



## UtahStateUniversity™ STUDENT ASSOCIATION

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

11/14/2017 | 4:00 PM | USUSA Senate Chamber

#### CALL TO ORDER AND THE SCOTSMAN

Approval of minutes: VP Harms: **Moved** / VP Yoshikawa: **Second** / **Passed**

Officer accountability

#### PUBLIC FORUM

David Higashi: Here representing Blue Crew. We need help with Thank You Week the week after Thanksgiving. That Friday is going to be a service project. Students will come in and write thank you for servicemen--the military. The cards consist of things you have in your life you cherish most to show that we care about them. We think this will be a great service project to reach a wider audience than just USU. This will be Friday, December 1st.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Peters: Our presence has been requested at different panels coming up. Dusty Peterson emailed and said that CAPSA is putting together a leadership conference on December 2 from 9:40 to 11:30 a.m. They need two or three officers. Can anyone help? Joe and Chelsea, excellent. The location is to be determined. The same day, Riley Peterson is putting together the Transfer Leadership Experience. We need one person for a leadership panel from 4:30 to 5:30 in Huntsman Hall.

VP Brady: I am going already as a part of SAA.

President Peters: She is requesting Clubs and Student Events.

VP Yoshikawa: I should be able to go.

One more thing: I had the chance to attend a conference this weekend related to international students, and specifically students from Israel. We do have Israeli students on campus. The Israeli Palestinian conflict isn't a huge deal on our campus, but it is an issue, similar to free speech. My main takeaway was to continue promoting inclusion. We want to make sure we are loving and embracing everyone. We also had our USA meeting at Westminster. That's where VP Brady's wearing red idea really came together. Very last thing: I met with Coach Wells and Director Hartwell regarding the beat Hawaii football game. They are really pushing for student attendance this Saturday. Our seats are actually now club seats on the west side instead of the north end zone. Saturday at 1 p.m. They're asking to please push this on social

media. This is big.

## COUNCIL UPDATES

**President Peters:** Tomorrow we have Parfaits with the President at 9 a.m. in my office. We want to save the parfaits for students who aren't normally on the third floor. The goal is to get students up here, talking, expressing ideas about what they'd like to see at Utah State. Had our leadership conference with the middle school. The theme was Everyone Belongs. We've got a dodgeball tournament coming up on December 1st. Destress Week during dead week. We'll be doing things like taking Smarties around the library, telling them, "you are what you eat." Other things like that, too.

**VP Harms:** I had a meeting with course fees yesterday, so I was not able to attend Academic Senate. This week is Education Week. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays — please share those events. Deidra especially wants support for the Flick and Float tonight at the HPER building. Also, please meet with your fee area committees before Thanksgiving Break. Logger's Ball is this Saturday.

**VP Ambuehl:** This week is super busy. We just had a women's basketball game today, and we had 3,000 elementary school kids there. Freakin' awesome and crazy. Tomorrow is men's basketball at 7, playing Mississippi Valley State. Thursday is a volleyball game at 7. That is senior night for their team. Last home game of the season. Friday is another women's volleyball game against the University of Arizona. PAC 12 team. Want a lot of students at this game. 7 p.m. There will be free beanies and a hundred random students get seats at the football game on Saturday. Saturday, obviously, is our last bowl game of the season. We should beat Hawaii. They're not that good. [Chuckles.] Can I get that off the minutes? It should be a good game--good competition. Air Force is our last game, but they just got destroyed by New Mexico and we beat them. I would encourage you to share a graphic about the game this Saturday on your social media accounts. I would also encourage you to do a personal video on your stories. This helps get traction with people. There is a point to posting personal videos like that. I'll send that in the GroupMe. Other dates to keep track of: December 2 will be the BYU basketball game. It will be a blackout. We are trying to do a new thing called Club Spectrum, where we sing the national anthem and then do a video for sportsmanship, turn the lights off, and do a pre-game dance beat. December 6 we play UC Irvine, and we are giving away 500 ugly sweater t-shirts. We are going to give away a lot of tickets to local high schools over Christmas Break. We are doing Spectrum Magic night once we're back from Christmas break.

**VP Yoshikawa:** This week is also International Student Week. Thanks to those who have been going to the events we have so far. Shout out to Anuj for planning Diwali. It was such a fun event. Thank you as well to VPs Brady and Ambuehl. Mr. and Mrs. International is coming up this Friday night. As part of Deidra's week, Latin X is selling tacos as well tomorrow during lunch time to support Diversity and to support Deidra's week as well. It is still Native American Appreciation Month, and there are still things going on for that. Please support them. Last week we approved USUSA HOSA, so they are now a club. We are gearing up for Club Rush and including more departmental clubs. Since we don't have Day on the Quad next semester, Club Rush is a good way to get club names out there. If the HURD or the Service Center wants to set up a table, we'd love to have you guys. I'll make sure to reach out to you individually to sign up. That's the Wednesday of Welcome Back Week. It'll be a good time. Keep an eye out for that.

**VP Ambuehl:** With Education Week--there will be a food drive at the basketball game on Wednesday.

**VP Aratari:** Just got back from NACA. We had our minds blown by magic tricks. It was really fun and we got to bond a lot in that experience in the great city of Reno, NV. We are actually bringing a lot of people back from that conference to perform at the university next semester. Thank You Week is happening the week after Thanksgiving. Monday is Thank Yourself Day, Tuesday is Thank Your Peers Day, Wednesday is Thank Your College Day, Thursday is the Thank the Hidden Gems of the University Day, and Friday is Thank Your

Veterans and Community. I encourage you to send a message out to your committees to participate. Welcome Back week is in the works, and I'll be talking to you guys about dates and times.

VP T. Brown: Stuff-a-Bus is going really well. We collected 1,650 pounds yesterday. If you know any committees that still need to sign up, please refer them to me. Other than that, we are trying to promote Grandfriends. On Wednesdays and Thursdays they go to elderly homes and play games with them. Super fun activity.

VP Brady: Point of clarification: Who came up with the name Grandfriends? Because they deserve an award.

That information can be found on AggieSync. Also, we have a dance marathon coming up. If you could respond to the Doodle poll, that would be great. Shoutout to Spencer for getting us a videographer.

VP Brady: Our college networking event for Education Week will be at 6:30 on Thursday at the Alumni House. That same night, we have our alumnight with Erik Mikkelsen and his wife Erika. The location is TBD. Thursday we will be meeting for Student Advisory Council. Our next True Aggie night isn't until December 2. Next semester we have Networking Week, Student Giving Week, and A-Week is our big shabang. We will also participate in Traditions Week. Also, please respond to the GroupMe. We need to figure out if we want to cook or go out and a date for Thanksgiving.

Director Perry: Festival of Trees registration is open right now. I would suggest we all go in and sign up to decorate a tree.

VP Brady: Point of clarification: When we pay for that, do they take it out of our index?

Director Perry: On the form I have your index number in there, and we just charge it when you register. Some people have done it already.

We did want to bring elections bylaws to you this week. Based on meetings we've had with legal advisors and in light of first amendment rights, we have a delay on the bylaws. We should be able to present on the 28th. We are redoing a lot of things in light of this information. It would be nice if we could have it all done before we leave. Along with that, again, elections committees, as you think about people that aren't running, remind them that this is a great way to see the process. This year, with a lot of the overhauls, we are going to need a larger group. Elections are going to be a little more wild.

VP T. Brown: Are we allowed to sit on that committee?

Director Perry: Yes.

VP Yoshikawa: How do we join?

Director Perry: I'll have the application out by the end of the week.

We also have group pictures at the winter retreat after we get back from Christmas break. Friday, January 12th at 1 p.m. We can wear our suits, but the theme is navies and grays. Maybe we should do a straw poll if we are not all in agreement on that?

President Peters: We bought the suits to look uniform, so let's do that for the pictures.

Senator Khasgiwala: Met with Dr. Brian Merrill for Health Center fees to discuss what the problems were last year. We met for Mental Health Week and decided some of the structural details. I went to the grad social for the promotion of Yammer with some handouts. Meeting with different colleges this week and

next week to help get information about Yammer to students.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Peters: There is a discussion to cancel next week's meeting. AS moved to cancel their meeting as well. Does anyone see a need to meet next week as a body?

Senator Khasgiwala: **Motion to cancel next week's Executive Council meeting / VP Aratari: Second / Passed**

## NEW BUSINESS

President Peters: The last meeting of the semester will be held on December 5th. We traditionally don't have an Executive Council meeting during finals week. We have two more meetings this semester. Keep working hard!

VP Aratari: For Welcome Back Week, we are doing a skating night, and the two nights they have available are the Tuesday or the Friday. If it's Tuesday, they want to keep it open to the public. If it's Friday, it's USU students only. I'd like your opinions.

Linda: Friday is our retreat.

VP Harms: There is also the park that freezes over the lake.

VP Ambuehl: I would lean toward Friday.

VP Yoshikawa: I feel like Tuesday would compete with sk8ies night.

## ADVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda: Just a reminder about our retreat on January 12th from 1 or 2 to 7 or 8, once we figure out class schedules. As you come into our office, some of you are excited and some of you are shocked. The decorating of the holiday season are because several of us are gone and we want it to be nice when you come back from Thanksgiving. I leave tomorrow to two open houses in Henderson and St. George, then I will be taking vacation next week. I will be available by phone or email. Spencer will also be gone for two weeks. Richard Boudrero, who is over the postal service, is struggling with the Post Office downstairs, and so they are asking us to promote the services they offer to students. They will find out the cheapest way to mail your packages and you can buy stamps there. If we can't get them more service, they might go away. International students use it heavily. It's a great service for us. President Peters, will you be able to email the suite information and where everyone's meeting for the football game and make sure all our officers are aware of that.

VP Brady: Are we going with the dress code or casual? Polos?

Linda: Polos would probably be nice. It might set you apart from donors and such. Name tags would be great as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Senator Khasgiwala: **Moved / VP Aratari: Second / Adjourned**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Linda Zimmerman, President Michael Peters, VP Blake Harms, VP Jakob Ambuehl, VP Todd Brown, VP Brendon Brady, VP Joseph Aratari, VP Chelsea Yoshikawa, Senator Anuj Khasgiwala, Director Spencer Perry, Assistant Dallin Johnson, Erik Olson, David Higashi, Lukas Lehmann, Jonathan Ambrose, Kylee