



UtahStateUniversity™ STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

9/18/2017 | 4:00 PM | USUSA Senate Chamber

CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

Approval of minutes: **Senator R. Thomas: Moved / Senator Khasgiwala: Second / Passed**

PUBLIC FORUM

Ian and Dio from Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI): Thank you for having us. We have been preparing for this for three months. We are full-time employees of the fraternity. There is a huge negativity stigma surrounding fraternities. We are here to defy that stereotype and create a new culture here at Utah State. Phi Gamma Delta, aka FIJI, is a values-based organization and a non-profit. We had a chapter here that closed in the 90s, but with graduate support, they want us back. We see this as an opportunity to reach new student groups. We want a premier group of young men on campus. We'll be here for six weeks on campus. The first two weeks we'll be presenting to you guys. Thanks for letting us come talk to you. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, we'd love to address those.

VP Harms: What would you like with the Academic Senate?

Dio: Name recognition. This [the third floor] is going to be our home base for the next few weeks. We want you guys to know who you are.

Senator Bess: What was the official reason you left in the 90s?

FIJI: Membership was declining in the early 90s. It was a socially focused group and the values were declining. We deserved to close. We wanted to. We're coming back because we're excited. We are convinced that the student body here is committed to doing a fraternity the right way.

Senator Davis: What is your 3-5 year plan if you are able to get things going?

Ian: What we're doing right now is colonization. It takes about two years for a colony to charter. We want to be leaders on campus. We want to be a group of well-known men committed to this campus.

Dio: We want this chapter to be functioning on its own. We're going to provide faculty support in the meantime, but we want the chapter to be able to spread its wings.

VP Brendon Brady and Taylee Anderson from SAA: Taylor Bybee is College Networking Director, and he

couldn't be here today, but we are making changes to the position that we are excited about. College Networking Nights happen during college week, and what we offer is to run that for you — reserve the alumni house, provide ice cream, etc. That's how it's been in the past, but the change we're making is that we've noticed students are scared of networking. Our goal this year is to help students understand how to network. It is one of the most underutilized tools on campus. Networking opportunities can help us do that. We are going to be doing crash courses for networking--max 30 minutes. We'll go over how to network. What questions do you have?

Senator Dowdle: Joe Day last year was going to hold a networking night in the spring not during the college week. Is that something we could utilize your services for?

Taylee: Yes. Just keep us posted on the details.

Senator Olson: Do you have a network/spreadsheet about alumni from certain colleges and what they're doing now?

VP Brady: Yes. A lot of it is sensitive information. But our services will allow you to book the alumni house at a very low cost, promote your event, and do a lot of the work you would need to do.

Taylee: Contact Brendon, Taylor, or me to get the process rolling. The earlier you can contact us, the better. About a month ahead is ideal. You will be in charge of the social media, but we'll retweet it.

VP Brady: We also have mailing lists. We can host alumni events. Look at this as a freebie. The business school kind of does their own thing, but like Travis was saying, we can do something that's not during your week. We can be of service to you and your students.

Senator Davis: How often are you expecting to do these crash courses?

Taylee: Before all networking events.

VP Brady: Just right before the actual networking events. The networking event would be at 7, the crash course would be at 6:30.

Taylee: Taylor's email is tbybee58@gmail.com.

Senator Dowdle: Are there limits on when we can book the alumni house?

VP Brady: We have first priority on booking. Busy season is over, so just talk to us.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VP Harms: I have started to prepare for fee board. We've started advertising, so you should direct students to the application online. That will go up either today or tomorrow.

Director Perry: It's up now!

VP Harms: Think about qualified, open-minded people and encourage them to apply for that. Anything else we need to know, Linda?

Linda: Director Perry will give you the location. We want to have quality students on the board, so encourage them to apply.

Senator Bess: How many students will be on fee board?

VP Harms: Seven. And each of you will work with a faculty member on fees regarding specific areas. Mental health, for example. It is helpful to appoint people who have a vote on the fee board onto your subcommittees. We'll talk lots more about that later. The student-at-large application for the fee board is due the 3rd of October.

Senator Olson: What is the selection process?

VP Harms: The application comes to me and I work with Linda and Tim to decide who we will interview.

COUNCIL UPDATES

VP Harms: Please support Heather in her events this week.

Senator Khasgiwala: Working on complaints coming from graduates. Also discussed with

Senator Davis: Business week is coming up next week. We have a 5k this Saturday. Dogs with the Dean on Monday. Get to know your professors on Tuesday. Similar to Bingo. Wednesday is a Huntsman Gives Back service project. Details will be clarified this week. Thursday is Huntsman Alumnight in Perry Pavilion. Friday is tailgate party. Planning Huntsman Gala in October.

Senator Bess: Free speech panel last week turned out well but had mixed reviews. Most complaints were on formatting. Working on setting up a breakfast with the dean. Working on an event for homecoming week.

Senator Bess: Does anyone have the email for the Art Mural?

Senator Wise: Yes. Talk to me.

Senator R. Thomas. Blue Goes Green is due today.

Senator Dowdle: Finishing up planning for science week. Finalizing everything tomorrow. Brainstorming a senior gift. If any of you have done something like that, please let me know your ideas. Going to send a survey about that.

Senator R. Thomas: Working with council.

Senator D. Thomas: Hob Nob opening social tomorrow (Tues Sept. 19) from 4:30 - 6 tomorrow in the TSC. Getting things rolling for education week.

Senator Wise: Planning Artoberfest. Working with council to plan event with GRC about DACA working with Bridget.

Senator Olson: Had opening social last week. First meeting Thursday. Won't be there because San Jose.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Olson: **Motion to open debate on ASR 2018-01 / Senator R. Thomas: Second / Passed**

Senator Olson: **Motion to vote on a straw poll for this resolution** / Senator Wise: **Second / Passed**

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

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

Senator Bess: **Motion to call to question this final reading of ASR 2018-01** / Senator Olson: **Second / Passed**

NEW BUSINESS

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda: Underneath resources on our website is our event dashboard. Anytime you do an event, you need to go fill that you. This is how we're going to improve our events. It is our record of how successful our events are. Underneath resources. Reminder — help Spencer out a little more. Meet with him 5-6 weeks before your events. Any questions about San Jose? No? Great. You leave on Thursday at 7 a.m.!

Senator Davis: We're getting fed twice?

Linda: Friday — breakfast in the hotel. Eat with their officers Friday afternoon. So you'll eat then. Saturday you'll have breakfast. You'll have food with alumni on Saturday. My understanding is that Coach Wells will provide pizza on the bus after the game.

Linda: Heather has a campout tonight. If you can go to that, please do. FIJI will be working out of our office. If you have anyone you can recommend to them, please do.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Zimmerman, VP Blake Harms, Senator Anuj Khasgiwala, Senator Cody Davis, Senator Grant Bess, Senator Travis Dowdle, Senator Rebecca Thomas, Senator Deidra Thomas, Senator Sierra Wise, Senator Erik Olson, Assistant Dallin Johnson, Alison Berg, Ian and Dio from FIJI, VP Brendon Brady, Taylee Anderson, Director Perry