



Assembly of Student Representatives

University Park Undergraduate Association

October
7th, 2009

8:07 pm
302 HUB

Meeting called by:	Hillary Gupta	Type of meeting:	General Meeting
Secretary:	Joanna Sobel		
Attendees:	*		

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenter	Time (min.)
○ Call to Order and Opening Roll Call	Joanna Sobel	2
○ Adoption of the Agenda		1
○ Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes (9-30-09)		1
○ Open Student Forum		0
○ Report by the President I have nothing concrete to say regarding the UPUA fee. Tonight will be a short meeting. Congratulations to the representatives on homecoming court. Chris Caswell delivered representatives incorporating representatives. There was a meeting on Tuesday about the Highlands loop with the borough manager, Elizabeth Goreham, and the head of the Highlands Association. The borough is in favor of an increased safety measure, though they are worried it may enable drinking. They are also in favor of increasing the range of the white loop. Statistics need to be gathered to document vandalism in the area where coverage doesn't exist. This is important because of the recent rise in sexual assault. We will be nominating a select individual to lead a committee of special initiatives, and one of statistical analysis. We need resources to make the loop successful. We also need a complete buy in from UPUA, and need one on one contacts. You can have a big impact on the safety of students, and as long as students are in danger we need to keep working for the new loop.	Hillary Gupta	5
Nick Mance- Is the director of analysis a temporary position? Yes, it is only for a few months.		
○ Special Presentations	Hillary Gupta	0
○ Old Business (none)	Hillary Gupta	0
○ New Business (none)	Hillary Gupta	0
○ Liaison Reports		
○ GSA – nothing		
○ ARHS – Good evening. This past weekend there was the Race Against Racism. Katy ran and Christian was there. We ordered hand sanitizers for safety at the event, and there was a written message on the label to prevent swine flu.		
○ CCSG – I will be coming once a month to go over details and take questions. Last weekend the commonwealth campuses and liaisons came together for council weekend, it very productive and successful. SAF board highlights: UPAC receiving funding in the form of 5000 dollars so they can have fall and winter retreat, it was thrown back to the subcommittee and should be approved. We discussed how SAF funds can be used for fundraising. It will all be worked out in 404 old main. Over 150 people from commonwealth campuses came for the weekend. In breakout meetings there were 38 members, and it was very productive. Two pieces of legislation were passed. Medical amnesty was passed with slight changes from our policy to appease concerns from commonwealth campuses. They were concerned that it could be misused in some way. During multiple committee break outs they were able to discuss the policy thoroughly and the vote was 33-0-1. The Rockview Landsell was tabled for more discussion, and they're waiting for numbers from finance in Old Main, though it should be passed. We're looking for reform in the student advisory group resulting in students getting a greater say in the IT fee. It is the largest fee outside of tuition, and we have no say about what happens with that fee. Advisory has no allocation powers. Mj Warsham is hoping to pass a piece of legislation with basic info, it can be found at ccsu.psu.edu. We hope to work with the UPUA about IT fee. There will be a meeting in three weeks to discuss grade replacement and testing outside the classroom. Questions?	Joann Olson Genifer Goldsmith	9 total

- Report by the Association Directors and Staff
- Chief of Staff – We will be setting up preliminary meetings; they should be set up in a couple of weeks. There will be a big meeting with all parties involved in November to hash out medical amnesty details. Questions? (Chris Smith)
- Loewner- What kind of outreach has there been to the leaders and staff of the university, how aware are other people in university about the medical amnesty plan?
- In terms of administration and faculty, they don't know, probably only as much as they read in the collegian. We haven't had any outreach to them yet. We don't want them to get confused with preliminary talks, because what we are suggesting may change. (Chris Smith)
- Treasurer- Swine flu is serious; we are transitioning a report to the exec department. I hope that all interns are interested in the program, let me introduce the first intern class. Never before has there been a conduit created where people can learn in an ongoing recruitment process. This will be a huge asset to UPUA . The yearbook photo for everyone is next week. Don't look sloppy. I've also reserved banner space for spring and the week before thanksgiving. Do your committees have anything in mind, because there is space available. (Matt Smith)
- Media
- Assembly Affairs
- LGBTQ Affairs
- UPUA Legal Affairs
- External Affairs
- Internal Affairs
- Encampment
- Greek Life

Matt Smith
Justin
Weiner
Christopher
Nock
Samantha
Miller
Yvette
Lerma
(TBA)
Chris Smith
Matt
Sheroff
Greg
Tallman
Chris
Caswell

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- Committee Reports
 - Steering- We've interviewed one person for off campus position. There will be multiple interviews this weekend for the off campus position and at large position. We don't know if they want to fill the positions with these people or keep looking for new people. We are going to start having people with unexcused absences at bottom of list on the agenda. Only half of the people have signed in for office hours. We are working with Mark Walsh to make the passed legislation updated and online.
 - Internal Development- We are working on the constitution bylaws, and looking to fill liaison positions. Loewner is working on a policy for entering TIO contracts. Please fill the exec board positions! Does anyone want to be ID?
 - Programming- We are collaborating with Christian for the Campus Night Out and Battle of the Bands, and we're also working on getting UPUA polo shirts.
 - Dove- Were you thinking about t-shirts also or just polo shirts?
 - The t-shirt discussion was had so you can have a dressy shirt and a not so dressy shirt. We will be doing t-shirts. If there is any other type of shirt you want we can look into. We are waiting for the logo before we do the t-shirts.
 - Facilities- We're still trying to work on getting in contact with eco-action. The constitution states that the vice chairman is supposed to make reports, but Mark Cannon and I will be working on a constitutional amendment to change that.
 - Academic Affairs- There has been some discussion on Rockview. My chief interest is figuring out what language there is in the actual bill, and trying to differentiate them as they're in the Pennsylvania house. Following up on the examination textbook sales policy, the university doesn't have one and the senate isn't being helpful. It will be an effort to pursue how it operates. The undergrad subcommittee is working on their academic integrity policy, and discussing it with a professor who has completed a report on academic integrity. The programming subcommittee has done good work gathering student councils from all colleges. We have looked at educational opportunities involved with videographer position. In regards to the IT fee, I'm meeting with Warsham, it has been on academic affairs' mind now for almost a year, there are different approaches. Once the fee is collected it goes to four places, campus development, libraries, University Park colleges, and general university services. Wants to work on last part with CCSG. Later this month there will be two special guest meetings, one with registrar and one with the university libraries.
 - Bonnel- Does the faculty senate have the power to set enrollment restrictions?
 - No, they don't hear about enrollment until students do. It's all done by office of admissions. We just had census day and are currently compiling numbers for who is enrolled. For example, abroad students only partially at Penn State. There is never firm number of people here. I've heard the number for the next class is about 6000.
 - Governmental Affairs- We want discuss the proposed nuisance ordinance that the borough council has. We are going to meet them to get a better feel at a public hearing November 16 or 18, and to have preliminary discussions to voice the student perspective and get a better general feel.
 - Diversity Campus Life- I got the chance to be able to speak at the National Coming Out Rally last week at the student life forum. One of the bigger things we're working on with governmental affairs is the Campus Night Out, which is modeled on the National Night Out. We are hoping it will increase campus safety. Hopefully by end of this week you will be able to see what you can do as reps to help the cause. I met with student athletes. This Friday I am going to the Commission of Women retreat to talk about sexual assault and campus safety. There will be lots of women, and we want to show that as

Mark
Cannon

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males we do care about sexual assault. I'm trying to bring a lot of men to back me up. We're also working on reaching out to student organizations to help them understand the medical amnesty policy. There will be a CCSG football game Sunday after homecoming. We also had the Idea of doing a CCSG and UPUA social.

- Loewner- What kind of collaboration with ethics and religious affairs have you had?
- Ethics and Religious Affairs doesn't want to be seen as a religious organization, they want to be more student life oriented. We're trying to collaborate with them on issues like sexual assault showing that they have the attitude of "we're religious but suffer the same things". I attended the interfaith dialogue and they're really trying to engage student leaders They were very excited because they've never had an outside committee come to meetings and see what their actual purpose is.

- Warsick- We're excited about the football game, but we're thinking about moving it because people generally tailgate after the games. It has been moved to November 1st, because the next away game is on a canning weekend. The game will be starting as flag football but will probably turn into tackle, but it is co-ed so Ladies, get out there.
- Ann grickson- That's the same as the Thon 5-k, so what time will it be?

- It is also the night after Halloween, so probably around 2:30 or 3:00. CCSG holds a formal every year, and it's a lot of fun, but we want to have a joint student government formal at some point this year, probably sometime in December, in spirit of collaboration.

○ **Comments for the Good of the Order**

I would like to direct people to the back of the report. There has been some confusion about the original reason we had begun to evaluate the Rockview Transfer. I'll generate a report after we have the meetings to discuss the origins of efforts

Sam
Loewner
Hillary
Gupta
Adam
Boyer

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- We will meet in the Hub for pictures at 7:45, on the stairs. Committee chairs, I need you to send me committee times, so we can get pictures, send me numbers if there are things you want me to come to. I'll send out an email with this information.

- You can now use your id to enter and exit UPUA office.
- What is the clicker when you go in the door at the office?
- It counts how any people go in and out.

- Closing Roll Call and Adjournment

Joanna
Sobel

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OTHER INFORMATION

Advisor:

Mary Edgington, Sr. Director for Union and Student Activities