ASUPS Formal Senate
Murray Boardroom
Thursday, September 8, 2016

• Call to order 7:00pm
  ➢ Present: Senators Brush, Chong, Harrigan, Frank, Loye, Vice President Bauer,
    President Lumbantobing, Faculty Representative Neshyba, Dean of Students
    Representative Comstock
  ➢ Excused: Senator Brush (proxy to Senator Harrigan), Senator Ring (proxy to
    Senator Chong) ➢ Unexcused:
  ➢ Tardy:
• Approval of the May Emergency Senate Minutes ➢ Vote:
  ❖ Yay: 9
  ❖ Nay: 0
  ❖ Abstentions: 0
• Approval of Sept. 1, 2016 Senate Minutes ➢ Vote:
  ❖ Yay: 9
  ❖ Nay: 0
  ❖ Abstentions: 0

• Open Forum
• Executive Reports
  ➢ President’s Report: He’s working on his Board report, he’s been thinking about
    how to build upon and moving forward with the petition and walkout last year
    that Nakisha participated it, his focus is on equity and diversity. He knows that
    the Board has limited meetings and many topics to cover and is in
    communication with the Faculty Rep, Professor Kessel whom supports focusing
    on student narratives to be shared with the Board. President Lumbantobing
    wants to focus it on CHWS, Mental Health Access, and Minoritized Student
Experience narratives, with all students’ narratives to be welcomed. He would like to send his report with the narratives by Sept. 13, please share his request with your constituents.

- **Vice President:**
  - Finance: $21,400. Capital $247,049.69
  - She’s been thinking about how ASUPS uses their money and there has been talk from faculty and some students about discontinuing our New York Times subscription. Our readership was reviewed this summer and ASUPS spends $15,000 and $10,000 for the New York Times alone, which was discontinued. USA Today and the Tacoma Tribune subscription and readership program was through them and allows students to know what’s going on in the community. From this event she is looking into how ASUPS is spending our money and how ASUPS is spending money for student life, academics and more. In regards to the New York Times, she’d really like to collaborate with professors and academics for an independent subscription with the New York Times directly at a third of the cost, which would be shared with the interested parties.

- **Faculty Report**
  - There is an hour set aside for faculty governance, common period is something that has been discussed by Professor Kessel and President Lumbantobing. On Sept. 19th the faculty will be considering a window where no classes will be scheduled, right now it is nominally 12-1:30pm on Wednesdays and no classes will be scheduled 12-1pm. What will be the impact on students for this potential change? There is no set time where faculty can all attend faculty meetings as some may have scheduled lectures of labs, and faculty attendance at their meetings have been low that’s why this change has been brought up.

- **Dean of Students Representative Report**
  - No report

- **Senate Reports**
  - **Chair Report**
    - Please send in Senators Project goals and timeline by today to get the ball rolling.
  - **Club Liaison Report**
    - No report.
  - **Sports Club Liaison Report**
    - No report.
  - **President’s Council Report**
    - No report.
  - **Committee Reports**
    - Media Board: KUPS is getting DJ applications, Photo Services is hiring and increasing communication for more to participate in media with potential new DSLR, nothing from Crosscurrents, Yearbook is hiring four new staff members and making financial requests for their supplemental budget
and switching to a new publisher, saving money; the Trail hopes to have a staff of 55, switching printers to save $4,000 and faster turnaround for an additional 24 hours to complete articles, printing on environmentally friendly papers, creating a new investigative team, they shared many take-aways from the national newspaper and media conference they attended this summer; first issue Sept. 30, nothing to report from Wetlands

- Governance: They are clarifying the meaning of student-at-large, their roles in committees and how they’re appointed (confirmed individually in Senate as per the bylaws, most often nominated by President or Vice President). This is a proposed change from the Spring

- Honorary Degrees: Meetings set, will choose commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients.

- Accreditation: Meetings are set and reviewing our status under Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)

- Food, Health & Safety: The sub has revamped the chef’s table with 112 new recipes, working to replace the bottle water bottles with a new label designed by ECO club, supporting re-useable bottles. The salmon in the sub is organically farm-raised, we have a relationship with Wilcox eggs (WA) and are all cage-free, new Lillis Café by the Gym, smoothies are really successful, CHWS is hiring a new Physician’s Assistant and Psychologist (two positions currently), they are severely understaffed. One bike theft, two alcohol and two drug violations since school has started.

- Finance: All the members have been nominated and confirmed next week.

• Committeee Reports
• Senate Project Reports

• Unfinished Business
  - 16-141: Approval of Young Life College as an ASUPS Club
    - The ASUPS Senate hereby approves Young Life College as an official ASUPS club.

• New Business
  - 16-204 Process to Fill the Position of Senator-At-Large (Fall Cycle) The ASUPS Senate hereby votes on one of the following processes:

• Give the ASUPS President the authority to nominate any feepaying member of ASUPS to fill the position for the duration of the vacated seats term. This authority shall be limited to two nominations per presidential term and require a two-thirds confirmation by the ASUPS Senate; or
• Establish a committee comprised of the ASUPS President, the Senate Chair, and one student-at-large to nominate any fee-paying member of the ASUPS to fill the position for the duration of the vacant seat’s term. The nomination shall require a two-thirds confirmation of the ASUPS Senate; or □ Call for a special election to fill the position.

❖ This position is separate from the other Senator-At-Large position in term length and a special election would be separate in addition to the normal Fall elections. Senator Chong believes a committee would be a strong option with executive and legislative representation and the could choose itself an election, applications or direct nomination but would nonetheless be a thorough process for filling the position. Due to the nature of the Fall Cycle this position going through the process would be in their role for only a few weeks at most. A speedy process in filling this position would be the best option. Some students have expressed interest in participating in ASUPS to Senate Chair Harrigan and their interest could potentially continue into the next election cycle. A committee could suggest the open positions to be put on the Fall Election and general publicity with the special election seats being an additional option for more students to fill. On the other hand, some races may be empty or only one individual running which may require further action to fill the seats. The committee has worked quickly in the past to fill seats as needed. As there are three positions to fill, three separate committees could be nominated as selected at the discretion of President Lumbantobing. Vice President Bauer has also heard inquiries about the fall election in general.

❖ Vote:
• Presidential appointment: 0
• Establishing a committee: 9
• Special Election: 0

➢ 16-205 Process to Fill the Position of Senator-At-Large (Spring Cycle) ❖ The ASUPS Senate hereby votes on one of the following processes:

• Give the ASUPS President the authority to nominate any fee-paying member of ASUPS to fill the position for the duration of the vacated seats term. This authority shall be limited to two nominations per presidential term and require a two-thirds confirmation by the ASUPS Senate; or

• Establish a committee comprised of the ASUPS President, the Senate Chair, and one student-at-large to nominate any fee-paying member of the ASUPS to fill the position for the duration of the vacated seat’s term. The nomination shall
require a two-thirds confirmation of the ASUPS Senate; or □ Call for a special election to fill the position.

- As this position is on the Spring Cycle, inclusion on the Fall Election would allow an individual to serve by 6 months and wouldn’t have to worry about quorum. The Elections committee would set the date of the election, any time before the end of the position’s term.

- Vote:
  - Presidential appointment: 0
  - Establishing a committee: 0
  - Special Election: 9

- 16-206 Process to Fill the Position of Junior Class Senator
  - The ASUPS Senate hereby votes on one of the following processes:
    - Give the ASUPS President the authority to nominate any fee-paying member of ASUPS to fill the position for the duration of the vacated seat’s term. This authority shall be limited to two nominations per presidential term and require a two-thirds confirmation by the ASUPS Senate; or
    - Establish a committee comprised of the ASUPS President, the Senate Chair, and one student-at-large to nominate any fee-paying member of the ASUPS to fill the position for the duration of the vacated seat’s term. The nomination shall require a two-thirds confirmation of the ASUPS Senate; or □ Call for a special election to fill the position.
  - Vice President Bauer suggests a committee considering previous voter turnout being dismal as a concern. As a class specific position it could be viewed not as accessible as the Senator-at-Large position which all students could run for. Senator Chong expresses confidence in President Lumbatobing’s appointment powers to select someone who could serve the majority of the term. To provide more access, President Lumbantobing agrees with Senate Chair Harrigan to include this position on the Fall Election as more opportunities and visually include juniors to participating in ASUPS as they have two more years. The past two junior Senator positions have run unopposed and with this position open again, a committee could select a dedicated person that wouldn’t contribute to more turn-around that has occurred in Senate. The Fall cycle is less publicized and attended by students than the Spring cycle which includes the Presidential positions. Junior year is a popular time to study abroad and is something that would have to be made clear in order to select an individual who can serve the whole term. Vice President Bauer hopes we
don’t need the Presidential appointment and save it to potential need for quick turnaround and a committee is a viable option.

 Vote:
  • Presidential appointment: 0
  • Establishing a committee: 8
  • Special Election: 1

  • Announcements
  ➢ Student Innovation Fund is the Experiential Learning Fund, an opportunity for students to get involved in social entrepreneurship and nonprofit work in an academic environment.
  ➢ Local Logger has changed, it’s been redone and collaborating with CICE and way for students to get involved in community engagement of Tacoma. CICE is doing some great work connecting students with nonprofits and community organizations beyond the North End. Senate is paying for Orca cards, Sept. 24 12-4pm with DSI and Julia Lin from CICE to check out downtown Tacoma organizations. There will be three-four events this semester!
  ➢ Cultural Consciousness Programmer is planning a white consciousness lecture series, a space for all students to serve conversation and dialogue to unpack racist ideologies’, violence, and our student privilege and capacity to do something.
  ➢ Immigration Lecture Series by Latinos Unidos Studies Department, CICE and ASUPS hopes to bring in experts, continue conversations pertaining to the Northwest; a year-long series.

□ Adjournment 8:01 pm