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STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING MINUTES

10/30/2017 | 4:00 PM | USUSA Senate Chamber

CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

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

Officer accountability

PUBLIC FORUM

Timothy Pace: **National Residence Hall Honorary** — will be holding a canned food event at the TSC on November 18. They would get into the movie with a canned food item. Hoping for help advertising to increase attendance and donations.

VP Harms: Do you want help distributing flyers or on social media?

Timothy: Social media mainly, but around the TSC as well.

VP Harms: We'll put you in touch with our PR department, and we'll have each of the senators get in touch with their councils. That's how they can help with specifically.

Timothy: The movie will be around 6. We don't have the room in the TSC reserved yet, but I will keep you posted. The food will go to the SNAC office in Logan.

VP Harms: Great. Thank you.

VP Ambuehl: **Athletic Fee Board Committee** — I would like a more diverse group of people on the committee this year, rather than just Hurd members who are very gung ho about athletics already. I was hoping I could get some of you or your council members. We only meet twice and there is free food and Gatorade. It gives you an inside look into what they will be doing. I'm looking for four or five from the Hurd committee and four or five from the AS and your committees. The goal, like I said, is diverse thought. Any questions?

VP Harms: Do you want me to collect that information?

VP Ambuehl: Yes

VP Yoshikawa: Came for a couple clarifications: if you are a club president, you can't be a USUSA club and

departmental club. Through USUSA, we give funding and building access to the TSC for USUSA clubs. Departmental clubs have access to their individual colleges. Does anyone have questions about USUSA clubs?

Senator Lieber: With departmental clubs, do you have any contact with them at all? Or is that our responsibility for, like, Day on the Quad signups?

VP Yoshikawa: Day on the quad, that is not through me. That's through Sophie. In terms of doing things with them, that is not through me. That's the different departments.

Senator Davis: Are any of those from the business school?

VP Yoshikawa: There was one, but they were already a departmental club.

Senator Olson: Are departmental clubs more academically focused? What is the distinction?

VP Yoshikawa: Like engineering clubs?

Senator Olson: Yeah, like outdoor rec, for example, for engineering students. Would that be a USUSA club?

VP Yoshikawa: Yeah. Usually clubs will start as a USUSA club. Departments are more stingy because there is more funding. Like that, when there's not a department, yeah, they should start as USUSA.

Linda: Also, all clubs have to have an advisor, but in a department club, that's actually part of the job description. But in USUSA, they are a volunteer. Department clubs will have an index number they can use for travel.

Senator Bess: If you ever have any clubs, reach out to us, we can try to do that. We don't have very good club contact.

VP Yoshikawa: Reaching out to clubs would help for planning events for your college. I've put together a spreadsheet. have a tab for each college at the bottom. If you can fill that out, that would be great. It just asks for the name of the club, the contact, the president, the advisor, their contact info. If you can't find it, I'll try and help in the process. I sent out a survey for club rush in the fall, and the biggest feedback we got was that students want to see clubs for their colleges there. I'll send that out to you guys tomorrow morning. If you don't fill that out, I'll keep bugging you.

Savannah: **Blue Crew - Thank You Week:** We decided to change the Friday service project to Friday and Saturday, Saturday being the bigger day. We don't need you to plan a service project anymore. We are going to plan a giant one on Saturday. We'll have more information about that later.

VP Harms: Quick straw poll. Would anyone still be interested in a service project? Four yes. Great.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VP Harms: Just one thing from EC — applications for the Alternative Breaks is December 1st. They are going to Guatemala. You just have to provide airfare for yourself, and everything else will be covered. We also had the Student Events office wanting to thank each of you for volunteering with the Howl. It went off without a hitch.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Senator Khasgiwala: Last week I met with Brian Merrill, who I am working with on the fee board. Yammer is up now. Promotion posters are up on my.usu.edu. We can use it now. I have started working on Mental Health week. Waiting for people to respond to a Doodle poll.

Senator Davis: Huntsman Gala is next Friday from 8-11. Will be sending out the graphic next week. The Facebook event has been created. Live jazz band, DJ for the last hour and a half of it. Update from my council: collected some data on weekly emails. Only about 42% of students open the weekly email. Want to break it down more into what students actually use it. The survey in the weekly email wasn't marketed well, in my opinion.

Senator Lieber: My council doesn't have any big events coming up. We created a mission statement involving event planning, student outreach, and advocacy. We are really working on advocacy right now. If you have any ideas or ways you are getting out and talking to students, we are really trying to dive into that while we don't have any events we are scrambling for.

Senator Bess: We are in the midst of not having a lot of events as well. My council is really excited about service. We have talked about a monthly service event where we would forego our weekly meeting and do a service event instead. We are planning a debate for elections week, similar to what the Huntsman school does. Talking with my advisor to set that up. We are potentially going to do dad hats for CHaSS week to sell to fund our student scholarships. Quantity and margin seems to be the issue. What would you guys pay for a dad hat?

VP Harms: \$5

Assistant Johnson: Same

Senator Lieber: I would have said \$10, but why do they have to be dad hats? They look funny on my head.

Senator Bess: That just seems to be the current trend.

Senator Dowdle: I have sent everyone in the GroupMe marketing for Science week. There's some weird thing at the bottom of the poster, but that's not actually on the poster. Starts next Sunday. Partnering with Stuff-a-Bus. We are helping with marketing, and science council specifically that night. That's when we'll be out there. Monday we'll be giving out cookies and hot chocolate on the TSC patio. On the back there will be a Hub marketing logo, and they've given us free food. We will have an alumni networking night Monday at the alumni house. Brendon has been helpful with that. We've tried to get a diverse group of people. Tuesday we have a quiz at 12 p.m. in the Hub. Dept. head of math/stats will be MCing. I swear it's going to be fun, even though it's math. Those two are not mutually exclusive. There will be gift cards to different restaurants around Logan. 12-1. Won't have food, but most people will probably already be eating. We have Cookies and Acoustics, go over the anatomy and physiology of the ears. Erik Dalton will perform. Somebody from my council will be performing as well. On Wednesdays we are having an Anatomy in Action ping pong tournament in the HPER building. It's in the middle of the day, but it was a nightmare to try and schedule anything with the HPER. We're rolling with the time they gave us. Elemental Bingo that night at 7 p.m. Kind of like High Stakes Bingo, but we are advertising it as "the bingo you can actually get into," since people couldn't get into High Stakes Bingo this year. Should be an awesome event. Your chances of winning are way higher. That will be MC'd by Dr. Ensign, the G.O.A.T. chemistry professor. Friday we have our keynote speaker, Dr. Bern Kohler from Ohio. "Feel the *other* Bern." Puns. He's a big deal in the chemistry world. He does some awesome research with DNA and denaturing of DNA. He has NASA funding is trying to make humans compatible with other planets. That's the schedule of events so far. Each of these will have individual sharable things we can share. If you could

encourage your councils to share their graphics, that will be great.

Tim: Linda and I would like these to be included on the Academic Senate Slack channel as well.

Senator R. Thomas: We had our event on Thursday for freshman and transfer students. It was not well attended, but people who came had a good time. Still trying to figure out communication in the NR school. People have a tendency to not answer emails and texts.

VP Harms: Do you want any advice from the body?

Senator R. Thomas: That would be helpful.

We also are selling tickets now for Loggers Ball. Marketing is approved. Also started working on NR Week in April.

Senator D. Thomas: Education Week is two weeks away from today. We are getting things finalized next Monday. We are planning two events next semester that have already bombarded me. We will be doing a documentary in February, and we will be doing mock interviews for each department sometime in March.

Senator Wise: Had a chance to meet with an architect this week to go over some of the recent renovations and where they seem them going. They asked for feedback from students' perspectives. Additionally, we are working on fee board with my council. Getting excited for that. Kind of like what Senator Lieber said, we are working on advocacy. We are sending out surveys to get feedback. Quick reminder--the mural project is due today. It is really fast, so please do that.

Senator Olson: Raised \$350 selling hot chocolate at our pumpkin toss on Saturday for the engineering student who was injured in a car accident. The movie event was good. It was poorly attended, but it was good practice to plan an event outside of E-week. Hopefully these events get better. Going to Hill Air Force Base in a month. E-Week is planned, but we may be able to get the former NASA administrator under Obama as our keynote speaker for E-Week. Making a pitch for OER funding for the Engineering College.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Bess: We talked about the advertising quadrant on my.usu.edu last week. I expressed weariness on it because I know advertising rules on campus and at the TSC are already really strict in soliciting students. I was assigned to look at restrictions on campus to get an idea of what they are. DOGSOC (Distribution of Goods and Services on Campus). I have a matrix. It's their guidelines. I don't want to take up too much time, so if you have any specific questions, I can try and answer them. Kevin thinks online stuff hasn't been addressed by DOGSOC in the past, but it could in the future. It's up to John and others to make that connection if they want to be a part of that. Commercial entities and vendors are denied, period. There are approved vendors, but the definition is not clear. Seems to be something different than auxiliary. Perhaps that is who *could* advertise on USU. The update would be outside commercial vendors are not allowed other places on campus, and perhaps we need to have policies defining the same rights online as on other places on campus.

VP Harms: We'd like to commend you as a council on your research.

ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim: Kevin will be out of town for an open house, and I will be out of town later this week for an open house. The hunt was successful. As a reminder, Aggie Heroes is Wednesday at 7 p.m. You should have received an email from Sophie about priority registration. If you didn't, talk to Sophie. Thank you to

everyone who helped at the Howl, for adding 1400 more people to the Field House this year. We initially heard that arrests were up this year, but they were actually down this year. And finally, just a reminder that Slack is the official communication platform for USUSA. Please attempt to use that as much as possible.

Linda: I was against Slack at first, but now I am 100% on board.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Zimmerman, 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, Jonathan Ambrose, several students at large from a class