ASUPS Formal Senate  
Murray Boardroom  
Thursday September 4th, 2014

- Call to order at 7:00pm  
  - Present: Senator Busson, Chong, Gan, Griffin, Marsters, McPherran, Schowalter, Stoddard, Vallance, Winston Young, Staff Senate Representative Phillips  
  - Excused: President Maney  
  - Unexcused:  
    - Tardy: Senator Leitzmann, Dean of Students Representative Palmquist Cady, Vice-President Fagaragan, Faculty Representative Morris

- Approval of Minutes:  
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    - Yay: 12  
    - Nay: 0  
    - Abstentions: 0

- Open Forum  
  - CJ Quierlo, senior content editor from wetlands and part of gender neutral bathroom committee. Today is transgender remembrance today, people of color and Trans people in general. They are told they shouldn’t be alive and not here, limited in physical spaces with only 7 buildings having gender neutral bathrooms, which are single use implemented this year. Most residential and academic buildings don’t support transgender needs and not being able to use appropriate spaces forces them to use male and female bathrooms. 41% of transgender people will attempt suicide partly because of spaces they are not respected and represented. Puget Sound needs more single person and multi-use bathrooms to show transgender students they are welcome on all buildings on campus. The university should make our public spaces useful and welcoming which will not be so until every building has a gender neutral single and multi-use bathroom. He wished Senate had taken up this issue sooner, especially with the gender neutral bathroom group taking numerous actions to change discriminatory measures that isolate transgender students. ASUPS should represent and support transgender students.

- Senator Chong requests a point of personal privilege  
  - He echoes the comments that CJ just made, knowing ASUPS has the ability to use our connections for the good of the student body, including transgender students. The gender neutral bathroom group has been working hard and seeing some results now but their hard work has been going on for six years. It’s not a fringe voice but a problem experienced by many people and treated as invisible. Promoting equity for all students should be reflected in our governing body. Kyle is considering the
removal of gender language in our gender bylaws as another issue to tackle. As a Senate and student body we can make changes for the better but it starts with our values and what we say, we should work on them together.

- Jane wants to talk about interfaith coordinator. She wanted to discuss the multifaceted issues at Puget Sound. That Passages requires all students to get the equipment that they may not be able to afford, and conform to the expectation of fitting in to Puget Sound narrative. Passages instills a sense of community on campus but this is an example of a narrative that pops up on campus but our Puget Sound community needs to be built initially. There is a lot of student action work happening but need institutional support to be effective on and beyond this campus, the student support is strong and happening for transparencies and inclusive but needs to be supported by faculty.

- Austin spoke about transparency. The last minutes were uploaded was the October 10th meeting and no new information posted since Oct. 30th. He comes to Senate for personal interests and was working with the Trail but due to space issues the summaries will no longer be included. Transparency and communicating with students has been mentioned as a goal for Senate this semester but Senate needs to be more transparency, and Austin is looking for options for students and Senate to do for transparencies.
  - The Trail is looking to get more funding for four more pages to support more student issues and include hot topics.
  - Possible Senate tabling for discussion about topics, integrating Café hours into that
  - Facebook posts for students to view, looking for more options to widen scope of reach
  - Chloe, General Manager of KUPS chimes in about possibly streaming with KUPS, video-recording can encroach on the openness of Open Forum, with media board representative to stream an hour of senate issues and topics to stay in connect with lots of students, community, abroad, alum; can schedule ASUPS hour for just Senate, would be free as KUPS is a nonprofit organization
  - Looking into a possible text message system to share Senate updates, possible usage of Wheelock Student Center posters and second floor ASUPS bulletin board

- Executive Reports
  - President Report
    - No report
  - Vice-President Report
    - The new photo services editor is Ken Aviananda and the new Tamanawas editor is Colleen McNeely for the spring semester.
There will be senior portraits from 2-5pm picture taking for the yearbook in Wheelock otherwise your ID photo will be used. It was an enjoyable Senate retreat, Mistletoast starts at 5pm on Dec. 10 with Explosion of Arts, ASUPS Open House and celebrating the last day of classes

- Thanks to all the Senators for communicating with their constituents about the possibility of Midnight Breakfast not happening this semester
- Capital $157,027.12; Finance $13,555.32

- Faculty Representative Report
  - No report

- Dean of Representative Report
  - Working on the Sexual Misconduct Resource Center webpage with many updates including a comprehensive programming report of the action, discussion, policy and more taken throughout this fall semester and into winter semester. A good reference to what we are trying to do.
  - RDG Fall performances over the weekend, on Friday had many issues with over intoxicated audience members, Wilson Public High School, our rented venue, was upset but smoothed over and the show went on. There was vomit in the auditorium, both of the bathrooms, and people smoking weed, tobacco and public urination on the premise, along with two passed out people in the bathroom that the Tacoma Police was contacted. Tacoma Public Schools, RDG past and current presidents to discuss the ordeal and actions to be taken in order to go back in the spring. Dean Segawa was quite displeased; the spring performances will include stricter monitoring on the buses.

- Staff Senate Representative Report
  - Staff Senate met on Tuesday with lots of deliberation but no action or decisions taken. Considering evaluations, only 60% would be evaluated and are looking into ways with a HR proposal to evaluate and give back merit to all staff.

- Senate Reports
  - Chair Report
    - The Self, Asian, Gender Art Collection is on Dec. 5 in Tahoma Room at 7:30 titled “Dark Matter”. There is a new publisher at the Trail, the Green Fee Program Application is due Friday evening, the garden deconstruction went well with a good turnout, Michael is currently working on new Yosemite programming for media room and liquidizing unusable ASUPS assets, and KUPS is streaming through iTunes now! Senator café hours will be posted on the website

- Club Liaison Director Report
She talked with Christine, Anna and Cora about things to do. Campus Cursive meets and writes on Wednesday evenings and they are hoping to share decorations with the Info Center. Comic Club, a recent addition to campus, went to a Seattle Convention to explore, the Apple Club meets on Monday in Commencement and they snack on apples, the two Frisbee teams are having a formal, setting up dates and connecting with friends.

- **Club Sports Liaison Director Report**
  - No report. There is a lower Baker Scheduling Meeting for spring semester on Monday December 1st, 7pm Fieldhouse Conference Room.

- **Committee Reports**
  - Media Board met tonight, Elements is doing well with an Instagram account and their proof completed. KUPS is having some antennae issues, speculating its due to new positioning after renovations and freezing in the shade making it hard to transmit good quality and they could be fined for their dead air. They are also looking into the continuity of programming with specific shows to fill genres of music, while there are some questionable safety issues with the Booth but merchandise selling tabling 11-2 on Fridays has been great for sales. Crosscurrents magazine is completed with Layout and have a beautiful cover. Photo services has been doing a lot of internal work, with good RDG photos and more photos to be posted on Photo services Facebook and they are hosting a manual photographer workshop on Saturday which is open to all. The Trail has a few issues with printers but worked out new printer situation to pull throw, they hosted a small party for Staff to keep up morale, working one on one for section editing improvements and communication and organizing diversity training with Sabrina Ramsey. Michael has been doing amazing! Tamanawas senior photos are tomorrow, moving on track with assignments working with photo services and more.
  - Explosion of the Arts, Dec. 10, 6-7pm in the Lobby with a lot of displays available for sale!
  - Student Concerns: concerns of being isolated on a college campus, looking into trying to keep students aware of national and global news, bouncing ideas around with Sarah and the possibility of using the projector for some breakfast news, unsure if it should be student created, through cable, sourced from a media station as the first project.
  - Dept. updates: Good community engagements space on campus, student life is busy, there is a broken TV in Wheelock, holiday stamps in the mailroom, the new Sub kitchen is doing well, and
they are using a new online event management system and looking into more vegan and vegetarian options. The info center is currently staffing, also hiring in DCS Cellar and Diversions. CHWA is working on mental health benefits with facilities. The budget is $35,804.15 and currently selling poly communication system.

- **SUSPENDING NORMAL ORDER**
  
  o **Vote:**
    - **Aye:** 14
    - **Nay:** 0
    - **Abstentions:** 0

- **Vice President Fagaragan requests a point of personal privilege**

- **Unfinished Business (if any)**
  
  o **none**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

  - **14-182: Finance Allocation to the Philosophy Department**
    
    o The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $515.00 to the Philosophy department for the Ethics Bowl.
      
      o Maia Bernick and former Senator Kayla Grueneich spoke about how the team meets every week to discuss ethical theories to debate and practice for the Ethics bowl tournament, which is open to everyone to attend, and they are working with starting an ethics club at a local high school. There is a fall Regional Tournament this weekend and Spring Tournament in April that they are asking for funding for hotel, transportation, registration costs and one meal costs. They had a grant last year to cover all the expenses, only received a third of the grant this year to over $1300 costs with Philosophy giving $500, will be asking Deans Office for money and possibly looking into contacting Communications Department next year for support. These activities are academic based and students already covering own meals.
      
      o **Vote:**
        - **Yay:** 14
        - **Nay:** 0
        - **Abstentions:** 1

- **Resume normal order**
  
  o **Vote:**
    - **Yay:** 15
    - **Nay:** 0
    - **Abstentions:** 0

  o **Committee Reports cont.**
    
    o Union Board: By laws changing to Senator to sit on Accessibility Work Group (AWG), hiring and retaining an Art Curator, changing
titles of positions, and adding 7 new members if approved. A letter was composed to be sent to OPA in support of multi-user ADA accessible gender neutral bathrooms on this campus, after passing unanimously by Union Board. Asking for ASUPS Senate support, and then sharing with the Staff and Faculty Senate. There will be a two week period of student input after passing the Senates and Bob Keefe is adding a supplementary letter.

- Senator Showalter requests a point of personal privilege
- **14-183A: Endorsement of the letter to the OPA in support of multi-user Gender Neutral Bathrooms**
  - ASUPS Senate hereby endorses a letter to the Code Review Committee of the APPA in support of multi-user gender neutral bathrooms
  - Upon ASUPS endorsement, letter of student body support to be taken to Staff and Faculty Senate to be shared and supported then there will be a two week public Puget Sound community viewing for further public endorsements before concluding at winter recess. Options for campus groups and individual groups to endorse and co-sign letter are also available.
  - Supplementary letter has grammatical changes to better accurately describe issues we are working to change, can continue to be edited grammatically only post-vote along with a specific Senator to make the final grammatical changes along with keeping Senate as a whole apprised
  - Commendable with social media’s transgender phobic attitudes abounding and on this day of transgender remembrance day
  - Letter from Facilities Management Bob Keefe to appeal building code to IFC to compliant about multi use public gender user bathrooms to APPA along with other universities to form a group with APPA and said universities to approach IFC as a group asking for policy changes.
  - A space for building codes and policy change can be shared for students to see and understand context of letter for endorsements of the letter, as well as for public two week viewing upon passing
  - Clarification of ASUPS support behind this letter and idea to follow through
  - Vote:
    - Yay: 13
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 2
- Announcements
  - Happy Thanksgiving!
Two Greek Philanthropy Events, GPhi Turkey Bowl flag football tournament and Pi Phi Arrowspike volleyball tournament this weekend

PiPhi raffle tickets with funds going to their philanthropy

Bluesion Night on Saturday night in Rendezvous Room

• Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm