ASUPS Formal Senate  
Murray BoardRoom  
Thursday, April 16th, 2015

- Call to order 7:00pm
  - Present: Senators Bartholomay, Bauer, Busson, McPherran, Gan, Griffin, Evans, Marsters, Queirolo, Vallance, Vice President Hartnig, President Jones, Dean of Students Representative Palmquist-Cady
  - Excused: Faculty Representative Morris
  - Unexcused:
  - Tardy: Senator Stoddard, Winston
- Approval of Minutes
  - Approval:
    - Yay: 12
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0

- Open Forum
  - Lindsey Conrad came forward to share more about a situation with Senior Theatre Festival (STF) student Thesis plays and Wetlands. STF did a play, Looking for Normal which is a narrative about a trans woman, and Wetlands was disappointed that a cis man was selected to play the main role of the trans woman over a trans woman. It prevented trans individuals the opportunity to have share their own narratives, and further denied them an opportunity to represent themselves. Wetlands wrote an article which was shared on Tuesday, that they were upset about the casting decision even after the Casting Director talked to groups on campus about their interest. After the release of the article, the Theater Department hosted a dialogue this afternoon to allow students to contribute input. There were some comments about the trans woman herself and other members who refused to apologize, contributing comments that could be interpreted as marginalizing trans individuals. They would like an apology to the trans students from the Theatre Department, with a letter that is being endorsed by other members of Media Board, members of the campus community and are asking the Senate to endorse this letter. These actions have made some students feel unsafe on campus.

- Executive Reports
  - President’s Report
On the Saturday of Admitted Students, there were a lot more amenities limited to our current students for the prosbies to enjoy. Those amenities and adjustments were a performance for admitted students, with current students knowing how our University normally is. President Jone’s thought to keep in mind for transparency and a goal of ASUPS is: How do we ensure students receive this experience but also see ASUPS as welcoming, approachable and accessible to be supportive in representing our students?

- **Vice President’s Report**
  - Finance: $10,141.97 Capital: $144,606.55
  - Media Head scheduling interview emails went out and the decisions will be made by next week. Programmers applications are due tomorrow at 5pm. Thanks for a great conversation at Informal on Tuesday.

- **Dean of Representative Report**
  - It’s April, there are a lot of people who will be leaving us, remember to be nice and take in everything that is happening but we remain representative of the campus community we are and would like to be.

- **Faculty Representative Report**
  - No report

- **Senate Reports**
  - **Chair Report**
    - There has been a lot of conversation about elections, a level-headed one when we get to the item.
  - **Club Liaison Director Report**
    - Lots of clubs are going through officer transitions, RDG is this weekend Friday and Saturday - please remind your friends not to drink too much and be responsible as they will be checking bags at the buses and staff on hand, Habitat of Humanity is having a jack-athon/sit out (?) in front of the Sub tomorrow, Gamma Phi Beta and Relay for Life is gearing up for their big event Crescent Classic 5K on Sunday.
  - **Club Sports Liaison Director Report**
    - No report
  - **Committee Reports**
    - Media Board-Crosscurrents sent out their drafts this morning, Tamanawas created flyers, KUPS is looking to engage in campus more with an on air open mic, Photo Services have put their photos up in Commencement, Wetlands is asking for endorsement about a letter to the Theatre Department regarding a play addressing the role of a trans woman.
    - Budget-finalized all of the appeal processes, $675,000 to be spent with the budget to be approved over the next two Senate meetings.

- **Unfinished Business**
• New Business
• 15-041 - Finance allocation to Sam Anders
  o The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $359 to Sam Anders to attend the Global Conference on Business & Finance in Costa Rica.
  o The paper is co-authored with Linda Livingston, a professor in the Business Department; about pay day lending, predatory targeting in loaning and they are looking to create an alternative for students. This interest on these loans would be as much or even more than the actual lended amount that will drain individuals. Four Horsemen Investment is working out details and options to create the alternative lending, with the money continuing to give back to more students, acting as an intermediary of this process. The paper is accepted to be presented at the Conference, Sam has already received funding from the BLP, she has applied for a student travel award, she has asked for money from ASUPS, the Business and Economics Department. The amount allocated covers the exit tax and conference registration.
  o Sam’s Budgeting of the Trip Document Passed Out at Senate:

  • Costa Rica 2015 Global Conference on Business & Finance Budget
  • Expenses:

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• Vote:
  • Yay: 14
  • Nay: 0
  • Abstentions: 0
• **15-042- Confirmation of the 2015 – 2016 ASUPS Executive Team**
  o The ASUPS Senate hereby approves Ken Aviananda as Director of Business Services; Banji Oyewole as Director of Marketing and Outreach; Austin Brittenham as Director of Student Interest; and Michael Villasenor as Director of Technology Services.
  o Ken Aviananda is double majoring in Business and Economics, and he is planning to come and attend Senates that address any Budget items that may be brought to the table. Austin Brittenham is a Psychology major, and is planning to create a massive moment for student leaders to be integrated and connecting with CICE as relevant and present for first-year students to know what they have access to through ASUPS and institutionally for our students, as the new Chair of Student Concerns Committee. Banji Oyewole would like to reshape student’s interaction with each other and connect with all involved in the Puget Sound wider community; he is planning on incorporating Eventi and working with the orientation process to create a more tailored experience for them. Banji will evaluate the state of Local Logger and how to potentially revamp it or discontinue it.
  o Vote:
    - Yay: 13
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 1

• **15-043 – Approval of a Process to Validate the Spring 2015 Senator at Large Election**
  o The ASUPS Senate hereby votes on one of the following courses of action:
    - Take no action.
    - Begin a Special Election for the two senator at large seats.
    - Accept the “Sense of the Court” issued forth by Honor Court.
  o Vice President Hartnig reads a letter from Sarah Shives and Katie Fry:
    “Dear Alissa,
    Thank you for your message. The Honor Court was tasked with evaluating whether or not Kyle Chong should have been disqualified from the last election. While they were not tasked with determining next steps for ASUPS (& therefore did not discuss them in any detail), perhaps we can elaborate a bit on their decision in order to better inform your choice of next steps.

    Honor Court determined that Kyle should not have been disqualified, so that means that he should have been eligible as a write-in candidate. Honor Court made no determinations on Kyle's original sanctions (removal from the ballot, etc.) so those remain valid.

    This is by no means a Sense of the Court letter, as we are not reconvening the Honor Court at this time, but we (Katie & Sarah) feel comfortable representing the above information on behalf of Honor Court.
    Please let us know if you have a questions or clarifications on what we've shared above.
Sincerely,
Sarah Shives & Katie Frye”

- The three options are what were discussed at Informal Senate, and the myriad of actions that could be taken- no action, taking action to make a Special Election happen, or accept what Honor Court has issued. A Special Election can be held and all the Senators will continue to sit on Senate until that Election is over. This process is not an invalidation of anyone sitting on Senate, it is an evaluation of the election process democratically and the principles we have outlined to follow and the rights of students to have a write-in candidates. The Election would be held once the Elections Committee appoints members to have quorum and plan out the election timeline as the Committee deems it to be taking into consideration that there are two more Senates in this semester.

- AMENDMENT: 15-043 – Approval of a Process to Validate the Spring 2015 Senator at Large Election
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  - Yay: 12
  - Nay: 1
  - Abstentions: 1
  - AMENDMENT PASSES

- Taking no action is a political movement to rectify something the Elections Committee did.

- Closed Vote:
  - The Senate votes to begin a Special Election for the two senator at large seats.

- Add line: 15-044 – ASUPS endorsement of the Editorial: Trans/Ending Normal
  - ASUPS hereby endorses the Editorial: Trans/Ending Normal as presented by Lindsey Conrad
  - This issue can be placed into greater contest with a previous incident nearly two years ago where a non cis gender identifying individual was reportedly bashed by members of the Tacoma community and students. There was a Talk back today 1-2pm with the Theatre community present to hear feedback about Looking for Normal. The talk was difficult for Trans individuals to be safe and feel comfortable sharing their thoughts. The Wetlands Editorial Board isn’t trying to censor the Theatre Department but hold them accountable for the decisions they have made, there’s nothing directly against individuals in the Department or a part of the play. The purpose of this letter is to bring awareness and discussion about trans representation. There is an understanding that the Theatre Department planned to cast the lead as a male role and exclude trans
women from the role in the first place. A cis person does not disagree with the gender assigned to them; a trans individual is one who generally disagrees with the gender assigned to them at birth.

- ASUPS should start a conversation with student leadership and faculty about these issues, warnings about violent things, and identifying changes in names on Moodle for individuals and in other ways to create a safe space for students to feel they are respected and clear about how they would like to be addressed. There may be a multitude of ways or individuals involved in making this openness to happen, and it will be great that ASUPS moves forward with this. The respectful nature of this dialogue is a good dialogue for ASUPS to better understand and support the trans community at Puget Sound and in a broader sense.

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

- Announcements
  - Wind Ensemble is having a concert tomorrow, support Faculty Representative Morris.
  - Green Dot Bystander Training at Kappa Alpha Theta tomorrow at 4pm-9pm.

- Adjournment 8:04pm