



ASA Minutes

9:00pm Haugo Room

1/7/2015

Attendance: (19) Absent: (5)

New Business:

- *Brittany Dardis:* Carlos, our international senator, will not be returning to Augie this next semester. We are still looking into filling this position. Water bottle fillers are now installed in each of the towers on the water fountains.
- *Elliot Blue:* I tried one today and they work.
- *Brittany Dardis:* Tomorrow at 3, we are having a meeting to demo student program. We have looked into 3 different versions of them so we would love you all to come and weigh in if students would be interested in this or not.
- *Elliot Blue:* Many things will be integrated into this system. Schedules, student groups and balances would be loaded into there as well. We are weighing in with the different offices on campus since it will be used by many of them. We are first looking into if something like this would be beneficial to Augustana students or not.

Committee Updates

A&P Committee: Dan Schmitdman

- The current balances are written up on the board. (Service Opportunity Fund: \$10,868.00, General Fund: \$13,415.00, Executive Fund: \$1,331.77, Senate Fund: \$1,879.87, Leadership Development Fund: \$1,825.00, Community Development Fund: \$2,564.60). Within a couple of weeks we will be receiving our spring budget allocation. I don't know an exact number yet because it depends on student enrollment for spring semester.
- Also, I sent out an email talking about the constitution. We will be doing a full read through of the constitution and bylaws and at our next meeting we will be reading and updating those. Each committee has a given section and I ask you to read through and write down changes to be made. We will discuss the changes wanted to be made and then there will be another week of reading period and then we will vote on it.
 - o *Matt Bell:* Will we be able to change the election laws at that time too?
 - o *Dan Schmidtman:* Yes.
 - o *Brittany Dardis:* Be sure to check if there is anything else that needs to be added, or other changes to be made - not just grammatical errors.
- We as a committee are still looking at the U.S.A. Today subscription and we will have and update for you at the next meeting.
- We are still looking into the allocated budgets and we finally received a final budget from Jeff for Viking Days. We are planning a meeting with him and the co-chairs to discuss their budget.

P&D Committee: Matt Bell

- Leah Murfield will be leaving us. Eric Vander Lee will be joining us since he was the next most voted upon in this past fall election. Would anyone like to motion?
 - o **Motion to install Eric Vander Lee to ASA: Hanna Werling | Second: Ellen Jones | Abstain: Leah Murfield | Motion passes**
- Welcome Week co-chair applications will be due the 6th of February and interviews will be the 9th and 10th of February. UBG head Governor Applications will be due a week later than the welcome week applications, the 13th.
 - o *Joel Herman*: Why so urgent?
 - o *Matt Bell*: Jeff thinks that especially with Viking Days and Welcome Week, they need to organize their subcommittees as fast as possible rather than after spring break. Things accelerate really fast. We are leaning to do it even quicker in the future. I will leave a note to the P&D committee chair for next year. Welcome week co-chairs will now apply and interview as individuals instead of in pairs to be able to maximize the chairs' abilities and desires without having to find each other beforehand.
 - o *Brittany Dardis*: Did Jeff say anything about how they're going to assess that?
 - o *Matt Bell*: His idea is to hand the candidates a list of the others applying ask if they would be able to work with the other applicants. This could be beneficial because in the real world, you're not going to be able to choose who you're going to work with. I don't see it as a major change. It's really only a small change. Any other questions? (none)
- Elliot Blue: Any other news with service projects or anything?
 - o *Matt Bell*: I have not heard back from Annamarie, no.

Curriculum: (Kat Van Gerpen not present)

- no updates

Co-Curriculum Committee: Sarah Larimer

- We are going to try to start having weekly and biweekly meetings with housing. They have always worked closely with Co-Curriculum. They sound pretty open to the things we are looking to do especially with the lock policy.
- We will also be going through other policies on the web page making sure they're clear and accurate.
- We are also talking with Whitney and Corey about implementing a small hotel-sized work out facility in the dorms since the Elmen is so far away from some of the residence halls and since space and hours are limited.
- In the future we would like to separate the Co-curriculum Committee into two groups; one that deals with housing and dining and the other with kind of everything else.
- We are also looking to work with Emily Studenski to work on job descriptions of the work study positions. Some students' work study positions require quite a bit of work and others get paid to sit and do homework for 8 hours a week. We are looking to compile the job descriptions so students know what they will be doing.
- Are there any other ideas or comments?

- *Matt Bell*: The only idea I'd like to bring up is the toilet paper (not actual toilet paper, something like the Stall Street Journal).
- *Sarah Larimer*: Yes, we can definitely look into that.

Other Business

- *Elliot Blue*:
 - We are planning on continuing the SAM bus program this next semester. We just reached 1,000 riders at the end of fall semester which was right around our goal. SAM is incorporating new bus tags which will just need to be held up to the scanner to be scanned. Augustana is also looking into getting these tags.
 - The next thing is the Bike Share Program and the Campus Bike Racks. I am going to send around an outline again in case any of you haven't seen it. Please think about if the bike share program or racks is something that would be beneficial to the students here at Augustana - if it would be used, if this is something we want to do, and what not.
 - We are still having Robert on board with the Augustana app until August. Think of functions that would be beneficial to students - Rec Services, what's for dinner and things like that.
 - We are still looking for a campus wide service project so if you have any ideas for that be sure to talk to Matt (Bell) about that.
 - Another thing Jim (Bies) has brought us is making campus a smoke free campus. We want to discuss a monetary vote to see where students stand on this. Brittany Dardis: Be sure before the next meeting to research other schools similar to ours and look at their policies they have in place.
- *Elliot Blue*: Next we will go around and talk about ideas we have for reaching out to the student body more effectively.
 - *Matt Bell*: Storm the dorms. *Elliot Blue*: Any specifics? *Matt Bell*: Go through and knock on doors, have our faces be known and that were interested
 - *Alex Matson*: Ice cream social.
 - *Kuku*: In the dining hall, where students can ask questions and where students can input their ideas.
 - *Elliot Blue*: We do have a suggestion box outside our office but it's hardly used. Maybe we can put it in a higher populated spot.
 - *Kirsten Olson*: Maybe with the mobile app - notifications when there is events and things like that.
 - *Elliot Blue*; maybe an ASA hub on the app would be good.
 - *Alejandro Garcia*: We need to make our name known and put our faces out there. Maybe stick our logo out there on things we're doing and on surveys.
 - *Leah Murfield*: Being really involved on campus when there are activities going on; like the Going Away Band Concert. Getting out there especially on social media, not specifically through the ASA account.
 - *Zach Serrano*: The surveys aren't always affective; some don't always check their emails. Like the thing that texts us all to get our cars off of the street, if you could

stick something in there, then everyone with a smartphone would see it. Text are responded to within 3-6 hours, emails in 3-6 weeks.

- *Sarah Larimer*: Social media idea: live tweet our meetings or something – only the main points we are discussing to show that we are addressing needs.
- *Sarah Larimer*: Elliot and Brittany talked about hosting forums. If each senator had to go and tried to bring one or two people, we could eventually get a lot of people to go. I think that people would begin to go without being asked to go by a senator.
- *Kuku*: The Augie mobile app should embed the menu for the dining hall every day. It's on twitter, but if it's on the app it would be more helpful.
- *Kirsten Titze*: Each month we could have a table in the commons or by the mailboxes. I don't think our office is the most approachable.
 - *Matt Bell*: Like where rec services has their table.
- *Kiri Jacobsen*: We could have kickoff storm the dorm, but also have a bonfire and have prizes. This fall there was one that started around 6 and it was really cool because it attracted a wide variety of students. People brought footballs and frisbees and there were s'mores.
- *Kiri Jacobsen*: My other idea is to have an area in each of the academic buildings where different senators who are those majors can be showcased and have information about them and what their job is within the senate. Students will see them within the building and will start to recognize their faces.
- *Ellen Jones*: Have office hours be more approachable. Turn Pandora on and have it pretty loud so people notice you there. Even if it's awkward, make it more fun and welcoming. ex: "Hey, have a good supper!" People just don't really know what we do so if we are more approachable, people might become more interested in learning about ASA.
- *Hanna Werling*: Going off of what Kiri said, having pictures. Maybe on our Facebook page, having senator of the week but along with that having our pictures in our dorm or somewhere more visible. A picture to a name with a fun quote or something.
 - *Elliot Blue*: We are looking at the display case outside of the Canton room so we can see where that goes. Let us know if we don't have a picture of you.
- *Katelyn Graber*: My idea was to have comment cards but I guess we already do so I guess we should make that more visible. Like when we ran for these positions make posters that show everyone on senate so everyone can see who is in which position.
- *Spencer O'Hara*: Have a senator of the week, post on Facebook, Twitter or in the Mirror or something and showcase them and say their favorite smoothie or something like that.
 - *Joel Gullickson*: I like how Viking Days did that meet the committee thing on Twitter and Instagram and maybe for the ASA office, put a white board to put your name on when you're in the office.
 - *Ryder Reed*: or for students to write comments on that instead of the comment cards.

- *Matt Bell*: Yes! Or chalkboard paint.
- *Kara Schroeder*: Put something about our app in the freshman Welcome Week bags along with something that describes all of the groups on campus and what their acronyms mean. We should also make something to explain ASA maybe during Welcome Week.
 - *Joel Gullickson*: Like the difference between ASA and UBG.
- *Ryder Reed*: Stemming off what Kara said, raising general awareness - maybe throw the minutes in the Amail or something like that. I like Amail but I know a lot of students delete them right away.
 - *Elliot Blue*: Maybe rebrand the Amail or something.
- *Joel Hermann*: For office hours, this may sound a little bit like we're trying to run a boot camp, but what if when we have an office hour, you have to stand outside the office until you get someone to come in and talk to you about something they like or dislike at Augustana. Do it for a couple weeks and then maybe students will start to come in on their own and talk to us.
- *Joel Hermann*: The other thing I wrote down is like a class night in the back alley, senior class night, junior class night, etc. You take control of it - leading your peers and talking to them about issues on campus, then it's more on the same level maybe even have it be an ice cream social.
- *Dan Schmidtman*: Piggybacking off of Ryder - making use of the social media. The meeting minutes get long, after each meeting so maybe we should do a quick post about the main points for the meeting. I think we're going to have the privilege to do a big project but highlighting that ASA sees things as needs and is working on addressing them.
- *Alex Matson*: Similar to the table in the commons, but when we were registering people to vote, giving out t-shirts was a great thing and participation was above what expected because of it.
- *Kirsten Olson*: Maybe putting comment boxes in dorms or something more accessible.
- *Matt Bell*: Look into getting a blurb in the mirror each week. We should work on building a better relationship with the Mirror to get mentioned more - stray away from negative articles We should try to talk to the future editor and maybe have a senator write something in the mirror each time they're published.
 - *Hanna Werling*: Have we ever mentioned that we are trying to work with housing and things with Campus Life? People think we are just working with the budget and stuff but we should share that we ARE working on things and maybe have comment cards and things like that.

Brittany Dardis: Are there any other comments? As we already talked about, we aren't doing office hours over J-term, and we will be sending out a new sheet to figure out schedules for next semester.

Adjourn:

Motion: Hanna Werling | Second: Kiri Jacobsen Result: Pass

SENATOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Zach Serrano	X		
Ellen Jones	X		
Hanna Werling	X		
Joel Gullickson			
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		
Spencer O'Hara	X		

Angela Merkle		X	
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Executive	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Brittany Dardis	X		
Elliot Blue	X		
Aimee Fischer		X	
Daniel Schmidtman	X		

Advisor	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Jim Bies		X	