The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Murray Boardroom.

Members Present: Senators Molgaard, Handick, Lipsett, Staver, O’Leary, Piorier, Aldisert, Rothbacher, Walling-Bell, Parone, Taylor, Dean of Student Representative Comstock, Goodell, President Diaz, Vice President Mobley, Faculty Representative Morris, Staff Representative Taylor
Excused: Senator (Senator Staver as proxy)
Tardy: 0

Minutes:
The minutes of the December 5th meeting were approved.
Vote:
  - Yay: 12
  - Nay: 0
  - Abstentions: 3

Open Forum:
  • Representatives from the Race & Pedagogy conference came to speak
  • Wants to involve ASUPS as ASUPS have typically been involved in the planning of the conference
  • Many students have participated in the conference in a myriad of ways
  • RPI remains committed to making admission free for all students
  • RPI is an invitation to do big things
  • RPI conference is taking on big questions and working for radical transformations
  • ASUPS has the power to influence and contribute to the voice of students
  • RPI began as a response to racism on the campus, sought the partnership of students, were able to pay for speakers through other partnerships
  • RPI is inviting ASUPS to not only consider participation but have involvement in the selection of a keynote speaker
  • Senator Parone asked how well attended is the conference by students
    • First year struggled with attendance but second year doubled,
third year had 1,500 students
- Senator Handick asked how much focus is on the native Puyallup tribe
- There are Native American and indigenous speakers who come to address the conference
- Senator Lipsett asked if this was something ASUPS could vote on
- VP Mobley suggested a discussion should be had about changing to finance codes to include funds for the RPI conference yearly
- Senator Molgaard asked how science was being incorporated into the conference
- Professor DeMotts is meeting with every science department to ask that question

Executive Reports
- President’s Report, submitted by Amanda Diaz
  - In the News: Immigration Detention activist Maru Mora received an appearance in immigration court and is awaiting deportation back to Mexico Sign the petition!
  - This Week: Enjoyed the Eddie Moore Jr. MLK Day Celebration talk! He had some amazing quotes: “It’s a real privilege to be optimistic”. “You don’t have to identify as a white supremacist to recap and benefit from white supremacy”. “What are you going to say to your kids during these times?” “What’s in your wallet?” “One of the most heartbreaking things is to see someone with a good hard stay silent”. I met with Dean Bartanen for our weekly check in Search Committee for new Dean. If there is ever thinks you want me to ask her or pass along to her- I am always open to that so please email me!
  - Board of Trustees: They will be on campus February 22–23, 2018 and the business meeting will be on Friday February 23rd. This is a great opportunity to attend the Board meeting to hear about the decisions that the Board of Trustees do- spread the word! Wine Night with the Board of Trustees. Wine tasting through Prof. Pierre Ly, Networking with the Board Wednesday, February 21st I am figuring out other logistics. I am also selecting topics for Topics on Tap.
  - Student Activism: Have more ideas? Please, please, please email me! Getting back into the swing of things: Drafting a campus wide email and getting up a bunch of meetings- schedule is getting filled up.
  - Update on Projects: ASUPS Anti-Bias Campaign. I met with Benitez, Dave, Tiffany Davis, Vivie, and Jewish Life Coordinator. We are probably resembling the “It’s on Us” video Trying to find ways to move forward with the CICE van!
  - Events: Club Fest is Friday, January 26th 4pm-6pm in the SUB This is a similar event to LogJam where you can sign up for clubs and meet clubs that are new this semester. We will have a photo booth, live performances from local Tacoma artists and much more! 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 for any questions or for the application check online: https://asups.pugetsound.edu/about/funding/expressions-fund.

- Announcements: I am so excited to see what else we will accomplish before out terms are over in the Spring! So sad that this is our last two months together but excited to see what we do during our time together! I hope all of your classes are going well!
- Vice President’s Report, submitted by Jenna Mobley
  - I have been working on all things spring semester like the election, budget, and the transfer of power. I will do a facebook event for elections packets being available to pick up. Budget packets are close to a final draft and love feedback. Budgeting will take place shortly after the election in March and approval will be needed after spring break. Amanda and I need to appoint someone to the Committee. I am working on continuity reports as well. BTF recommendations came through this week and there was an increase in the budget. Thank you to those who served on the BTF committee! Clubfest is next Friday in Upper Marshall and there will be a live performance by the string orchestra.
- Faculty Representative Report, submitted by Gerald Morris
  - Happy New Year! Next faculty meeting is the upcoming Wednesday. There will be a few weeks this semester where I will be gone for professional travel so I will try to go to Tuesday informal
- Staff Senate Representative Report
  - Next staff senate meeting is on the 24th of January.
- Dean of Students Representative Report, submitted by Sarah Comstock
  - Welcome back! Last week the Professional Development and Enrichment committee had their annual conference. I did a Title IX training and a talk on the language surrounding sexual assault. It was a great conference! Donn Marshall, director of CHWS, will be retiring and the job is temporarily open. End of the month there will be a search committee for the next Vice President of Student Affairs. Hopefully someone will be in that position by the summer. Also be sure to read the report that came out of the BTF committee.

Senate Reports
- Chair Report from Chairperson Katie Handick
  - Next informal ASUPS will be going over office hours and scheduling one-on-ones. It would be cool for ASUPS to attend club and sports events and a calendar will be made to keep track of them. There will also be a discussion in informal of what was accomplished last semester, goals for this semester, and continuity.

- Club Liaison Director Report
  - No Report
• Club Sports Liaison Director Report
  • Nothing to report but club sports meeting will be soon
• President’s Council Report
  • No Report

Committee Reports
• Senator Parone: Union Board met, Plan B had a bit of a speed bump, will likely not be included when the vending machine is ultimately introduced. Got the new TV screens approved, there are new bike racks outside the sub. Talked about the campus chalking policy and how to gain leverage over clubs to not use chalk that remains permanent
• Senator Lipsett is looking for more people to join student governance council
• VP Mobley met with Food, Health, and Safety. Todd Badham reported there were no break-ins over the break. There is currently no Assistant Director of Security so there is a search process underway. 35% of the student population has seen CHWS. DCS received compliments about their vegan/vegetarian options and there is still a problem with theft.
• Senator Molgaard encourages more people to join the Senior Gift committee

Senate Project Reports
• Senator O’Leary wants to try to get an accessible printer for ASUPS
• Senator Handick is facing resistance in regards to the rendezvous room renovation

Unfinished Business

New Business

17-214: Club Request from Student Association for RPI (SARPI)
The ASUPS Senate hereby verifies SARPI as an official ASUPS Club. SARPI strives to provide a safe and fun discussion/conversation space to address problems of Race and Pedagogy. It is also the purpose of the student RPI club to plan and put into action the RPI youth summit.
• Purpose of club is to promote and re-enage the student population with RPI
Discussion
• Senator Parone asks what they would do in their off time
  • There would be a need for a space for people to come in and have important conversations
• Senator Lipsett asks how they would use ASUPS funding
  • It could be used during the conference year to promote the club and conference. It would also be really cool to put on events.
• Senator Staver asks how the club will attract people who are not necessarily like-minded or intimidated by conversations of race
Plan to contact club leaders and people who are excited about the club and hopefully people will see this as an opportunity to have challenging conversations in a positive way, also plan on talking with club sports and SAC

Vote
- Yay: 16
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 0

Announcements:
- Dean of Student Representative Comstock announced that after a 3 1/2 year wait a new sound system has been placed in Marshall
- VP Mobley announced a Sexual and Gender Violence committee info session
- on the impact on sexual assault, there are various sessions to attend
- Senator Lipsett announced an upcoming Jewish Student Town Hall
- Senator Goodell announced Greek Life recruitment which begins on Saturday

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chloe Simon, Senate Secretary

Appendix
❖ *Supplemental and Appendix text:
❖ First, our agreements – in our conversation we agreed that RPI should present this proposal to the full ASUPS leadership. To that end we proposed a series of next steps as follows:
❖ 1. Over the break –
   ❖ a. You will email me some spring 2018 dates for ASUPS Cabinet and Senate meetings for our consideration.
   ❖ b. I will email you our proposal.
❖ 2. Spring Semester –
   ❖ a. RPI leadership will present our proposal to ASUPS leadership.
   ❖ b. We will be mindful to work through the issue presented by the fact that there will be a change in ASUPS leadership ahead of the 2018 conference.
c. We also take note of the historical fact that ASUPS has been invited into the planning process from as early as 2004 and has been supportive since.

d. We also note that there is and RPI ASUPS Student Club in the making.

Next, the RPI Proposal

As I noted in our conversation, RPI’s proposal is an invitation to ASUPS to partner with us, similar to the kind of partnership that RPI shares with the Susan Resnick Pierce, Presidential Lecture Series, with its focus on public affairs and the arts, and with the Swope Lecture Series, with its focus on faith, ethics, values or religion and their role in public life.

In these partnerships as part of the planning for the national conference RPI proposes a slate of plenary speakers and through a collaborative process with our partner we agree on one speaker/presenter who meets the requirements of both entities. Such a speaker/presenter then serves a dual purpose. In the existing partnerships, the selected speaker/presenter serves as an R&P Keynote Speaker AND a Susan Resnick Pierce Presidential Lecturer, and similarly, with Swope, the selected person serves as an R&P Keynote Speaker AND a Swope Lecturer. In each case, RPI and the Susan Resnick Pierce Presidential Lectureship Committee, or RPI and the Swope Committee agree on an agenda of activity for the guest built around the central presentation/performance on the National Conference stage.

In each instance, as appropriate, either the Susan Resnick Pierce Presidential Lectureship or the Swope Lectureship covers the cost of the respective speaker/presenter while RPI provides the platform, programing, and audience of the national conference.

We invite ASUPS into a partnership where ASUPS would cover the cost of a speaker in the ten to fifteen thousand dollars range.

How would ASUPS benefit? Most obviously:

1. ASUPS would have a direct voice in determining a key feature of the R&P National Conference platform with a special focus on attention to student concerns.
2. ASUPS would be identified on the National Conference platform as the speaker/presenter would be identified as the ASUPS supported.
3. ASUPS would be part of determining an agenda for the selected speaker/presenter in service to Puget Sound students.