



ASA Minutes

9:00 pm Haugo Room

03/25/2015

Attendance: (23) Absent: (2)

New Business:

Committee Updates

P&D

Matt Bell: Election Schedule: The next Amail that goes out will have all of the declaration of candidacy forms. The presidential election, unless there are more than two groups running, will take place on the 16th and 17th. If we need a primary it will take place on the 23rd. There will be five positions open for each of the three classes. Declaration of candidacy forms are due April 8th. The presidential elections are a little different. Once a pair applies they have to get 100 signatures from students, one person can sign one petition. The petitions are due next Friday online.

We are doing a community service project on Sunday at Lutheran Social Services. They have children who are in the process of adoption. They've never had any way to document their experiences before adoption in a scrapbook so we will be making blank scrapbook pages. It helps them get integrated into a foster home or a permanent home.

Curriculum

Kat Van Gerpen: Faculty Recognition week is from the 13th-17th in April. There is a signup sheet going around for working the table in the commons. There will be online ballots like last year, but this year we hope more people will go that route. We thought it would be a good idea to get a list of faculty that people can nominate if they can't remember names. Tony is working on getting thank you cards together for faculty members and staff. Kiri and Rahiwa are working on a faculty discussion/debate that will be on Thursday.

Megan Wencil: On the tables will there be a computer?

Kat Van Gerpen: We can post the link on social media, but at the table most people write it out by hand.

A&P

Dan Schmidtman: We had a CDF request from the Augustana International Club. They are putting on an event on April 17 to celebrate the Hindu holiday, Holi. Think a color run minus the running. The main cost for the event is the color they plan to throw. The pigment costs \$55 per pound and they anticipate using 60 pounds. After their interview we were very impressed with their event and we recommend \$300. It will take place on the green.

Alejandro Garcia: It's not only one throwing of the colors, you'll try food at different stations and then get color.

Motion \$300: Sarah Larimer | Second: Hanna Werling | Abstain: Alejandro Garcia | Motion Passes

Constitution

Dan Schmidtman: We have two pretty major changes to the constitution. Sarah and Aimée will talk about them quickly.

Aimée Fisher: Split of Director of Communications position into Secretary and Director of Communications positions to streamline the process. The split would enable the secretary to complete these duties and the director of communications to really focus on social media and communication because these are such large positions that they really need a team of two to tackle it.

Sarah Larimer: Co-Curr has been very busy this year and it's been a bit overwhelming. After talking about it we are making a separate Housing and Dining committee. That leaves the Co-Curr committee to work on things that are not housing and dining. One person on the Housing and Dining committee would lead the kitchen cabinet.

Megan Wencil: Can you give us examples that are outside of housing and dining?

Sarah Larimer: Outlets in the Huddle, printers, lighting on campus, study spaces. It's not a ton, but with this it would free up committee members to reach out and they will be doing a lot more with the website program we got.

Ryder Reed: How many members will be one each committee?

Sarah Larimer: There would be 4 in Co-Curr and 6 in Housing and Dining.

Joel Hermann: Since there are more people on those committees did you consider adding more people to the senate?

Elliot Blue: We did talk about that, but we feel it's not an issue of manpower, but delegating our resources better.

Dan Schmidtman: Are there any other questions about the changes made to the Constitution?

Ryder Reed: What was the stipend breakdown for the Director of Communications and Secretary?

Dan Schmidtman: \$1000 each per school year.

Joel Hermann: Is there any specific place that money is coming from?

Dan Schmidtman: The general fund just like all the other officer payments.

Megan Wencil: Can you go to Article 6? New committee needs to be added in there.

Alejandro Garcia: Does that mean that we have to wait another week?

Dan Schmidtman: Does that work for you Elliot to pull this one change out and vote on it next week?

Elliot Blue: Yes, but we should see if there are other things?

Megan Wencil: Can you go to Article 4, Section 3.

Dan Schmidtman: It's stating that the DOC is an appointed position.

Joel Hermann: Is there a particular reason the pay for the officers is not stated in the Constitution?

Jim Bies: When the Senate took action to amend the Constitution eight years ago they regulated the stipends. The stipends would increase as the student activities fee increased. That increase has occurred at the same rate that the ASA allocation has increased since that time. It may be wise if this Senate wishes to formalize that current process. Prior to that, one of the reasons the Senate took that action is the stipends stood stagnant for 4-5 years in a row as tuition and the student activities fee increased.

Megan Wencil: Was that payment for the officers ever calculated with the minimum wage?

Jim Bies: It's not necessarily an employment, but it's defined more as an honorarium as dedication and service to the student body.

Joel Hermann: Why isn't there just a cap on the DOC stipend?

Jim Bies: I wasn't anticipating this coming up, but I have a document that covers how all of the stipends are treated as leadership stipends they increase at the same rate as the percentage increase in the allocation to the ASA allocation. It's rounded down to the nearest \$25. It keeps it from becoming static or stagnant.

Matt Bell: It makes sense to go up according to. If tuition goes up the school should reward that student.

Ryder Reed: Well scholarships don't go up.

Kat Van Gerpen: They go up for the next year because tuition goes up, but the one you received is the same all four years.

Elliot Blue: I am glad we are talking about this, but I think it might be something we look at in another meeting.

Kirsten Titze: Is this a good decision to make before we have the elections?

Alex Matson: What if we had three or four people doing these positions?

Matt Bell: You run the risk of having too many people with opinions at the executive meetings.

Megan Wenc: I think people are feeling like they are doing as a senator like an executive officer so maybe expand the senate.

Elliot Blue: To play devils advocate, if we add senators and those senators do nothing, then what do we do?

Megan Wenc: We would impeach people.

Kirsten Titze: Can I just mention how hard it has been to keep people on the senate? We would constantly keep adding more people if we made the senate larger.

Joel Hermann: This is a position you run for because you want to give back to the campus and the time you commit serving is time you're willing to give up. I think the executive committee does a ton of work, but what we are concerned about is compensation for the new position. I don't know that it's necessarily something that we need to pay someone for.

Aimée Fisher: *Presentation of all duties and actions made in past two years as Director of Communications.

Kiri Jacobsen: Do you think the new position shouldn't get paid?

Alex Matson: If you're a marketing major you're gaining skills that could give you an internship, that's a reward in and of itself. They get benefit out of it without getting paid.

Spencer O'Hara: This comes out of our annual budget? We're giving them .5% of our budget.

Elliot Blue: I'm going to propose that we take a vote on if we are okay if the Secretary and DOC positions is voted in and the stipend is \$1000.

Elliot Blue: Director of Communications gets \$1000. – 8 no 15 yes, 2/3 we need 16 it's slightly under majority.

Elliot Blue: Secretary gets \$1000 – no

Ryder Reed: It seems to me that the Secretary does more and is more direct contact with board members. The Director of Communications is just doing stuff on social media.

Aimée Fisher: The Director of Communications goes to Board of Trustees meetings, meets with the executive board, meets with the Augustana Director of Communications, and many other college administrators.

Alex Guggenberger: We are fighting over something that's not even in the constitution.

Elliot Blue: Stipend allocations in governing documents? - 3 yes less than majority

Zach Serrano: I don't see why they deserve anything less. I haven't seen someone deserving anything less than what Aimée talked about. None of us understands what she has been doing over the last 2 years. It's insulting for the people picking at this for so long.

Megan Wenc: The DOC is a position grew out of what it was intended to be. It's greater than size of executive position and we're cutting it back down to an executive size.

Eric Vander Lee: We aren't even voting on stipends.

Move to approve Constitutional changes we had for one week reading period: Kat Van Gerpen | Second: Spencer O'Hara second. Motion Passes

Elliot Blue: If it makes everyone feel better, we can vote with plan of deciding stipend next week and none of that has to go into the constitution. Constitutional amendments are through, meeting next week.

Motion to Adjourn: Hanna Werling | Second: Matt Bell | Motion Passes

SENATOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Zach Serrano	x		
Evan Meyer	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		
Rahiwa Mussa	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		