



ASA Minutes

9:00 pm Haugo Room

12/10/2014

Attendance: (24) Absent: (1)

New Business:

Brittany Dardis: Thank you for those of you who helped us with the flowers in remembrance of Ben. I think the student body really appreciated it.

Elliot Blue: Semester Review

- We would like to have a few new guidelines for topics we discuss and we want to make sure we are always respectful.
- One of the big things we are going to try out is not having computers or electronic devices. When you're here we really need the time to interact with one another.
- We wanted to bring up side conversations. When we are here we want to give the person speaking the floor.
- If you have ideas or opinions please speak up.
- When we are voting, you don't have to vote aye. We want this to be a representative group of the student body.
- Senator expectations: Office hours are something we really need you to go to each week. We've noticed at particular times you haven't been there. We also really need your help with events in order to put on the best event possible. Really try to make sure you are doing your part in helping out.
- Housekeeping: We will be convening this J-term. Dan and Brittany will be here to lead the senate. Depending on what issues roll in if we have a quorum we will deal with that as it comes.

Committee Updates

Matt Bell: P&D

- Leah Murfield will be leaving us for Alaska to go student teach and we are in the process of replacing her with another senior representative. I'm a little concerned if we will have a quorum during j-term to enlist that senator.
- We are working on a spring service project and we are still going to do a car wash.

Kat Van Gerpen: Curriculum

- Sophia passed with 57 – 56 with 2 abstentions. Now it's just a matter of working out the small details and how it will be implemented. I went to the academic affairs meeting this past weekend with the Board of Trustees and nothing too big there.

Sarah Larimer: Co-Curriculum

- We had a productive meeting with Jim.
- We had a lot of issues to finalize and we had a lot of new things to work on.
- We are working on the lock issue and will hang up posters in all the dorms. Housing sent out an email during Viking Days that had a link describing the new policy, but I'm sure many people did not see it.
- We are looking at other policies that are vague or misworded that are online and seeing what improvements can be made.
- We talked about the minimum wage will be increasing to \$8.50. The Elmen Center has talked about having the gym open fewer hours and we are working with them to make sure the Elmen is as accessible as possible. We are talking about getting a hotel-sized workout facility in the dorms. A lot of the students are going off campus and buying gym memberships and it shouldn't be that way.
- We talked about also starting to meet with Emily S. and getting different descriptions for the various work-study positions. It's actually fraudulent for the school to pay you for work you aren't doing.
- Hopefully starting in February we are going to split up co-curr and we are going to set up a housing and dining group and a co-curr group so we can be more efficient.

Dan Schmidtman: A&P

- Finally feel like we have enough information that we've been digging into.
- USA Today is something we are still formulating a plan for and why we think we need to reconsider our subscription. Hopefully by the end of January or early February we will have an educated conclusion.
- We finally got the Viking Days final balance today.
- We are going to bring the constitution to you and get the kinks worked out in the first round of voting.
- SOF is running smoothly.

Alex Guggenberger: Kitchen Cabinet

- We had our last meeting last Tuesday and we started off explaining what kitchen cabinet is and we will have a survey in early January gauging what we can change in the Huddle and Upstairs.
- We did bring up the friendliness of the Huddle, menus in the Huddle, and what your transfer meals work with.
- Most of the people who work there don't understand what can work as a transfer meal.

Brittany Dardis: Bus Program

- It has been fairly successful this semester. Our goal was to have 1000 riders.
 - o Sept.: 267 Rides
 - o Oct.: 295 Rides
 - o Nov.: 275 Rides
- We are going to extend the pilot program into next semester and work out the same deal with SAM.
- PRSSA has been doing the marketing around school. Hopefully you've seen social media posts about it and they will be doing more.

- As we continue the program we will continue it as .85 per ride and Jim's office said they will fund it.
- We will be talking to the city more about the progression of the program and they will be switching their passes to the touch program. Augie may be updating their cards to the touch card as well.
- We talked about creating a transportation center on campus and perhaps a bigger shelter on Grange Ave.
- We need to talk about them changing the route. If we can increase ridership to a certain point to where they see we are an important client that will help.
- Joel Hermann: Is the bus stop lit up?
- Hanna Werling: Can we put posters up in front of the Huddle window to have brochures and a big map? That space could be better utilized.
- Alejandro Garcia: Is it possible to have a place where people go to coordinate rides?
- Joel Hermann: Is this a way we could draw students into the office and we could talk to them about what's going on at Augie?
- Megan Wencil: What are we doing with our "Selfie" pictures?
- Elliot Blue: ASA will take over the three glass cases by the Canton room and we can put up posters for events and also our profile pictures.
- Matt Bell: I think the best thing we could do is create an Augie Rides page on Facebook and invite as many people invited as possible.
- Dan Schmidtman: I think it would be more efficient to have a bulletin board with ride-share information.

Elliot Blue: Bike Share Program

- I proposed some different things at the beginning of the year, but there have been some developments.
- We have a soft-app created that has a student portion, rental portion, and bike shop portion. Students could access their service history and the status of the rental bikes. This would be a robust program.
- This is something we can pursue, but if there is some big project ASA wants to spend money on this could be an option.

Brittany Dardis: Augie Mobile App

- We've been working on an informal agreement and Roberta has made different suggestions, but he hasn't signed it yet.
- \$1000 will be coming from the Senate and \$1000 from Jim and Rob
- We are hoping Robert will gift the app to Augustana College
- Leah Murfield: Do we have numbers of how the app has been used?
- Elliot Blue: We would love to for Robert to have major updates done so that we can release it in a timely manner. We are going to keep Robert on board until next August.
- Right now ASA is managing the app and in the future we will give it to the administration. Our senate is already working on so many other things. Then we'll be able to make it flow with the website.
- Hanna Werling: Is there any way to make it more phone friendly?

- Elliot Blue: The app is just a link to different website. It's not a truly native app so that's also part of why we haven't rolled it out so we are going to talk about moving more toward a native app because it is a hassle to get through things.

Elliot Blue: The Blood Mobile – New Location

- The reasoning is because GSA, UBG, and other administrators came to us and some students felt bothered by having the mobile right in front of them when they get turned away.
- Homosexual men are banned for life for giving blood
- There's nothing the blood mobile can do about that because it's a government run program.
- We had to come up with an agreement to keep the blood mobile here and our compromise was to move the bus and then GSA had a table explaining why the blood mobile was moved
- Everyone is in the right mindset that blood drives are a good thing and we aren't going to discontinue them.
- Sarah Larimer: Part of the issue is Augustana has a non-discriminatory clause and so the blood mobile is discriminatory so that's another reason it was moved.
- Ellen Jones: I gave blood today and there were people sitting at that table and no one said anything. I didn't understand what was going on. Is GSA wanting us to not do a blood drive?
- Elliot Blue: No not at all, they are fine with us still having the blood mobile. We just needed to compromise.
- Joel Hermann: This isn't just an Augustana thing it is a nationwide issue. It started at UCLA when the president decided blood drives were discriminatory and banned them. This is just giving them a platform to speak on rather than it just being one person who brought this forward.
- Elliot Blue: The FDA keeps getting requests to change the rule.

Brittany Dardis: Semester Shutdown

- We will be doing tunnel tours and pictures with Santa from 9-11 and those will start in the Back Alley.
- We need at least a couple tour guides and as many of you to help set up and make it look Christmas-y and signs so no one gets hurt. We were thinking of doing this on Friday evening or Saturday afternoon.
- Friday late-afternoon evening we will set up 4-6:30.

Brittany Dardis: Arena Bus

- We should be promoting going to the arena and riding the bus.
- Ellen Jones: Either you go early for the girls game or later for the guy's game and there's no way to leave before so you feel stuck there until 10. I know people who want to go, but can't make a four hour commitment.

Brittany Dardis: Dining Hall Study Space

- The dining hall will be open from 8pm-12am on Thursday, Friday, Mon. and Tuesday so we need you guys to work there. We just need someone there to make sure students aren't going back into the kitchen.

Matt Bell: Motion to Adjourn | Second: Hanna Werling | 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		
Leah Murfield	x		
Megan Wencil	x		
Ryder Reed	x		
Alex Matson	x		
Carlos Noyola	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		