ASUPS Formal Senate
McCormick Room
Thursday March 8th, 2017
[2017 Session, Sitting IV, Meeting VIII]

Call to Order

Members Present: Senator Caskey, Handick, Porter, Piorier, Staver, Parone, Lipsett, Molgaard, Johnson, Goodell, President Díaz, President-elect Noble, Vice President-Elect Inouye, Vice President Mobley, Dean of Students Representative Comstock, Staff Representative Johnson, Faculty Representative Morris

Excused: Senator Cariño

Tardy: 0

Minutes
The minutes of the February 22nd meeting were approved.

Vote:
- Yay: 12
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 3

The minutes of the March 1st meeting were approved.

Vote:
- Yay: 14
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 1

Open Forum

Executive Reports
- President’s Report from President Amanda Díaz
  - Updates:
    - Been doing midterms, fellowships, and putting out fires in ASUPS this week!
    - Senate Changes: Been meeting with Peggy Perno, met with Athletics, will meet with CICE when we get back and try to meet with Greek Life:
      - Social Action and Diversity Senator
• Student with Disability
• Athletic Senator
• Transfer/ International Student Senator
• Greek Life Senator
• Two ASUPS Senators Sarah, here and Nic Rothbacher are working on an Emergency Fund
• Met with Sarah Shives, Mary and Lori Seager about policy and the form. Got some really great feedback will be doing this over Spring Break. This will need Dean Bartanen and Sherry Mondou’s approval.
• Anti-Bias Video Campaign filmed this weekend, video will be done by the end of March
• Vending Machine-It’s here! In front of CHWS
• Campus Climate Survey- Fill it out!!!! Work Study Student to do a fill-out-a-thon! Friday, March 9th 10am-1pm with snacks in the Piano Lounge
• Events:
  • Campus Climate Fill-a-Thon Friday, March 9th 10am-1pm in the Piano Lounge
  • Inauguration Monday April 2nd at 5pm in Rotunda
  • March for Our Lives Saturday, March 24th 10am at People’s Park
  • CWLT Students of Color Study Hour Every Wednesdays at 8pm the CWLT (Howarth 105)
  • Green Fee and Expressions Fund!
    Looking for a way to find additional funding for any project? Apply for the Green Fee and Expressions Fund for ASUPS to help make your project a reality! The due dates for these applications are Feb 2nd, March 9, and April 6th. Please contact Julia Lin, ASUPS Director of Student Interest at asupsdsi@pugetsound.edu
• Vice President’s Report from Vice President Jenna Mobley
  • Been consumed by budget meetings after spring break will mostly be wrapped up
• Faculty Representative Report from Representative Gerard Morris
  • Was attending Society of Composers national conference last week.
  • Welcomes all new senators!
• Staff Representative Report from Representative Sarah Johnson
  • Nothing to report
• Dean of Students Report from Representative Sarah Comstock
  • Has been talking to Tiffany Davis and it is her understanding is that there is a myth around sexual misconduct investigations. Is currently speaking to student groups with Margaret Cady. Now that student affairs is no longer doing investigations there is a myth no one is doing them. Working with peer allies to debunk these myths and to let the community know that it is Margaret’s job. We are hoping it is being reported when occurs. Is concerned that students don’t realize it is still happening. Another issue is the question of why does the school need a huge welcome center- the student center is entirely donor funded, earmarked
specifically for the center. The administrator realizes this is an issue for students and faculty across campus, there will be a forthcoming discussion.

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**Senate Reports**

- Chair Report
- Club Liaison Director Report
- Club Sports Liaison Director Report

**Committee Reports**

- Media Board: discussed the Trail's cover story about an Olympic athlete, Trail staff is excited about it. The Trail, having come in to appeal the stipend amounts, will be submitting longer job descriptions soon to aid in that process. The KUPS booth flooded last week, but no damage was done. Each media has at least one person looking to fill the GM position, so the hiring process will move forward after break, hopefully smoothly.
- Union Board- Senator Parone discussed quotes for new chairs to be put in upper Marshall, possible replacement for balcony furniture, talked about Rendezvous room
- Governance- Senator Lipsett clarifying green fee, talked with Julia to expedite smaller requests that are more time sensitive, language of bylaws
- Programmers board- Senator Lipsett applications are posted, all are welcome to apply
- President’s Council Report

**Senate Project Reports**

- Handick: (Rendezvous room update) received the list of lighting options and their costs, is in the process of choosing between the styles of light. Because I didn’t have the information by the union board meeting of this week, funding has not moved forward, so I will have to wait for the next monthly meeting to submit my proposal for funding. The timeline of painting relies on the installation of lighting.
- Johnson: staff training for cultural competency, contacted Professor Grace Livingston
- Goodell- student activities to put on workshop over orientation to talk about issues on campus + working to get old sanitary machines removed
- Lipsett- first part of anti-bias was completed with video, now working to distribute video, thinking about how to continue project beyond semester
Unfinished Business

➢ 18-051: Club Request from The European Culture Club

The ASUPS Senate hereby verifies the European Cultures Club as an official ASUPS Club.

The purpose of the club is to integrate the UPS community with European students, European culture, and European politics. Its principle aim is to spark a school-wide bond by mutual interest. *The club application and constitution can be found in the Appendix

• Discussion
• Sarah Comstock read letter written by the former club president of the European Culture Club
  • Letter shares details regarding the student’s intentions for the club, shares that he was never asked about his intentions regarding the club, and was offended and hurt by students’ accusations in the absence of communication regarding his real intentions.
  • The letter will be posted to the facebook page where the “accusatory post” was originally made
  • Kathryn Queirolo - Used dog whistle terms applied by other white nationalist clubs on other college campuses
  • This club made no effort to clarify their position to the campus so it became a question of what is the true intent and purpose of the club
  • Issue is more about the impact and consequences of such a club over the feelings of a single student
  • Thanks ASUPS for its transparency over this issue, specific context of this club relates to the specific context of Tacoma
  • Professor Diane Kelley - Was the faculty advisor for the proposed club
  • Students were not there at the last meeting because they were not told, it would have cleared up some confusion regarding the club
  • Loathes and abhors racism in all forms and would never assign her name to something that would promote bigotry
  • Has read the resolution proposed by senate and concurs and thanks senate
  • John Fils-Roush - Wants to express some concerns about the reactions regarding the club
  • Many European cultural traditions are watered down in the US, and practices and beliefs of European cultures are not celebrated in their fullest in the context of white America.
  • Shared an extensive history of European white identity
  • Is bi-racial, because of mixed heritage felt conflicted but still wanted to address senate with his own feelings
  • Want distinction and separation of each ethnic identity on campus to feel safe
  • Students treat white identities as monolithic without regarding nuance
  • White supremacy is a disease but feels like white people should be encouraged to explore the history of their whiteness to understand the concept and contextual history of whiteness and their identity
• Sees value in letting a non-political, non-white supremacist identity club examine their heritage like other clubs on campus
• Kathryn Queirolo (in response to John Fils-Roush)
• Thanks John for sharing narrative but thinks the narrative makes some problematic assumptions
• Aggressively assimilated in whiteness as a child
• Encourages students of white identities to explore that identity doesn’t acknowledge their identity is overwhelmingly represented everywhere else
• Whiteness is a non-ethnic category, it is a structure of privilege used to oppress and assimilate minorities into it
• The police, when looking at your body, does not ask what ethnicity you are but whether you are white or non-white
• Indulgent liberal space, certain academic niceties of looking at the nuances of whiteness but doesn’t fit into the values of the ASUPS Senate, irresponsible when the goal is to uplift marginalized community
• Senator Handick
• Thanks Professor Diane Kelley for coming in to speak and apologize on the behalf of ASUPS for not inviting the club in last week, that is not on the club for not coming in, contributed to unclear communication, thanks for sharing
• Senator Molgaard
• Thanks all who spoke, welcomes everyone who wrote notes to submit them so ASUPS can look back and reflect on them. Discussions that need to be had are the ones regarding structural change and structural problems. It is important to have well-informed discussion. Inclusivity must be an active part of any club, ASUPS must provide better examples for our clubs. Whiteness is a monolith. There was a student not here tonight whose reputation on this campus is forever changed, which is not allowed for by us having these discussions in which we address these issues of race and politics. Everything is political (to John Fils-Roush)- you cannot create an identity-based club without being political. Like to encourage everyone the immediate effect of these structural conversations.
• Senator Lipsett
• Thanks everyone for sharing. Discussions of Identity are inherently difficult.
• Encourage everyone to refocus on the harm that has been already caused in this community, find ways to grow and heal from this process.
• Senator Johnson
• It is important to acknowledge that harm is hard regardless of intentions. There was harm done on both sides. She vouches for the intentions of the student who wanted to start the club, but also recognizes that the issue here is of white ignorance rather than malicious racist intent on the part of the student in question. Thanks everyone for sharing personal narratives. Focus attention on how has the campus been harmed and how can we move forward to prevent these issues from reoccurring.
Dean of Student Representative Comstock

It is important as we talk about the hurt caused on both sides, but also to talk about what this body (senate) could have done differently. To her understanding, there were only two people that met with the student which was problematic because there should have been discussions right away with the student in question. We need to do better by the student in question, we need to do better by our campus and our constituents. Asking the question of how do we move forward and become a better body because this isn’t the first time a club of this kind has been caused. We have to commit to asking more questions and being more thorough. Could have festered less over the last week if we had asked some questions and been more transparent with the process. As Senator Lipsett said, how will we move forward?

Senator Caskey

Was not told the name of the people involved with the club, assumed they could not ask. Confusion served as a catalyst for this to be a messy process. With that said, Vice President Jenna Mobley and Dean of Students Representative Sarah Comstock were talking about ways to restructure the ways people talk to them about starting a club. Problematic is that the club application asks very vague questions and clubs that engage with identity, race, and culture need more explicit questions so people understand the intention and purpose of the club. There’s a lot to work on as far as cultural competency, which is the first piece that would help a lot in how we move forward from this.

Senator Lipsett

Didn’t talk about the club constitution last senate? We need to work on prioritizing senate business based on what students care about the most. Every institution needs to reflect on their priorities regularly to make sure our actions always reflect our intentions.

Daniel York

Asked if there are ways people can be advised before starting a club or resources they are given?

Jenna Mobley answered that she is the primary resource

insofar as asking questions regarding clubs. Club constitution was a copy of another club constitution from another school, review process should be adjusted to be more holistic.

Senator Molgaard (in response to Daniel York)

Normally we read the constitutions before formal senate, had a lot of the plate that particular week but agrees that there should be better structures in place to fully engages with all club requests. We should talk about putting up examples from clubs we think have done a good job.

Senator Staver

Talked making clubs meeting with an advisor before submitting their constitution to address concerns and questions.

President-Elect Noble
• Appreciate everyone realizes that this is still an ongoing conversation. Expressed concern about the shortfall on this side of ASUPS. It is not the responsibility of minority persons to inform ASUPS about things like this. Been a great place tonight to listen and discuss to heal together. Imagine if this conversation wasn’t happening at all.

• Senator Cariño

• Students look at ASUPS a particular way, through its affiliations with clubs. Upholding equity is important and it needs to be discussed. People of color, like herself, navigate through life super consciously especially on campus and things of this nature are political. Everyone should be conscious of everyone’s race and ethnicity and it should be remembered and discussed.

• Senator Molgaard

• Doesn’t believe it should be voted down, should remove from agenda because it was already voted down.

• Senator Molgaard moves to take this item off the agenda instead of voting it down because it shows that we discourage discourse.

Vote:
• Yay: 15
• Nay: 0
• Abstentions: 0

New Business

➢ 18-061: Confirmation of Kate Gladhart-Hayes as the On-Campus Housing Senator

The ASUPS Senate hereby recognizes and confirms the Kate GladHart-Hayes as the ASUPS On-Campus Housing Senator, as appointed by President Amanda Díaz, in accordance with Article II, Section 7B of the ASUPS By-Laws and shall now be administered the Oath of Office as stipulated by Article II Section 7C of the ASUPS By-Laws without delay and shall thereunto be seated as full members of the ASUPS Senate with all of the rights and privileges therein pertaining without delay.

Vote:
• Yay: 15
• Nay: 0
• Abstentions: 0

Call to order

Members Present: Senators Caskey, Handick, Porter, Piorier, Staver, Parone, Lipsett, Molgaard, Johnson, Goodell, Cariño, Gladhart-Hayes, President Díaz, President-Elect Noble, Vice President-Elect Inouye, Vice President Mobley, Dean of Students Representative Comstock, Staff Representative Johnson, Faculty Representative Morris

Excused: 0
Tardy: 0
ASUPS

Resulting

Senators

from

the

Discussion

"European

Cultures

Club"

proposition"

ASUPS Senate hereby endorses and concurs with the resolution of ASUPS Senators Morey Lipsett and Kelly Johnson on “Resolution Acknowledging the Concern Resulting from the “European Cultures Club” proposition” to Article IV Section 7 of the ASUPS Constitution. *Full text of this resolution can be found in the appendix.

Discussion

- Senator Parone brings up the fact that since the L.A. Times article is an op-ed and not fact-based, the accusation that European Cultures Club have been used white supremacist clubs should not be welcome in the resolution.
- Senator Parone feels there has been unfair targeting of the person associated with the club.
- Vice President Mobley: we did not come to that conclusion on our own, is actual language used by white supremacists.
- Senator Porter: potential use for these kinds of clubs to bring harm, this club is not specifically being used that way but there is a potential for clubs to bring harm.
- Senator Johnson: clarified the club wasn’t intended to be a white supremacist club but the language has been used, can provide more scholarly examples of evidence, important to include that we condemn white supremacy.
- Senator Molgaard: Generally these kinds of documents don’t come with citations.
- Senator Cariño: the group didn’t know the implications of their club so we should have it in there so other clubs can understand it.
- Kathryn Queirolo: the true naivety is thinking you can have a resolution without thinking about the connections ASUPS may have to white supremacy in the past
- Dean of Student Representative Sarah Comstock: If anybody wants a good legitimate source check out the southern poverty law center.
- President-Elect Noble: appreciates offering up of additional source to give to the student body
- President Díaz: discussion of what is a credible source and what isn’t is relevant to the discussion of the question of the identity, doesn’t matter what facts will tell me about the emotions of having a white supremacist union on campus.
- Senator Parone moves to remove the language from the resolution.
- Retracts
- Senator Lipsett moves to remove footnote

Discussion

- None

Vote:

- Yay: 14
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 2
• Senator Lipsett moves to change the couple of minor typos within the resolution.
• Vice President Mobley has made the appropriate corrections to these typos

Vote:
- Yay: 14
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 2

- Discussion
  • Senator Porter: There should be a discussion of ignorance within the language of the resolution.
  • Senator Johnson: Ignorance isn’t a reason.
  • Senator Parone: Would vote the item down in its current state.
  • Austin Brittenham: The club did harm for everyone on campus, intent does matter to some degree.
  • Sarah Comstock: White supremacy was not the intent of the club. As the senate body, we have to acknowledge our part in the issue, because we didn’t tell the club to show up. We do a good job acknowledging racism but have to say that we as body did harm to the student community.
  • Kathryn Queirolo: ASUPS needs to take responsibility but it is important to recognize the impact it’s had on the whole campus and pass the resolution
  • Daniel York: Perhaps the club did not intend but whether or not you intend to relate to a system of oppression but that doesn’t dictate whether or not it is actually related, because of the association of how it has been used there is a significant relation to these clubs.
  • President Diaz suggests moving to table this to informal senate.
  • Dean of Student Representative Sarah Comstock points out there is 10 days of break, asks if senators are comfortable ending the conversations.
  • Senator Molgaard says he is not comfortable.
  • Austin Brittenham suggested putting up a working draft on the website
  • Senator Lipsett moves to amend the item of the resolution for the the third whereas statement to WHEREAS, The ASUPS Senate tabled the item because the student representative was not informed it was on the agenda and ASUPS then reached out to the students of the proposed club for further clarification

Vote:
- Yay: 15
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 1

- Discussion
  • Senator Molgaard appreciates Austin Brittenham’s suggestions but would like to table and put in out in public and ask for comment, clarify this is not a personal attack.
  • Senator Molgaard moves to table the item.
• Senator Lipsett suggests having an emergency senate the Tuesday after spring break to vote on this item.
• Senator Molgaard says that if it is sent out to the public we need time absorb the comments.
• Kathryn Queirolo says that there should not be an electronic vote as not to exclude the campus from engaging with the material.
• Senator Goodell thinks we should reach out the student before it is published but also considers the emotional harm it has done, can’t go into spring break without putting out some kind of statement to the community.
• Senator Piorier thinks we need to put out a resolution, doesn’t think we need to reach out the student because of the clear language within the resolution and we’re acknowledging issues.
• Senator Johnson asks if we will be publishing the student letter on facebook.
• Vice President Mobley will confirm with the individual but believes it is their intent to have it be posted.
• Sarah Comstock says the student asked to have it posted.
• Jordan Taylor says the body is concerning itself too much with having a unanimous opinion, senate should just vote because it is okay with having people not agree that is a democracy.
• Senator Caskey also agrees, would be comfortable passing it tonight to show senate in action giving the community voices, we can get stuff done, sometimes there is emotion in bureaucracy.
• Senator Molgaard thanks Jordan for his comment on democracy, notes that democracy doesn’t always work and sees minority opinions not weighted properly. He wants to table to have a more critical response.
• Senator Molgaard calls question on motion to table.
• Senator Caskey asks if senate can table the discussion and post a working draft of the resolution for the campus community to see.
• Vice President Mobley says she can.
• Senator Molgaard says it is already online.

Vote:
- Yay: 8
- Nay: 6
- Abstentions: 2

Announcements

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chloe Simon
Appendix

➢ Resolution Acknowledging the Concern Resulting from the “European Cultures Club” proposition

➢ WHEREAS, the name of this resolution shall be Resolution Acknowledging the Concern Resulting from the “European Cultures Club” proposition

➢ WHEREAS, On March 1st the ASUPS Senate discussed the request for approval of a “European Cultures Club”.

➢ WHEREAS, The ASUPS Senate tabled the item because the student representative was not informed it was on the agenda and ASUPS then reached out to the students of the proposed club for further clarification

➢ WHEREAS, The ASUPS Senate registered significant concern from the Student Body regarding the larger implications caused from the creation of this club

➢ WHEREAS, The students leader of the proposed club subsequently met with the ASUPS Vice President and Associate Dean of Students to discuss the concerns that had been raised and to workshop the club constitution

➢ WHEREAS, On March 6th the student withdrew the club request

➢ WHEREAS, After further discussion with the student it was determined that there was no malicious intent in the creation of the club

➢ WHEREAS, despite the intentions of the club ASUPS acknowledges European Cultures Clubs have been used by White Supremacist Groups to conceal their true agenda

➢ WHEREAS, ASUPS also acknowledges that legacy of racism and colonialism associated with European Culture and the ways this University is complicit in these structures

➢ WHEREAS, ASUPS recognizes that the current political climate of this country has made the threat of such explicit racism especially alarming on our campus

➢ WHEREAS, ASUPS takes note of the recent white supremacist activity in and around Tacoma

➢ THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound:

➢ CONDEMNS, all explicit and implicit manifestations of White Supremacy on campus and in our larger community.

➢ ACTIVELY PERCEIVES, the larger implications and harm that this has already caused especially for students of color and other minoritized groups on campus

➢ CALLS FOR, more intentional thought and recognition among the campus community regarding the ways structures of oppressions affect individuals on campus

➢ FURTHER CALLS FOR, expanded education for all members of the community, including faculty and staff, regarding identity and cultural competency

➢ FURTHER CALLS FOR, the Board of Trustees to recognize the ways the structures of the University are complacent in these dynamics
➢ COMMITS ITSELF TO, being aware of and engaging in issues of diversity and inclusion on campus.

Voting on Positions
➢ Senate Chair nominations
■ Senator Katie Handick
■ Senator Katie Handick was voted as senate chair
➢ Club Liaison nominations
■ Senator Genevieve Caskey
■ Senator Genevieve Caskey was voted as club liaison
➢ President Council nominations
■ Senator Kristen Goodell
■ Senator Morey Lipsett
■ Senator Morey Lipsett was voted as President Council’s representative
➢ Club Sports nominations
■ Senator Chris Porter
■ Senator Emma Piorier
■ Senator Emma Piorier was voted as club sports liaison