



UtahStateUniversity™
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

9/11/2017 | 4:00 PM | USUSA Senate Chamber

CALL TO ORDER & THE SCOTSMAN

Approval of minutes: Senator Khasgiwala: **Moved** / Senator Wise: **Second** / **Passed**

PUBLIC FORUM

Katie Lee Koven: Director for the Nora Eccles Museum of Art on campus. Museum is closed right now for construction. Our role is to be *your* museum. We are a resource for classroom-related learning and for students to have social engagements, receptions, free food, etc. We have about 5000 objects and we focus on American art. We are working on some construction projects and the museum will reopen in Fall 2018. While we are closed, we are doing a lot with the mobile art truck. For the Year of the Arts, I wanted to have a project that involves all colleges, and that is what the **Work in Progress Mural** is.

[Watched a KSL clip about the mural.]

USU is going to contribute two panels to this mural project. Each of the deans can contribute two names of faculty who can contribute. This will happen by the end of October. Each person would stencil one person to the mural. I would love all of you to participate as well. We want up to two students per college as well. January 25th and 26th — we can schedule times out. A commitment of about two hours where you would come work with an artist on creating your stencil. You create the stencil, they take the stencils, then they create the collage for that section of the mural. We also want two reproductions of the entire mural to display on campus. That's my proposal. Questions?

Senator Davis: One woman? Or all women?

Katie: Participants do not have to be women.

Senator Lieber: Do you want all of us to be participants, or us find students?

Katie: You all, and perhaps find another student as well.

Senator Dowdle: What is our role in the process?

Katie: Step one, between early October and December, finalize the woman that you will then stencil. Step two, work with the artist between then to come up with a headshot/stencil that will work with this project. Other artists that have worked on this have not had experience either.

Don't worry about that part.

Senator Wise: We are lucky to have Katie here. Because this is Year of the Arts, this is a really great, unique opportunity. Feel free to send any follow up questions to me and I'll get them to Katie.

Katie: There is a connection between the Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart Clubs Band album artwork and this project. Please reach out to me with any more questions.

Mason Johnson: My purpose to educate you guys so you can educate the students you are connected to. We need help with an awareness campaign from now until October 6th and 7th, which is when **The Block Film and Art Festival**. We are the only city in the nation that has a film festival as intimate as one block with four theaters. This sixth year of the festival, we have film, music, art, and learn categories. Tons of films, over 50 bands playing, art galleries hidden in the nooks and crannies of downtown Logan, outdoor art installations, and our learn program, consisting of 25 panelists across seven different education panels, including one on the opioid epidemic. We'd like to get this information out to the students. We sell all-access passes to students for \$5. Those will be on sale in the next week at Morty's, Cafe Ibis, Waffle Iron, and Island Market. That is 88% off the normal price of \$45.

Senator Lieber: I went last year and this was awesome. It's a Friday and Saturday, right? Do you have a social media event up for it yet?

Mason: Soon. It will be up shortly.

Senator Wise: Will there be a bus?

Mason: We'd like to. Didn't get called back by Aggie Shuttle last year. If anyone has an in, that would be helpful.

Senator Lieber: Would you be willing to pay for the shuttle?

Mason: Yes. This is a non-profit event, but we do have a budget.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harms: Met with John Mortensen this week about initiatives. One thing to be thinking about is there are three extra days that we do not need to be in class. We need to figure out what the students want to do with those three days. I am going to be getting a survey together that we can send out through the student affairs office. Also met with him about No Test Week policy. I'll open this up for discussion. Most faculty would not vote for a percentage of their grade not allowed during the week. We may go with what John has already written.

Senator Lieber: John's proposal doesn't do much, but it might be a necessary step to pushing the percentage proposal in the future.

Senator Davis: Point of clarification: nothing worth more than 15 percent of your grade can be due the week before finals week.

President Harms: Correct. Faculty are not on board with that. John thinks if we pass something a little less specific now, that can open up the conversation for the future.

Senator Bess: You're going to be sending more surveys?

President Harms: Yes, with information from students such as how many tests you have during finals week, final projects, etc. If we can show the faculty there's no different in the numbers because of the wordage of a proposal, that may open up more conversations in the future.

President Harms: John is also thinking about priority registration for veterans. That's what I will be focusing on this week.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Senator Khasgiwala: Been working on GRCO resolution. Will be discussing things with Michael. Working with council members to share the goal.

Senator Davis: Had our mini-retreat for business council. Went to the ropes course. Build unity and trust. Working on business week. A week behind Heather. There is a 5K race while we are in San Jose. Racing for orphans with Downs syndrome. If you know anyone who is interested, please invite them. All proceeds go toward this organization.

Senator Lieber: Had our first council meeting and have been sprinting ever since. CAAS weeks starts on Monday. I will invite you to the CAAS Week Facebook event, and if you invite all your friends, I promise I will faithfully do the same for you. I'll tell you more in Slack. Baby pigs during lunch on Monday. The Outdoor Nation campout is going really well so far. From 6-8 p.m. we'll have plenty going on. Sleeping out on the Quad. 6 a.m. = sunrise yoga. Will be completely cleaned up by 7 a.m. This is the part I'm most nervous/excited about. Cow milking lessons on Tuesday. Film screening about GMOs on Wednesdays. Farmers market Thursday. None of you will be there Friday. Please invite people on Facebook.

Senator Bess: Free speech forum on Wednesday the 13th. Featuring MSP, a rep from the Utah chapter of the ACLU, and a Utah representative. The dean will be moderating. In conjunction with the IOGP. Met with my council. Cup of Joe with Joe — meet the dean event. Simple.

Senator Dowdle: Quick update — event last week was successful. Good networking. Just planning for Science Week. Beg. of November, so still pretty far out.

Senator R. Thomas: Had a meeting with council this week and NR advisor. Retreat in the works. Quinney Scholars.

Senator D. Thomas: Doing an opening social (Hob Nob) next Tuesday from 4:30 to 6. There will be games, Aggie Radio, should be quick and easy and fun. On the education lawn. Planning education week.

Senator Wise: As part of the Year of the Arts, there is a lot going on. World-renowned lectures going on that are open to all students. This is cool. And free. Let students know, send it on FB, etc.

Senator Olson: Engineering Council retreat this weekend. We have our opening social on Thursday at 5:30. They are opening a new lab for senior design students. Working with department heads to integrate them into what they're doing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Lieber: **Move to debate** / **Senator Davis:** **Second** / **Passed**

ASR 2018-01 — “Correcting the name for GRCO in all legislative documents”

President Harms: Are there any points that need to be debated?

Senator Davis: Where does the information come that this was meant to be creative instead of collaborative?

Senator Khasgiwala: This was intended to award creative research projects.

Senator R. Thomas: **Motion to end debate** / Senator Davis: **Second** / **Passed**

Senator Lieber: **Motion to approve as first reading** / Senator R. Thomas: **Second** / **Passed**

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim: You are all invited to the EC meeting tomorrow at Maverik stadium at Linda's office at 3:30 or north stadium parking lot at 4. Just a reminder to get in touch with Spencer Perry early rather than later to get your marketing materials taken care of and ready to go. Just a reminder, as well, to get a profile put together on Slack. Download it onto your phone.

Kate Stevens: coordinator for the student sustainability office. We do the Blue Goes Green grants (now Student Sustainability Grants). In order for funding to be passed for grant proposals, they have to go through committee. The student senators are to select every fall a student to serve on that committee. Time-wise to serve on the committee for the large-grant deadline November 1st, students can plan on 10-15 hours they will need to contribute. Students can apply for smaller grants throughout the year. The main thing is to assemble our larger grant committee.

Senator Lieber: How soon do you need these students?

Kate: Is a week reasonable? Let's shoot for next Monday.

Senator Bess: What are some of the other grants doing?

Kate: Two of the biggies are the Farmers Market and the Bike Share program that will be starting this year, similar to the one in Salt Lake. Lots of small grants, like refillable drinking stations.

ADJOURNMENT: Senator Lieber: **Moved** / Senator R. Thomas: **Second** / **Adjourned**

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Olsen, VP Blake Harms, Senator Anuj Khasgiwala, Senator Cody Davis, Senator Heather Lieber, Senator Grant Bess, Senator Travis Dowdle, Senator Rebecca Thomas, Senator Deidra Thomas, Senator Sierra Wise, Senator Erik Olson, Assistant Dallin Johnson, Alison Berg, Katie Lee Koven, Mason Johnson, Kate Stevens