the talent award night is only 1.1% of the budget
cc. Togzhan (Senior): moves to accept budget request for the theater
dd. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): seconds
ee. Carol (Visiting): how are we sure the space will be used to its full capacity?
ff. Mimi (Treasurer): we need to start by getting the theater, the actual publicity comes down to AMP, and Student Affairs is involved
gg. Laura (ICP): would it be possible to open the event to the public to ensure more participation?
hh. Mimi (Treasurer): I am not in control of that, but I'm sure that can be open to discussion
ii. Jay (Freshman): will it be free admission?
jj. Mimi (Treasurer): yes.
kk. Amy (MIN/MAIA): move to the previous question
ll. Budget approved unanimously
mm. Runway's budget next – with the AUP Wine Society, asking for refreshments for the fashion show, and a few administrative costs; and finally for the talent showcase, they're asking for some supplies, total of 258.75 euros
nn. Laura (ICP): can you elaborate on the supplies?
oo. Mimi (Treasurer): basic things they need for the club to continue into future years
pp. Ryan (MCT): moves to accept the budget for Runway
qq. Laura (ICP): how important are these T-shirts? How essential are they to the organization of their showcase

rr. Mimi (Treasurer): we brought down their request to only the essential items, I don't think this is a ridiculous request

ss. Loraine (GC): move to previous question

tt. Budget passed unanimously

uu. Mimi (Treasurer): Finally, two MUN trips with AUPPA and Debate, open to members from both clubs to join

vv. Mimi (Treasurer): the previous Model UN trip was successful, and this time they would like more support, including the registration fee; Debate club has never requested funds

ww. Laura (ICP) and Isabelle (Debate) come to the front to answer questions

xx. Loraine (GC): what will you finance yourselves?

yy. Laura (ICP): formal wear clothing, food, the actual living expenses – representing the school all day; Isabelle (Debate): we already compromised by dividing accommodation fees – using a friend to help with housing all the students; Laura (ICP): last year, we paid all the registration, housing, and transportation fees ourselves, representing our school

zz. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): what are the dates, and do you have students already signed up for those slots?

aaa. Isabelle (Debate): 12th-13th of April, and we know of interest, but we do not have specific students in mind yet

bbb. Laura (ICP): there are about 5 people already signed up for the other, the dates are in the beginning of May; once a student signs up, if they cancel, they pay the fee; the money will be returned to clubs budget if not used

ccc. Noor (Sophomore): can you confirm the transportation cost?

ddd. Isabelle (Debate): flying is best in cost, I checked other options, and nothing else was plausible; less expensive than the train

eee. Laura (ICP): for the Maastricht trip, we needed to request a certain amount for train travel, but we are paying for any change in cost since the prices have risen

fff. Isabelle (Debate): part of why we are booking now is to save money – earlier is best

ggg. Amy (MIN/MAIA): so the members that are going are only paying food and personal clothes?

hhh. Laura (ICP): as well as transport to some extent, and accommodations in Maastricht

iii. Loraine (GC):

jjj. Rene (MAGCS): how will you know how many are going?

kkk. Laura (ICP): both of our clubs meet today, so hopefully by the end of the day – everything goes through AUP, with the help of Cultural Programs, so its very transparent

lll. Isabelle (Debate): as soon as possible, once the budget is approved

mmm. Rene (MAGCS): so you expect by the end of the day?

nnn. Isabelle (Debate): I don't have names with me right now, it's limited to five people per club, but by the end of the day I should be able to answer that

ooo. Laura (ICP): our members know of the trips and have shown interest; and we are intending to attend the best/most well-known conference in Europe – people outside of the clubs have shown interest

ppp. Loraine (GC): I move to accept all aspects of this budget accept for the registration

qqq. Amy (MIN/MAIA): can you please elaborate, Loraine (GC)?

rrr. Mimi (Treasurer): (clears up cost difference between the two)

sss. Loraine (GC): I believe that every student should pay something to contribute

ttt. Laura (ICP): I understand, except that we do this in the name of AUP, not just for ourselves; that's why it's different from a typical CP trip; last year, we paid a lot on our own

uuu. Mimi (Treasurer): even last semester, they paid out of their own pockets by paying the registration fees, this time we would like additional support

vvv. Laura (ICP): last time it was around 350 euros out of our own pocket for travel, registration, etc. Again, we represent AUP

www. Sven (USC VP) : point of information, needs to be seconded or a new motion needs to be made

xxx. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): seconds Loraine (GC)'s motion

yyy. Isabelle (Debate): with all due respect, we have already compromised by finding outside accommodation, we would like to have you take that into account

zzz. Max (Econ): agrees with Isabelle (Debate) and Laura (ICP); they have already proven to support AUP well in this way, and we have the money to support them now; last year, we supported the sports teams because they went in the name of AUP

aaaa. Loraine (GC): what have been the success records of your past trips?

bbbb. Laura (ICP): last year, we had a delegate win most knowledgeable of procedures, best delegate last semester, last year best delegate; we've had other delegates request our participation in future MUNs; also working on another MUN project that won't cost the school anything

cccc. Noor (Sophomore): I think its ridiculous to ask them to pay the registration fee; it's a lot of hard work, the food costs a lot in touristic areas; I personally feel the Senators should support the way they represent AUP

dddd. Isabelle (Debate): Thank you very much; I have also invited two professors here to help prepare us; we take this very seriously; last year, we came back to AUP from an MUN with an honor award, we have been successful

eeee. Rene (MACG): You have asked students outside of your clubs if they would like to join as well?

ffff. Laura (ICP): yes, we have invited our professors and fellow students to come to the event, particularly to support

gggg. Rene (MAGC): if you find that more students want to participate, how will you dictate who will participate?

hhhh. Laura (ICP): we will consider how serious they are, how committed they will be, how prepared they are; we have two clubs with students already participating

iiii. Rene (MAGC): I think it's a great initiative representing the school, as long as the opportunity is offered to all interested

jjjj. Togzhan (Senior): move to previous question

kkkk. Loraine (GC)'s motion declined

llll. Togzhan (Senior): move to accept budget requests in full

mmmm. Alena (Comp Lit): seconds

nnnn. Budgets pass

3. Sven (USC VP): Results of senator surveys, speaking for myself and Dave (GSC VP)
   a. (Document to be attached) – not all senators filled out the survey, we intend to do surveys as a part of the meeting in advance to fix this
   b. On the whole, responses were positive – of course we are always looking to improve; if you see anyway to improve the rules we uphold in the meetings, please do make a motion or come to me privately to discuss a change
   c. A lot of students felt they were too new to the process to know what to do; however, due to limited meeting times, it is an important responsibility, and you should all be prepared to act in meetings
   d. Overwhelming feeling of support from faculty and students to get done what they wanted to do
   e. A lot of senators believe that more senators need to speak – meetings had a feeling of being too serious or superficial at times, largely do to this; overall, more discussion should be fostered
   f. Office hours are being published today – if anyone wants to come discuss any of this with me

4. Sven (USC VP): calls forward Blake Collins to appeal to Senators to become the new Computer Science rep
   a. Blake: introduces himself; requests to support the department in the place of Dana
   b. Blake: my transcript from back home does not reflect what it should, I would like to officially support the department as opposed to supporting them without recognition (which I will do regardless)
   c. Sven (USC VP): just to clarify, your GPA is above or below 2.5?
   d. Blake:
   e. Laura (ICP): moves to accept Blake as Computer Science rep
   f. Alena (Comp Lit): seconds

g. Amy (MIN/MAIA): moves to previous question
h. Voted in unanimously
5. Sven (USC VP): old or new business?
    a. Darcee (MPL/MPPA): Announcement – Mona Bismark Foundation, quick intro of the foundation; trying to foster relationship between the US and France in the arts; by attending an event recently, I met the American Ambassador – I will be in contact with the amazing awesomeness of Stephanie (USC Communications) and Shola (GSC Communications) about getting more involved with events through the Mona Bismark Foundation
    b. Laura (ICP): Paris International Model United Nations, 31st May- 2nd June – we've been working intensely on this project; if you know of anyone that may be interested in getting involved, let me know!
    c. Loraine (GC): next week is Social Media week, and we will be holding an event here for it – next Thursday at 7:30PM
    d. Blake (CS): we have an open house coming up – Environmental Science is an upcoming major; please come, support our event – don't be afraid of the Computer Science crowd
    e. Sven (USC VP): as of today, I will only send important minutes and emails to your senator accounts – contact ITS if you have not set this up already; second, we are still missing three senator (History, French Studies, or MEIS/MAIS), please encourage students to appeal to the senate and become a new senator; finally, you do have a senator budget, don't forget to take advantage of this – do something for your community;
    f. Sven (USC VP): the undergraduate senators please need to get in touch with me before next week's meeting to set up a quick individual meeting time

(*Meeting adjourned 1:18PM)*