



# ASA Minutes

## 9:00 pm Haugo Room

### Online Vote 08/27/14-09/02/14

**Attendance: (13) Absent: (0)**

#### **New Business:**

The following vote and discussion took place via email from 08/27/14-09/02/14.

#### **LDF Request**

*Elliot Blue:*

Hello ASA Senate!

We have an LDF request that recently came in and have decided to conduct an online vote. Please read the temporary A&P Committee's recommendation below, as well as the request itself:

*"Dear ASA Senate,*

*We have an LDF Request awaiting a vote by the senate. After speaking with the temporary A&P Committee members, we have decided to recommend an allocation of \$250 to the Sophomore Retreat group . We typically allot \$50 per person for any off-campus leadership training. We think that the Sophomore Retreat has the potential to impact numerous Augustana students and enrich the Augustana community. Below, is the LDF Request. Please hit REPLY ALL to share any comments, questions, or concerns you may have with the senate.*

**Organization Name:** *Sophomore Retreat (a collaboration between Campus Ministry, Academic Affairs, Studnet Services, and the Career Center)*

**Requested Amount to be Provided by ASA:** *\$300.00*

#### **Expense Breakdown:**

*\$60 per person for a one night, four meal stay at Joy Ranch*

*Hoping for funding for five junior or senior student leaders.*

*Transportation and other expenses will be covered by Campus Ministry and Academic Affairs budgets.*

**Summary of the Activity:** *A pilot weekend retreat for approximately 20 sophomore students focused around questions such as "Who Am I?" and "Where am I going?" Themes of vocation and calling will be considered. The format of the weekend will be small group conversations around different topics, led by junior or senior student leaders. A panel of alumni will be present for a portion of the weekend, sharing their own stories about how they made big life decisions, twists and turns encountered along their journey, and big questions they've asked as they pursue a life of meaning and purpose. Student leaders are key to making the weekend a success, as they'll provide wisdom and experience to younger sophomore students . The idea for this retreat came from St. Olaf college. You can learn more about what they do here:*

*<http://wp.stolaf.edu/pipercenter/quo-vadis-sophomore/>*

**What will Students and the Community Gain from the Activity:** *The hope is that students will learn more about themselves and integrating meaning, purpose,*

*and service into their life and life's work. Examining the difference between career and calling may help students be more imaginative about their own definitions of "success." Both sophomore participants and upper class student leaders will be encouraged to reflect critically on their life, their goals and pursuits, thinking not only about their own deep passions, but about the deep needs that they see in the world. Several of the college's core values will be lifted up during the course of the weekend as students glean wisdom from those who have gone before them, and create their own wisdom that they can pass on to others. If this weekend is helpful and well-received by students, the leadership team hopes to offer the opportunity more widely to larger groups of sophomores in future years."*

Discussion on the request is now open. Please don't hesitate to ask questions if you have them, make sure to "Reply-All", and someone make sure to motion when you feel ready! Thanks!

*Ellen Jones:*

So the money is for a sophomore retreat but paying for juniors and seniors? Are the sophomores paying the \$60 themselves and we are just covering leaders??

*Elliot Blue:*

Ellen, it appears that the money will be used just for the junior and senior leaders, not for the sophomores who will be attending. It doesn't appear to say how the sophomores are expected to pay for the experience, however, we can figure this out if you would like. This is an LDF request, so the idea is that you are requesting money for a leadership related activity.

*Ellen Jones:*

Got it. That makes sense I was just a little confused.

*Dan Schmidtman:*

Senate,

The LDF Allocation will, indeed, only be used for the upperclassmen who are leading the retreat. While the cost of the weekend is between \$60-\$70 per student, students will be asked to pay only \$20 to participate in the retreat. The four collaborating departments will cover the difference. Does that clarify, Ellen?

*Brittany Dardis:*

If there is no further discussion by 2pm, we will begin the vote.

But first someone will need to motion to start the vote :)

*Ellen Jones:*

I motion that we start the vote.

*Alejandro Garcia:*

I second.

*Elliot Blue:*

The motion passes. Thanks everyone! Stay tuned for another online vote we need to take care of.

## **Group Request**

*Elliot Blue:*

Hello again Senate!

We just wrapped up the LDF voting, however, we now need to take care of a student group approval request. Please read the below information about the group "Big Ideas" as well as their attached constitution. Discussion begins now. Please don't hesitate to ask questions! Thanks!

**Members so far:**

- Lance Shaull
- Allison Lindgren
- Emily Huntley
- Jenna Legred
- Samantha Rang
- Tess Wentworth
- Anna Eliason
- Ryan Hartnett
- Morgan DePerno
- Jordan Dobrowski
- Zachary Friederich
- Megan Kalda
- Angela Merkle

**Advisor** - Bob Preloger

**President** - Lance Shaull

**Vice President** - Allison Lindgren

**About** - Big Ideas is a committee devoted to completing a "big idea" each year for the school or community. Our mission is to create and complete a Big Idea for the community of Sioux Falls in hopes of making a positive impact and improving the lives of others while growing in faith and [strength.ht](#)

*Ray Asmah:*

I think this new group is awesome, but isn't their preamble/purpose similar to SALT? Their const. says they want to "create large-scale service projects that will inspire and motivate Augustana Students along with the Sioux Falls communities to participate in" and "to gain momentum and passion for the idea of volunteerism". And SALT's is to "is to promote and strengthen the idea of volunteerism".

I hope I'm not over thinking this, but last year we went through a dramatic change to avoid having groups with very similar purposes. I just think they should tweak or make clearer the phrasing of their preamble/purpose, just to avoid any future discrepancies. **Again I think they'll be an awesome addition!**

*Brittany Dardis:*

Yes, this group seems similar to SALT, but the idea is to have one big volunteer project. For example, last year they were looking at building a house. So, really, you could compare Big Ideas to UBG's Big Event committee. SALT does more frequent volunteer projects within the community whereas Big Ideas will be doing large, less frequent projects.

*Ray Asmah:*

I motion to have "big ideas" approved as a new student group.

*Hanna Werling:*

Second!

*Elliot Blue:*

The motion passes. Thanks everyone!

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		
Ray Asmah	x		

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

ADVISOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Jim Bies	X		