ASUPS Formal Senate
Murray BoardRoom
Thursday, October 29th, 2015

- Call to order 7:00pm
  - Present: Senators Anstine, Bauer, Chong, Harrigan, Jones, Lawrence-Devine, Lumbantobing, Marsters, Roeder, Vice President Hartnig, Faculty Representative Morris, Dean of Students Representative Palmquist-Cady
  - Excused: Senator Brush
  - Unexcused:
  - Tardy: President Jones
- Approval of Minutes
  - Table the minutes Vote:
    - Yay: 12
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
- Open Forum
  - Amanda, co-president of Latinos Unidos; spoke out about last Thursday about the mariachi performance students did not feel safe or supportive and that the performance was cultural appropriation. They were not notified of the performance, as ones who would be interested in the performance. Individuals did not even know the performance occurred and were appalled they couldn’t be at the incident to express their feelings. It was an event that had so much potential but fell short. Another walking into the sub, noticed people in the sub thought it was a spectacle or laughing and not appreciation of the event, it was offensive. The location did not make individuals feel good, they felt it wasn’t publicized or reduced to performing in Marshall Hall during lunchtime instead of a proper performance area. They wanted to acknowledge this issue and not let it be swept under the rug. Senate thanks these individuals for sharing their feelings about being disrespectful. The students ask for a letter of apology directed towards the campus community from ASUPS. They’d love to be included in the process of acknowledging this incident and sharing their concerns about the incident. Vice President Hartnig was on the programmers committee states she is not okay with how the incident proceeded and apologizes for what has happened and moving forward
there will be steps to be made so all clubs are involved in ASUPS programming.

- **Executive Reports**
  - **President Report**
    - She is working with a group among the higher education community in Tacoma, with Presidents and a delegate to go over Tacoma legislation that can be shared and applicable to our community. She is still reviewing applications for President, it will be narrowed down and go to the Board next spring. She is looking into more activities on campus bridging the gap between Tacoma communities. Burning Question: How can we make sure in one’s pursuit of purpose and identity on this Earth doesn’t take away from another’s pursuit?
  - **Vice President Report**
    - With Austin, the Director of Student Interests, dining dollars can be swapped in the upcoming future, and there will be queer and trans community gender option of living starting next semester to build a safe area for them to do so. The potential home brewing club has met with Vice President Hartnig. The programmers have met and moving forward to create programming that is culturally appropriate and informative. VP and Pres went to a Tacoma bubble meeting about the campus community. There have been a couple of complaints about the lack of student leadership at the “It’s on US” campaign. Senators are asked to make time to support causes important to the community and garner better involvement. There were questions about how we count and tally votes, including misspelling names. All those are signed off by Tim Pogar as the Chief Justice and misspelled votes do count in the election. The clinical psychologist that ASUPS is funding for CHWS started this week, the Dean of Students office is looking to get funds for another individual can support that office.
  - **Finance:** $114,861.00 Capital: $93,512.07
  - **Faculty Representative Report**
    - Good to be back and happy to see new Senators; he would like to make himself available to provide advice or attendance at informal, to be a resource. He charges the new Senators to talk to the veteran Senators. There are often perceptions of how the community views Senate and asks the Senators to do it together and individually to change or enforce the narrative they wish Senate to engage in. As an elected position, it’s a lot of work a lot of the time, be sure to commit to action as Senators.
  - **Dean of Students Representative Report**
    - Dean Segawa is looking into supporting a full-time psychologist for the 215-2016 schoolyear; there are quite a few Trail pieces about different aspects of CHWS. Orientation 2016 Passages and Perspectives Coordinators are going through the application and
interview process. Next week starts Take Back the Night programming all throughout November especially the March next week Wednesday at 8:30pm Wyatt.

- Senate Reports
  - Chair Report
  - No report
  - Club Liaison Director Report
  - No report
  - Club Sports Liaison Director Report
  - No report
- Committee Reports
  - Media Board: Tamanawas pre-order link is online, Wetlands submission deadline is Nov. 1 and tomorrow at 4pm there is a lecture in Wyatt, the Trail has received many editorials in response to the Presidential Search article, Crosscurrents had their first photoshoot and receiving submissions.

- Unfinished Business
  - 16-012 Approval of the Student Needs Cooperative as an ASUPS Club
    - The ASUPS Senate hereby approves the Student Needs Cooperative as an official ASUPS Club.
  - 16-022 Approval of Global Brigades: Public Health as an official ASUPS Club
    - The ASUPS Senate hereby approves Global Brigades: Public Health as an official ASUPS Club.

- Senator Jones requested a point of personal privilege
  - They did have a high risk assessment that went well. GB is an international non-profit that empowers communities in South America through health goals. Their club would do fundraising, education for service work abroad, social justice, public health speakers, etc. They would culminate the year in May to Nicaragua; they are recruiting younger members and establishing themselves as a public health program. They are planning a public health week in April; they only require 15 volunteers minimum to support, and the funds raised are to send the members to Nicaragua. They will be selling Legendary Donuts on Monday 11-8pm or until they run out. It’s providing a niche for public health here on our campus and talked to multiple individuals on campus for activities. They have a New Member scholarship from the international chapter, with another in the works of finalizing.

  - Vote:
    - Yay: 12
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
  - 16-023 Endorsement of the Puget Sound Student Union’s Coalition Letter
The ASUPS hereby endorses the Puget Sound Student Union Coalition Letter on the selection of the University’s next President.

New Business

- **16-033 Endorsement of the Eco Club Divestment Campaign**
  - The ASUPS Senate hereby endorses the Eco Club’s divestment campaign.
  - They wrote a coalition letter to be shared, and Senate thanks them for coming to informal to present their stance and campaign. They are asking for ASUPS Senate to sign and support the letter. Our university investment of the endowment is very complicated; they have been meeting with the Board of Trustees Finance sub-committee to learn more about the actual nature of our endowment. They have a chief outsource investment partner, “broker” is putting our money in a co-mingle fund that has multiple diversified firms for better insurance and returns. There may be complications in withdrawing our funds from this comingle fund but they know PUP has experience divesting co-mingle funds. The language is very complicated but picking apart the actual involvement and ways for us to remove our funds is possible. Our returns are lower than statistically based on our university age and size typically is which is why we have a chief outsource investment partner. If and when we remove our funds from dirty oil currently, into other socially-responsible divestment options. They hope to set a precedent for transparency and future involved in other eco-friendly options and conversations with the Board of Trustees. In the fall of 2012, the Eco club wanted to ban the coal campaign and the ASUPS passed the resolution but some students were concerned about their family livelihood involved in the campaign. There is a history of some discontent with ASUPS not voting on the behalf of the individuals they represent. The eco club was told they need to express a demand for things to happen, it will not happen; they want to keep up the pressure on the conversation.

  - Vote:
    - Yay: 8
    - Nay: 1
    - Abstentions: 3

- **16-033 Confirmation of Greek Senator**
  - The ASUPS Senate hereby confirms Senator Mayemura as a member of ASUPS Senate
  - Chief Honor Justice Pogar swears in Senator Mayemura.

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

- Resume normal order:
  - Vote:
- Yay: 12
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 0

16-034 Approval of a Concurring Resolution on a Fair Pay Ratio
- The ASUPS Senate hereby endorses a resolution concurring with the faculty Resolution for a Fair Pay Ratio
- Reading of the resolution is waived. This resolution concurs with Professor Anderson-Connelly’s resolution which is going to a full-faculty vote on Tuesday. It calls for the ratio of the highest paid and lowest paid person to be 1:10. This resolution concurs and contains a letter of rationale to the community. This is student support for full time employees and we are against socioeconomic inequality in our community, endorse the faculty resolution and the staff who have the most to gain and lose with this proposal. Executive compensation is the total of 13 students tuition $622,844 per year which is the fifth highest of all liberal colleges. The current ratio exceeds 1:25.

Motion to recess for friendly amendments:
- Yay: 12
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 1

Roll recall
- Amendment: “Amending the clause “…stagnating wages for the working classes…”
  - Amendment Vote:
    - Yay: 13
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 2

Vote:
- Yay: 10
- Nay: 0
- Abstentions: 3

16-035 Process to fill the Position of Senator-At-Large
- The ASUPS Senate hereby votes on one of the following methods:
  - Give the ASUPS President the authority to nominate any fee-paying member of the 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 of 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
- A special election gets the campus involved and motivation improve voter turnout instead of just a leadership selection. This position would serve until March. It's not a huge length of time and with the President’s ability to appoint someone we can fill the position quickly. Timeliness is important considering the upcoming break and end of the term. If marketed well a special election can draw interest for students to get involved and show that ASUPS is not unattainable. There were quite a few write-in campaigns this election and that sign of interest is an opportunity for another interested individual to be on Senate. There may be interested individuals who would be missed by the selection committee or the President; a special election would allow a wider community of students to express interest.

- Senator Roeder requests a point of personal privilege

  The Senator Chair and the Vice President would appoint a Senator to chair the Election committee and select four students at large to determine the election timeline, which can be as short as one hour or one week. The election timeline can be modified for these needs. There was a discussion about making the election process more accessible and equitable to students beyond the normal sphere. There were concerns about the current election process, voting mechanism being checked, questions about the packet, and accessibility and it's questionable if changes could be made for this Special Election. Everyone on campus can vote for this position and it’s not during the normal busy time of elections. Considering the elections committee needing to present publicity guidelines to Senate and the nomination period, and election would take too long potentially putting an additional meeting in December. We have been recycling election guidelines instead of trying to force a process to happen. The committee option could maneuver in a way to allow students to directly submit interest for the vacant position in a timely manner. The committee can compromise on making involvement, leadership and ease of a potential application process which happened the fall 2013. We can’t assume the method the committee or even President Jones may take to fulfilling the vacant seat instead of an election. There is no time for reform for an election currently as the rules state. AS elected officials, Senates are trusted to follow these options as stated and approved in the ASUPS Constitution and Bylaws. Historically Senate has jumped to a Presidential appointment, and now the Senate is about what’s in the best interest of our constituents. Consider the responsibility of the committee and chair, or as not to constantly overturn decisions and trust each other and the system and communicate that for the constituents. Election reform should be a huge Senate focus and responsibility to do so. Each Senator has one vote for one option and the majority will be the selected option.
- Presidential appointment: 3
- Committee: 9
- Special Election: 0
- A committee will be selected to fill the vacant Senate seat.

16-036 Election of Senate Leadership
- It is a closed vote that must be won by simple majority otherwise a run-off vote will be conducted.
- Senate Chair
  - Senator Bauer- She is confident she will be a good Senate Chair, she is not always the loudest voice, and she is familiar with Parli-pro and loves this opportunity.
  - Senator Chong- He is grateful to be a part of Senate and representing the students, he believes in supporting activist work beyond finance allocations, he wants our Senate to care and be active.
  - Senator Marsters- He would like to provide support for Senators, especially new Senators to provide continuity touching base with everyone and achieving their Senate projects, a leadership of support.
  - Run-off vote between Senator Marsters and Senator Bauer
  - Our new Senate Chair is Senator Bauer
- President’s Council Liaison
  - Senator Jones- She has served as Senator-at-Large and understands the process and supports a more active Senator and reaches out with President Jones to be more active in the community.
  - Senator Marsters- He will establish stronger communication between exec and Senate hopefully to have Director reports more often to work together to achieve their visions.
  - Our new President’s Council Liaison is Senator Marsters.
- Club Liaison
  - Senator Anstine- She wants to establish continuity and support for clubs by ASUPS and share their voice on this campus.
  - Senator Jones- She encourages all Senators to go to club meetings
  - Our new club liaison is Senator Anstine.
- Club Sports Liaison
  - Senator Roeder- He is a member of the Lacrosse team and understands the commitment level and culture, and he can see how other club sports work.
  - Vote of affirmation: 12
  - Abstain: 1

- Announcements
  - Jazz orchestra performance with guest artist tomorrow night at 7:30pm, Schneebeck
- Take Back the Night next Wednesday at 4:30
- Kyle’s radio show will be focusing on why preventing sexual violence is important, 4-5pm Tuesday
- 5:00pm tomorrow the Eco club will be having a divestment protest on the event lawn
- Happy Homecoming! & be safe on Halloween along with all their peers and friends, be critical about your costume choices
- Thanks for your thoughtfulness
- The Staff Senate has a position open, meeting Tuesdays noon once a month
- Senator Bauer thanks those for voting for me
- Lydia will be playing timeless Halloween classics tomorrow at 4-5 on her radio show

- Adjournment 8:58pm