



ASA Minutes

9:00 pm Haugo Room

02/18/2015

Attendance: (23) Absent: (1)

New Business:

P&D Recommendation for International Senator

Matt Bell: Carlos left at the end of last semester. We went back and looked at who else ran for his position and Rahiwa was second place and Alejandro Garcia gave a good recommendation.

Motion to install Rahiwa Mussa: Alejandro Garcia | Second: Hanna Werling | Motion Passes

UBG Head Governor

Matt Bell: This evening the P&D committee, Jeff, and Emily Huntly met to interview the head governor applicants. Made decision based on passion and past experience. Our recommendation is the pair of Alyssa Klimisch and Alicia Arango as Co-Governors.

Sarah Larimer: There will be two co-governors and no lieutenant governor?

Matt Bell: They brought new and fresh ideas and showed a true passion for the position. I was concerned to start about the pairing, but they proved that as a pair they will do a great job.

Joel Gullickson: How is the pay going to be split up?

Matt Bell: I think that will be up to UBG to figure out. I can't speak to how they pay their individuals.

Alex Guggenberger: Were those two the governors for dance?

Matt Bell: Yes

Motion: Hanna Werling | Second: Kat Van Gerpen | Motion Passes

LDF Requests

Dan Schmidtman: Augustana Student Nursing Association is going to their state convention in Mitchell. They requested \$700 for the 20 members participating. We usually allocate \$50 for each new member going. They have 7 new members going and we recommend providing \$350 for the new members going.

Joel Hermann: I would make sure that \$50 goes to those new students and isn't split up.

Motion: Sarah Larimer | Second: Zach Serrano | Motion Passes

Dan Schmidtman: Student Council for Exceptional Children is going to a national conference on April 8. We talked with them about their goals for the conference and since they haven't completed their service hours we said they must complete their hours before the event. We also want a concrete plan for what they will do once they get back because they haven't done much this year. We will recommend an allocation of \$500 for the new members who are going. They must complete their service hours, and they must have a plan for what they will do when they get back. We just wanted to make sure they get their service done and what they plan to do after returning.

Motion: Kat Van Gerpen | Second: Spencer O'Hara | Motion Passes

Kirsten Titze: We are going to allow them to get the money now, but what if they don't do the service?

Dan Schmidtman: They won't get the money until they do their service hours.

Collegiate Link

Dan Schmidtman: This is open for discussion, but we do want to vote on the allocation. We've decided we want to recommend \$4000-\$5000 for the first year. This will not be a recurring allocation.

Matt Bell: Where does that put us?

Dan Schmidtman: Our 2nd semester budget is \$93000. We have \$8000 in the SOF and that's not including any allocations for the semester. We only allocated \$3200 from SOF last semester. Senate account is at \$1300, Exec is at \$1800. I feel comfortable with anywhere from \$4000-\$5000.

Ryder Reed: Which package are we proposing to get?

Elliot Blue: Enterprise, the biggest package with all the tools we could need. The rest of the start up fee will be paid by Jim's office and from the Campus Life office. The next year will be deducted from the overall student activities fee which many people pull.

Joel Hermann: Will this go into effect in the next academic year?

Michelle Harvey: The timeline we talked about was getting the contract underway this month and having a sneak peek preview for student leaders before we leave for summer so that in the fall clubs will have put things in it by the fall so we will have a full launch in the fall.

Michelle Harvey: Enterprise license is \$14257 with implementation 1 yr fee of \$3564 so the \$14257 is split between ASA and Dean of Students office. Year 2 is \$14827, year 3 \$15,420. The price won't go up because we are locked in for the three-year period. The modules we talked about last time are included, curriculum, elections, data integration, on campus site visit from collegiate link.

Eric Vander Lee: Are they implementing this for us or is it going to be a lot of work for us to design the sites?

Michelle Harvey: There is definitely work on our end by putting together an implementation team and branding it. Tech wise they deal with that, but we have the customization options.

Eric Vander Lee: There is the aspect of removing the portions of our current site that aren't used.

Michelle Harvey: I wouldn't want the website to be removed until all the groups had a chance to get their pages up over the summer.

Alejandro Garcia: Would your office be in charge of monitoring that all of the groups are updating their pages?

Michelle Harvey: I think it would be collaboration between my office and ASA. You guys have the money so if they don't get their pages done, they won't get their allocation.

Elliot Blue: Any ASA approved group has to be on Collegiate Link and they have to update their page every year.

Matt Bell: I think what we need to decide now is whether it's a good idea and how much we should pay.

Tony Metzgar: Is this going to replace different things we have on campus like IMLinks?

Michelle Harvey: There are things in there that I'm not sure Collegiate Links can do. It will replace Google Doc and Webforms, etc. Rec Services is a potential heavy user and that will require a serious conversation with them and how they will use it.

Eric Vander Lee: I think that we have discussed it heavily enough and it's the option we need to pursue.

Dan Schmidtman: I feel comfortable with doing the \$5000 to support our student groups and we have money in the budget. The SOF forms right now are very tedious and this would be a great help in communicating and monitoring those service hours.

Megan Wencl: How many different companies did we look into?

Elliot Blue: Three and on one of the companies there was a bad recommendation and the third company was confusing.

Ryder Reed: In any of the other conversations did anyone say about any difficulties getting it to work on campus?

Michelle Harvey: The one that had the bad review for the program the senate bought in and they wanted out after it failed. I haven't heard anything bad about this program and we plan to work with ASA to build it the way that you want. I also implemented this program at another school. Really the key is starting with lots of education at the baseline.

Megan Wencl: How long has the program worked at that other school?

Michelle Harvey: I know it is at 250 schools, I don't know that answer though and their umbrella company works with over 700 schools.

Alex Matson: Will there need to be intensive training for student groups?

Elliot Blue: It should operate very similar to a Facebook account.

Michelle Harvey: I think having a workshop at the beginning where people work together would be great because we want to support it as much as possible.

Joel Gullickson: I say we go with \$5000.

Megan Wencil: I think it's really expensive for an unknown benefit.

Alex Guggenberger: It's only 3 years.

Tony Metzgar: With the surplus we've been having I think it's a good idea

Alejandro Garcia: Does this mean we are only going for this project or what happened to the bicycle project?

Dan Schmidtman: Based off of how first semester went, I don't see why we can't do another project as well, but we need to see how second semester rolls out.

Motion: Matt Bell | Second: Alejandro Garcia | 1 Nay | Motion Passes

By-Laws and Election Code

Elliot Blue: Dan's committee made some changes to these documents. We are going to look through these documents quickly

Dan Schmidtman: We will present these documents tonight and then we will have discussion and then there is a one-week reading period before we vote on the changes. I want to underscore the importance of making changes like this and make sure we read through these carefully. This isn't something that gets done as often as we like it to. Bring your concerns to the Senate.

Joel Hermann: What happens if we come back and see there are changes, do we need a reading period again?

Dan Schmidtman: Yes, if we make any changes there must be another one-week reading period.

Matt Bell: We had a few events that prompted some changes to the election code. Article IV Section 2 I added that a mandatory pre-election meeting must take place 48 hours after the declaration forms are due by election commissioner. This way no one can say they don't know the rules. Section 9: campaigning may not be held until after the pre-election meeting. We had an issue this year where people started to campaign before the meeting and it wasn't in our constitution. The other thing we talked about a lot is the role social media can play. Section 10: as long as we still use a google doc election form I would be more comfortable not distributing ballots via social media or internet.

Ryder Reed: What's the penalty if they do start campaigning before?

Matt Bell: Infringement of election code means the P&D committee will meet and decide if the person can run. We also found the need that we don't need an absentee ballot since this is all done live via google doc.

Matt Bell: My major concern is direct links to ballots because specific ballots are made for upper classmen non-international students. If we allow the sharing of ballots students will click the wrong link and think they voted, but all they've done is lock out their id number.

Joel Hermann: Is the election posted on the Augustana page under ASA?

Matt Bell: Yes it is, as long as we have things broken down into different ballots.

Matt Bell: We also talked about changing qualifications for senators by what the college determines class by and add in whether or not they matriculated in and that cures the problem we had this year of students having too many credits for their class and then they can't run. The question was brought up if that was fair to students who have failed classes, and we do have a GPA minimum. We changed the credit hours because the credit hours in the original document were just random numbers and we aligned them to what the college says define a person's class level.

Matt Bell: Freshmen are qualified as anyone in their first semester of college

Matt Bell: Should we change the language from Freshman or First Year?

Kirsten Titze: I think we should do whatever the college books say

Sarah Larimer: I like the idea of going off of what the college website and books say.

Brittany Dardis: I think we should do an informal vote

Dan Schmidtman: This isn't something that doesn't get done every year. This is a governing document that represents the school.

Joel Gullickson: The US Senate senators are called freshman senators

Eric Vander Lee: I see a problem calling them a First Year senator because of the confusing thing with numbers

Matt Bell: I worry as election commissioner with getting declarations from people who don't understand what first year means because I don't want applicants who are their first year on the senate not first year students.

Jim Bies: The college isn't working to change all these terms, my advice is to do whatever you want to do.

Unanimous informal vote to keep the wording as Freshman, not first year.

Brittany Dardis: In the next week you have to review this on your own and we want you to bring anything you see wrong to the next meeting.

By-Laws

Dan Schmidtman: We wanted to add in the purchase of food to allow student groups to purchase this. We also had a meeting at the beginning of the year talking about the purchase of gift cards and given the tax reasons for the college it's difficult for them to allow the purchase of gift cards. In certain situations they are willing to make it work, but they want to make sure they aren't paying someone more money or tax dollars than they are allocated. The next thing we added is that ASA has the right to audit any organization without prior consent. We moved it up to the budget section because it fit better in this section. As far as approving student groups for the SOF, it has been A&P not the Director of Volunteer Services. It hasn't been a huge burden since it hasn't been an issue.

Joel Hermann: Will we continue to monitor that with the new software?

Dan Schmidtman: Yes

Dan Schmidtman: We haven't stated anywhere that the pre-service forms had to be pre-approved. We added Recreational Services to the exemptions section. We took out a section banning social groups from getting ASA allocations. This is an ambiguous statement and you could argue that any group is a social group. In Application Guidelines we added a statement saying that no reimbursement will be allowed after an event has occurred.

Brittany Dardis: Any questions or comments? You'll have a week to review both the election code and the by-laws.

Sarah Larimer: What do we do if we have comments?

Dan Schmidtman: After this meeting I will allow people with access to comment and at the next meeting we will go over these comments and vote.

Matt Bell: P&D has one last group to bring to you with a vote. We received no applications and we reopened it until Sunday at midnight and the interviews will take place next week.

Motion to Adjourn Joel Gullickson | Second Megan Wencil | Motion Passes

SENATOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Zach Serrano	X		
Ellen Jones		X	
Hanna Werling	X		
Joel Gullickson	X		
Alex Guggenberger	X		
Sarah Larimer	X		
Kirsten Titze	X		
Alejandro Garcia	X		
Kat Van Gerpen	X		
Matt Bell	X		
Kuku Lilo	X		
Joel Hermann	X		
Tony Metzgar	X		
Hannah Norem	X		
Kara Schroeder	X		
Katelyn Graber	X		
Kiri Jacobsen	X		
Kirsten Olson	X		
Eric Vander Lee	X		
Megan Wencil	X		
Ryder Reed	X		
Alex Matson	X		
Spencer O'Hara	X		
Angela Merkle	X		

OFFICER	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Brittany Dardis	x		
Elliot Blue	x		
Dan Schmidtman	x		
Aimee Fisher	x		

ADVISOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Jim Bies	x		