

April 8th, 2009 8:00 pm 302 HUB

Meeting called by: Ralph Crivello Type of meeting: 1st General Meeting of 4th Assembly

Acting Secretary: Vicki Marone

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic Presenter

1. Swearing in of new Representatives and Chief Officers

-Katie Smelas swears in Gavin Keirans as president of UPUA (swearing in)

-Swearing in of all new representatives. (By Gavin)

2. Election of Chair Pro-Tempt

- Benji Lombard- nominations of pro-tempt chair?

-Benji nominates himself, seconded. Benji is pro-tempt

-Benji- 8:18 meeting called to order. You all received agenda previously.

Any objections?

3. Call to Order by Chair Pro-Tempt and Opening Roll Call (See Attendance 4/8/09 – Opening Roll)

4. Adoption of the Agenda

-Benji: additions to agenda? None. Objections to agenda? None. Agenda adopted.

5. Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes available UPUA office (3-25-09)

-Benji: any corrections or objections to meeting minutes? None. Adopted.

6. Open Student Forum

-Benji: any students who would like to speak in forum? None.

7. Report by the President Gavin Keirans

-Gavin: this is first meeting. I had a chance to talk to you at the dinner. If anyone has any questions feel free to ask them now. There are two pieces of legislation: funding of Wallypalooza and creating of committee for all-college cabinet. You should have your first committee meetings this week. There are a lot of people coming back so there should not be a long period of unproductiveness; we have a few things to do before the end of the year.

8. Old Business (none)

- Lombard: no old business

9. New Business

o Election of Assembly Officers

▪ Chairman of the Assembly

-Nominations for chairmen.

-Nock: I nominate representative Mr. Cannon, seconded.

-Dove: I nominate Mr. Lersch.

- Lombard - each candidate will have 5 minutes to make a speech and field questions.

-Cannon: Hi everyone. I'm Mark Cannon. I'm a sophomore majoring in finance and econ. Running because want to improve communications between us and other organizations thru the new website. Also I hope to get the new survey out so we can get a better idea of what people think. Internally, I think it's a big deal to keep our assembly filled this year, enforce the attendance policy, make sure that we consider getting a staff assistant and a webmaster because we need these positions. Also I have been researching possible electronic devices for next year, they wouldn't be as expensive as people think and I think it's important

-QUESTIONS:

-Sam Loner: could you rate your ability you think to manage assembly meetings

-Cannon: That is very important, we are here to represent our constituencies, I think I have a pretty good grasp on that so it wouldn't be a big deal

-Vickery- Do you have any time commitments that would impede your function as chairman of the assembly

-Cannon: I do not have any major time commitments that would impair my ability to be chairman

-Benji: No further questions, Mr. Cannon please leave the room

-Mr. Lersch- Good evening, I am Daniel Lersch, off campus rep. My second full year on assembly, I would be honored to be your assembly chair for 09-10 year. As assembly chair, I have to be well versed in parliamentary procedure, this would be a process that takes learning, and Ralph has good material for this. As assembly chair I am head of steering committee, which gets legislation passed to the assembly. As head of steering I would make sure that only the best legislation would get passed thru to assembly to get our full consideration on the floor. I would be the liaison for all of you sitting here now. Networking is really crucial, I have to keep all the contacts that Ralph has been making over the past two years, downtown and here at Penn State, and those are very crucial to success of student body. As liaison I could successfully and willingly express to president of student affairs what we need to do and see how he can help us and determine what would be best for us. Also, I have to preside over the finances, I have been treasurer for other groups so I know how to manage funds so I know that I could do a good job; I would make sure we spend it wisely and make sure we are economical. I understand the constitution and by-laws back to back I live very close, I'm from Altoona, so over the summer I can meet with the people who need to be met with and networked with so that when we come back in August I can successfully help executive run these meetings and make sure we are turning out ideas that benefit the students. I would have a full dialog with president Keirans and all of you so only best ideas and vision are accomplished.

-QUESTIONS

-McPherson- what is your stance on enforcing attendance policy, when reps need to go other places?

-Lersch- I know in the constitution it says there is two absences, but next year I would take a stricter stance on these measures. The meetings have to be attended. I have resigned from officer position in a majority of my other groups to devote more time to this assembly and the student body. As a students rep, I am an offender, but it is a thing of the past and hopefully it will become a thing of

the past for everyone else as well.

Lombard - no further questions, thank you rep Lersch. (Lersch leaves room) we will now move into debate about who will be picked for chair of assembly

-Christian Ragland- I had opportunity to work with Mr. Cannon, attendance was a big problem, but working with Cannon I was able to get things figured out and Mr. Cannon was at every meeting, he didn't have to be there but he was. I would love to see him as chairman of assembly

-Nock- I also worked with Mark Cannon and he humbly mentioned the website, which he got up and running, he is dedicated to assembly and I think he would be very good candidate

-Loner- as they mentioned I also had privileged of working with Cannon, he got a late start, but he was one of the most productive members on committee and I vouch for him up and down. I would also like to express some dissatisfaction with rep Lersch. His attendance has been poor; his demeanor in meetings isn't always the best. I'm not sure he could manage assembly effectively

-Wallace: I also have had privilege of working with both these people. I think I would like to throw my hat in with my Cannon, from working on Wallypalooza over the past couple months, I have been in the office all the time. Cannon is in there all the time; Lersch has not been there. Cannon is always coming up with new ideas for UPUA and improving UPUA. I would like to support Mark Cannon.

-Mance: I was chairman of committee that rep Cannon sat on last year. He was one of my most productive members. He made a student survey; he was very dependable. I regard him as being extremely intelligent – double major and Schreyer Honors College.

-Loner- I move to end debate. Seconded.

- Lombard: objections to end debate? None. Move into voting. (Pass out ballots) – majority vote needed

-Vote was 30 to 4, Mr. Cannon is new chair of assembly.

▪ Chairman Internal Development

-Ragland- I nominate Mr. Nock, seconded

-Lersch- I nominate Dustin Dove, seconded

-Nock- Hi I am junior public relations major. The reasons I should do the job is I was here last year so I have experience with UPUA, I have a certain familiarity with the topic. I am personable I am able to connect with the representatives about constitution and the by laws. So this ability will aid my performance. Should term projects, I would work on budget we need to come up with some rules about how we can spend our new budget, secondly we have recommendations from last year committee chairmen, we should put those in the constitution and bylaws in about two weeks. My long-term goal is to set foundation for the future, now that we have functioning board of arbitration, as they grow we have to adapt constitution. Lastly, the ID committee was smallest at UPUA, so smallest number of people dealing with the most important part of UPUA the constitution, which needs to be grown and changed

-QUESTIONS

-Loner- first I'm pretty sure you were wrong about ID being smallest. Also, how strongly do you feel about attendance policy issue and how soon could you address the loophole in the by-law.

-Nock- question is not how I feel, its how you all feel. You all articulate what you all want to have happen with the policy. I want to know you everybody feels and then I can implement something in my committee. I can't just do whatever I want myself, I have to make sure I'm representing you all.

-Cannon- no more questions, you may leave the room (Cannon leaves)

Dustin Dove: Hi, I'm Dustin Dover I'm at large rep right now. Last year I worked on gov't affairs committee, I was very active. I think we did a lot of good work last year. Why I think I'm qualified for this position is that I have a lot of experience outside of UPUA, I worked with college democrats organization. ID is such an important committee for the future of UPUA. I think I have the skills to work with people on this committee. A few things we could do better are go over constitutional by-laws. As such a young organization, I think we should revise constitution yearly because we are growing so fast. The biggest issue with the constitution is that as new things arise we need to address them thru the constitution. I think elections process should be a lot earlier in the year so new people could get settled before the end of the year. As ID chair I could fix this problem. I worked really hard last year; I'm not afraid of hard work or working with everyone on assembly to get stuff done

QUESTIONS

-Loner- what is your opinion on attendant policy in by laws now and how soon could you close the loophole that exists now

-Dove- I would definitely work on that from day 1. I think that now we have an efficient policy, but I know that people have different things, but UPUA should be the first priority for every because we represent all the students at UP. Reps who want to go to other committees or organization meetings should need documentation for missing meetings. If not in meetings can't really work for students.

-Cannon-no further questions. Open for debate.

DEBATE

-Vickery- I fully support Nock for this positive, I met him last year he really pulled me into the assembly of UPA. He is PR major, very good with people, he is extremely well organized, his work on the coalition are very well researched very well written. He would be an excellent candidate for ID chair

-Ragland- I have had opportunity to work with him; I am his friend for past two years. He is passionate about what he does, he always gets the job done, he may come off strangely, but on paper he can always get his point across.

-Lucas- I was on UPUA for 2 years, sitting in gallery today. I worked with both candidates very closely, so I would support Dustin's candidacy based on my experience with both of them. Based on my experience, Nock was often disruptive by taking entire meeting off course, could not get thru an agenda. Sometimes things were difficult. I value Dustin's leadership more. Dustin works harder than me; I have working with him on and off UPUA on a number of campaigns. Whenever I was busy, Dustin was at office for 20 hours working on campaigns. He has a very inclusive style of leadership, talking to everyone and getting all sides of an issue. I don't think Chris has that dedication because he didn't display that in committee. I cannot endorse something like that, and I urge you to vote for Dustin.

-Lersch- also on behalf of Dustin, from being on gov't affairs. Dustin came on late but I have ever seem someone catch up so quickly. He got up to speed immediately and then also contributed and furthered our causes that we were trying to advance this year. He has that ability to lead and I know he would be a great leader

-Mance- I would like to give floor to Andrew

-Andrew: I believe both candidates are very capable and would do a great job. I just want to tell you that this ID is obviously the most important committee, moving forward into fourth year, strategic plan goes for review this year, Biggest thing next to budget that I will pass onto these two men. In our committee there are big things coming up so keep that in mind, keep in mind who you want to have representing UPUA in other organizations. This is more of an internal position than an external position, so keep that in mind with who you want to do it. I don't endorse either candidate

-Wallace: I would like to say I have worked with Chris Nock for past year. He is very personable and friendly guy, very good at talking to people. He is a great leader in my opinion. Proven himself in the past year, tuition coalition. He has helped me out with wallypalooza, very dedicated very loyal, I would like to fully support him.

- Lombard - I would speak for Nock, I have working with him very closely, he is very dedicated to what he does, he is a leader, and I know that he would do an excellent job at that position. He has gained great understanding of constitutional bylaws. He comes in with understanding of that so he is ahead of learning curve on that.

-Bish- This position is one of more important within the assembly, need to look at experience of both candidates. Need to weigh both other their experience. Dove is a great person, but I don't think his 4 months in assembly are enough

-Lersch- I would like to speak for Dustin, I think that experience is not the most important quality that someone can have. I think dedication hard work and leadership ability trump experience; I think in the end he had more knowledge than anyone. Experience is important but don't overlook other things

-Wallace- and also don't overlook experience

-Okkelberg: speak on behalf of Dove, I was new as well in Oct and it was very intimidating. I feel that Dove took this position and dove in headfirst. First day after he was elected, we had tuition rally, and he was one of the most dedicated there, I was amazed by his dedication that first week.

-Andrews: I think that this position mainly deals with constitution and by laws so I don't think that you could ever argue with experience. Longer you've been involved you can do better

-Steve Locus- I have worked with both of these people in committee. I did not see any leadership from Nock the entire year, all I saw were disruptions. He would always derail our meetings, this happened multiple times. It was almost impossible to get thru an agenda. I understand that Dustin is newer, but Dustin is a better leader, is more dedicated, and is a harder worker.

-Benji-Motion to end debate, seconded.

-Cannon, Debate ended. Move into a vote. (Pass out ballots)

-Dustin Dove is elected ID chair 20 to 15

▪ Chairman Programming

-Michael Smith- I nominate Michael Wallace. Seconded

-Cannon- no other nominations so after debate you will automatically take the position

-Wallace: thank you for nomination. Nice to meet you all I am junior econ major. I will use this time to hype up my event Wallypalooza, happening April 30th, last week of classes 6-11pm. I would appreciate al the help I could get that I've been getting from Coleen, Chris Nock, John, lots of people. The most help the better. We want to see this run as smoothly as possibly because it's the first one, and we would like it to continue annually. There will be a resolution passed around asking for some money. UPUA is supposed to cover 20% of all UPAC events, not unreasonable. Thank you.

QUESTIONS

-Bello- Wallypalooza, what other ideas do you have.

-Wallace- I want to follow thru with some of platforms that Gavin laid out, the Freshman Frenzy, or something like that. We also want to do a living legends of Penn State event that will incorporate alumni and current students. Each organization will take a living legend and make a presentation about him or her.

- Lombard - Will you continue UPUAs efforts in THON?

-Wallace: absolutely. I would like to try to get dancers this year. Definitely.

-Bello- a lot of events can be fundraisers for UPUA, what are your ideas

-Wallace- yeah I would love to start a lot of fundraising. I don't know what stipulations as to using student activity money for fundraising are, there is a gray area there, but I would like to make that 140K into 500K if I could but we'll see how that goes.

-Cannon- There will be no voting, but there will be debate

DEBATE

-Motion to end debate, no objections. Wallace brought back in.

▪ Chairman Facilities

-Loner- I nominate Nick Mance, seconded.

-Cannon- no other nominations

-Mance: Hello, I am junior from Pittsburg, Health policy admin major. Last year as chairman of facilities, we did a lot. We were able to create facilities fee board. I had to deal with destruction of class benches, which was a class gift. Internally, we created some committee by laws, also had to sit in on several meetings and served on HUB representative board. We were able to secure \$4800 for my committee to spend next year. I think I may be longest serving assemblyman on UPUA, so that makes me a dinosaur for UPUA if you ask me. Other thing I wasn't to do is the fraternity LOOP service. Also the class gifts of 1900. Working on the ARSH task force, I have a very good relationship with ARSH. Also I want to implement a student survey this year. I have ideas for some new start up projects; we need to tighten some committee bylaws etc.

QUESTIONS

-Wallace- if you were any part of a Big Mac what part would it be?

-Mance- I would be the sesame seed bun because it holds the entire thing together. Like I will hold facilities committee together
-Cannon- no further questions. Mance leave the room. Open for debate

DEBATE

-Motion to end debate, second.

-Cannon-debate ended. Mance is chairman of facilities committee.

▪ Chairman Academic Affairs

-Loner- I nominate myself, seconded

-Cannon- no more nominations.

Loner- Hi everyone, this will be my second term on assembly. My experience includes my term as lib arts student senator, thru that I was elected to the chair position, which included position of senate counselor, in charge of entire faculty senate. I was able to synthesize commonwealth and UP ideas. I was able to work closely with the other chair of the caucus. Example of working together you could say. In that position, I served as delegate for academic affairs committee. We wrote and passed several resolutions, not every member assembly saw but they had very positive effects. Also in that position I developed good relationship with several academic deans. Also I was able to develop relations with Karen Shultz. My goals are to continue programs from this year, I would like to highlight idea for programming-academic rights awareness. Right before finals there is finals frenzy in the HUB, we handed out finals supplies and pamphlets with academic rights in them, a student said what was in pamphlet, and I said academic rights. This was great idea because students really don't know their academic rights, so that's why I think programming should take lead on this. For undergrad education committee is to inspire an academic integrity code, so the university could have its own honor code, which is good for students so we can set it up as innocent until proven guilty. Third, for operations, I would like to improve advisory committee throughout the university for all types of services throughout the university, and we can improve them. Finally, the federal gov't passed regulations regarding higher education expenses, so we could work with bookstore to lower textbook prices

QUESTIONS

-Motion to end debate, second

-Cannon- debate ended. Loner appointed chairman of academic affairs

▪ Chairman Governmental Affairs

-Wallace- I would like to nominate Colleen Smith. Second.

-Lersch- I nominate myself, second.

-Cannon- no further nominations

-Colleen Smith- Hi I am a freshman and currently off camp rep. Past year I was fresh rep, and I am biology major. I feel thru my experience I have gained a lot of knowledge of what the role of chairperson would entail. I got involved right away in the fall with the issue of gov't affairs. Specifically the issue of tuition, I was involved in tuition awareness day, met with many state legislators in university official. In the future, I would like to take this experience and use it in other areas and take other issues. I would like to disseminate this information so it's clear to everyone what we're doing, and encourage students to get involved with what we're doing.

QUESTIONS

-Dove- could you elaborate about what you plan to do this year, what you want to expand upon

-Smith- Tuition awareness day was definite a success in itself, but could grow. Same with rally at the rotunda. What is key is getting students involved with these issues, so that students know what is going on and so they are excited about this. Its imperative that we continue with tuition because this issue hasn't been solved yet but also looking for new issues that committee could take. Also as I said before I want to make university policies more understandable. It was purposed by previous chairwoman, and it was not implemented, so we need to cover it going forward.

-Cannon- no further questions. Smith leaves room

-Lersch- Gov't affairs, for past year I worked under Sam on gov't affairs. We did a lot this year. We worked with Gavin on the tuition issue, set up rally in front of old main and in the HUB. We've done so much to further the idea of fighting for what the students need and I would like to continue this. We have a plan this year to create a coalition for all the state school in the commonwealth to get what we need from Harrisburg. Going far beyond tuition, getting students all the things we need. I would like to have open forums with various administrators on campus to have students question these administrators on certain programs and funding so that whatever is important to students can be resolved. Networking is very important that Sam has built; I will work to keep the ties with the Borough out and downtown working with those individuals. Also keeping relationships with schools in the commonwealth and with school in the big 10. I see success that could come with strong bonds with those schools. Those schools are designed a lot like Penn State, so its important to keep an open line of communication with those schools so we can take ideas from them to better student life at Penn State. I know have had poor attendance, but I have learned a lot this year, and I have grown, so I have extremely dedicated. I am in the Blue band and am dedicated there as a sophomore I have gone above and beyond in terms of leadership positions. What I have done this year exemplifying my dedication and I know that I can make big things happen this year

QUESTIONS

-Dustin Dove- what do you see as the relationship between the gov't affairs and UPUA as a whole

-Lersch - I think our job currently is just to create the ties with these school and the state, so that as a collective effort we can achieve the goals of not only tuition but also student right and students liberties, so that we can an open line of communication between gov't affairs, assembly executives and administration here. As long as we can continue to transfer ideas, this will be possibly, and without which it will fail

-Andrews- you spoke a lot about gov't affairs committee has done as group, but what specifically did you do?

-Lersch- actually I had permission to work on all those projects, and Sam and I were really originators of Penn tuition coalition. We worked together on creating these ideas; it takes a lot of time and effort to get one of these ideas to be really effective. Tuition coalition is the most effective thing that we've done, it's most important to the students, so I'm taking an active hand in collecting information about this issues, getting all this info organized. This is just one of the ideas we've been actively involved in, others will

be set in motion next year.

-Bish- your dedication has been questioned by this body. Being gov't affairs chair will be a bit plate next year, do you think your effort in other organizations will affect you dedication?

-Lersch- I have actually resigned from any other positions, blue band is set in stone so that should not be an issue. Unfortunately there was a question with my dedication with other organization. But for next year I will have a lesser load so I will be able to put more time into this program. I know that with organization and planning I can balance blue band and academic load and do this effectively

-Okkelberg- how do you feel that blue band has shaped you to be a better person for UPUA

-Lersch- it shaped me to be a better person because I wanted to get Blue band right when I got here as a freshman. It made me learn to be organized immediately, and I grew a lot.

DEBATE

-Smith- I was also in gov't affairs last year, I know we questioned his commitment. Two of our biggest events were dropping of letter in Harrisburg and tuition awareness. Daniel was absent from both of them because of blue band. Colleen was there, I don't question her commitment at all, and she has my full support

-Wallace- I agree with rep Smith. I cannot say enough how dedicated Coleen is about anything she pursues. She has been my go to girl about Wallypalooza, she has done a ton of work for me and she always gets it done, no matter what it is. She always gets it done. Very hardworking, intelligent, and dedicated.

-Loner- I think particularly with gov't affairs, what Dan might be missing is the outside of committee work. I don't think he is anticipating the outside of committee and steering meeting work. There is a lot a lot of work that needs to be done outside of actual meetings. I don't mean to question his dedication, but I think that Coleen would be a superb choice for this position.

-Benji- Coleen's commitment has been unwavering. She came in as a freshman rep. she has to get used to it really quickly, it must have been really scary at first. She came in at first and really got herself involved with all aspects of UPUA. She was extremely dedicated and I think she's best person for the job.

-Mance: Dan Lersch is also a good candidate but I also feel that Coleen is the best fit for this position in particular. I was impressed with how well she came in and got involved so quickly. In my opinion she was extremely intelligent and has great time management skills. I could definitely see Colleen doing great job

-Nock- Colleen also has a very mature knowledge about what goes on in Harrisburg and I think that knowledge is something Dan lacks

-Max - Colleen was president of high school class. But also gov't chair has to meet with many people. I think Coleen is perfect person to send to talk to these people.

-Luke Pierce- Coleen is member of Greek community, but that's not why I'm speaking on her behalf. I have seen UPUA grow, and having worked with Coleen Smith on tuition coalition I have seen her zeal about this issue, I have never seen someone so perky at 5 am. She is one of most amazing individuals out there, and I urge you all to vote for her

-Mance- yield floor to Mathew smith

-Smith: I am former academic affairs chair. Last year committee chairs were all uncontested. If you feel strongly right now one way or the other, please weigh in, because diversity of opinions is necessary. Some of you will be under them so please vote and think about whom you want to have been your committee chair.

-Loner- I wholeheartedly support Coleen smith. She will be a great candidate for this position. Motion to end debate

-Cannon- debate ended begins voting. (Ballots handed out)

-Cannon- Coleen Smith wins 27 to 5, 1 abstain

▪ Chairman Diversity Campus Life

-Nock- I Nominate Christian Ragland. Second

-Bello- I nominate Josh Miller, second

-Cannon- no further nominations

-Ragland: It was honor to serve under Sam Lucas this year. I am running for this chair. Currently I serve on president's commission for race, ethnicity, and diversity. Which puts me with a lot of diversity around campus. This year we started a new thing where as a committee we want to attend most of the multicultural group activities or meetings on campus each week. I think this is very important in terms in communication. Also we had a diversity round table. Finally, we should continue to implement the student diversity affairs. Basically that's what I want to do if I was elected. I have been very passionate about this, I take pride that there are leaders on campus that I haven't met but as a committee we've been able to create a connection with them. If I don't win election I will not stop giving my full effort, so this is win-win situation, this is not a competition, but I have the experience in this committee and I do feel strongly about it.

QUESTIONS

-Dove- can you elaborate more on student life aspect

-Ragland- that was one of the things we talked about at later meetings. We saw that it talks about housing on campus and on campus, so instead of just leading committee towards diversity, we also have to deal with ARSH and that we can access student affairs on campus addressing a wide variety of student issues

(Mr. Ragland leaves)

-Miller: I am current at large rep. this is first year at UPUA, since my freshman year here I have been really involved in LGBTQA community here, I have held multiple leadership positions, but I am not just about queer issues. I admit I am not as well versed in all multicultural issues I want to make it a goal to get everyone more informed about these issues. This is also student life committee. I have talked to students about issues on campus, for example vegetarian and vegan options on campus; I have heard that some students cannot find anything to eat. We want to makes sure students have a genuinely good experience at Penn state. Quote about differences.

QUESTIONS

-Okkelberg- could you elaborate on your involvement in LGBTQA

-Miler: I was treasurer and executive of the group I have also worked with Undertones. I have helped them organize meetings and joint events

-Loner- I appreciate our current involvement but you mentioned you were interested in learning more about multicultural groups
-Josh Miller: I would like to have members of committee go to multicultural group meetings specifically those that they are not members of, so that committee members can understand better the other groups. I would also like to invite all of the multicultural groups to have input into this committee and have my e-mail so that they can ask me questions or give input to how UPUA can help them.

-Cannon- no further questions

DEBATE

- Lombard - both reps come with great qualifications, dedicated to what they want to achieve here. I think rep Ragland has more experience in UPUA so he would do great to lead this committee. I think rep Miller would do great to bring his ideas under leadership of rep Ragland

-Bello- I believe that Ragland has been here for a while and he has experience, but I have seen practically nothing that has to do with diversity on this campus. I believe Miller would do a better job

-Steve Lucas- I was diversity chair last year and I want to acknowledge that Josh has been incredible of LGBTQA community, he didn't mentioned that Josh is not only involved but he is also straight. He has done a lot to be an ally to all people. He has a genuine commitment to these issues and I commend him. However I want to endorse Ragland, he shows me that he understands UPAU and the university and he knows how to lead a group. He is a real leader, shows willingness to listen o different perspectives. He took initiative in the committee

-Loner- I never met rep Miller but about rep Ragland I think he is very well qualified and the diversity and student life committee has grown a lot this year and Ragland's placement on that committee this year, having seen it group will allow him to help it continues to grow. Christian has background to handle that very effectively, and experience aside, he as capability to be a great leader

-Vickery- I have known Ragland for a while, on behalf on his character, he is a man of integrity and respect and he is a natural leader. On top of his knowledge of UPUA, he can bring those qualities to the table to be a great leader for this committee. I fully endorse him

-Nock- I have had several opportunities to work with Ragland, and no one I know personally is more dedicated to this issue, and he would bring a fine leadership to this committee.

-Bello- a lot of new reps are talking about experience Ragland had, but all he listed is his involvement, not his proposals. But Miller has proposals for what he would do, so I think he would be best person for job

-Wallace- I have not met Josh Miller, from what he said I definitely think he is qualified and he would make a great contribution, but I don't think he should be in chair positions this year. About Ragland, when I think of Christian Ragland, I think of a beautiful sunrise after a treacherous storm, I think of a wonderful symphony in a land of silence, I envision teachings of Ghandi in times of gruesome violence..... etc. He is a great young man, willing to go out of his way; he would be a fine choice for chair of this committee.

-Okkelberg: as an ally in LGBTQA community, I have worked with Josh. Josh is an amazingly genuine person; although he is soft spoken, he can really communicate fresh ideas to UPUA

-Yvette: Ragland seems like really nice guy, but I have worked with Josh for past three years in undertones. He says he is not knowledgeable, but he does not give himself enough credit for all the things he knows about these issues. He works with many facets of the LGBTQA community. He is great at time management, and very personable. Yay Josh.

-Nock: Ragland was very humble up there; he lives diversity at Penn State, sits on President's commission on diversity. Gives him opportunity to meet with all kinds of multicultural meetings. He is very outgoing and very passionate about these issues. He takes classes about things like this. He wants to know more about diversity from all aspects. He is extremely passionate about diversity

-Okkelberg- diversity is about more than just a color.

-Wallace: Ragland understands that. I forget what conference he went to, but he went to a hip hop festival which was ..

-Nock: yeah he went to Rutgers for a diversity exchange and he was telling me about al the issues he was talking about there. He is so committed to diversity that he would get on a van and go do this.

-Wallace: that conference at Rutgers included a homosexual rap. He tells me about his women studies classes where he actively engages in conversations with members of his class. no one is more dedicated that Christian. Josh may be qualified, but I don't think right now him being chair is best idea

-Bello- we are all here for us, not for the people who have been here for a while. Just because someone ahs been here does not mean they are the best candidates. Josh is an icon of diversity, he is someone who represents majority and is a commodity.

-Loner- we are never going to find someone who is member of every committee, but in absence of someone like that I don't think we will find someone who is knowledgeable about every community. But the point about who knows more about most underrepresented communities. Someone mentioned that Ragland did not mention his plans, but I think he did actually mention a number of things including increasing student life committee, there's a lot that goes into that. Commission for women was set up; there are three of four commissions like that. They all deal with student life issues. For Christian to have already sat on this committee, he knows the ins and out of university structure, I know he will be able to take on student life aspect of committee, so he really does has plans as well as experience. I don't know much about rep Miller, but I have to say that I wholeheartedly support Ragland's role as chair.

-Steve Lucas: Ragland is extremely sensitive to a lot of things. They are both very open to new ideas and new people. This is a very hard decision. I think that Ragland would be better for this positions ad josh would be better to act on the Committee. I think Christian is a better leader and he could do this. He helped me get many things done last year. We made connections with many different communities, connected with faculty and staff. Will lead next hear the Core Ed program. He is well equip to take on this role

-Loner: move to end debate. Second.

-Cannon- debate ended. Voting begins (ballots passed out)

-Christian Ragland wins by 27 to 6 and 1 abstain.

- UPUA Representative to the Faculty Senate (Only if Chair and AAC Chairman are both Senators)

- Committee Priority Form (Top Three Choices) - passing out of committee forms

-Policy 19 – needs to be brought to the floor by two-thirds

- Lombard - motion to bring this to the floor, second.

-Dove- objection to bring to floor. I think there are some issues within document. I am not against commission but I think it needs

some work through steering

-Gavin: steering does not have authority as far as changing any document. We can only offer amendments. Steering has no authority over changing content of document. This could go to ID committee or bring by 2/3 tonight to discuss.

-Loner- I would like to bring this to floor tonight because having read over it I don't find language troubling. No one would be hurt by bringing this to floor tonight. We can expect many pieces of legislation between now and end of April so I think we should deal with this now because it is not especially contentious

- Lombard - remind everyone that you can make amendments tonight

-Dove- I think it should be sent to ID committee because it's such an important document because it needs to be debated and talked about in committee so that when it does come to the floor the main issues can be resolved

-Andrews: this is not as I understand it to create committee to examine how it would be formed. This is not the formation document, so I see no reason not to bring it to the floor now.

-Dove- I disagree, with such an important commission I think that each step in this process to thoroughly looked at, so that when it is brought to the floor it is the strongest document possible. Each step is important, so we should not rush

-Lersch- Have you Pres. Keirans gotten in contact with these organization that you will work with on this initiative? If it is just UPUA mulling over this, then it really does not represent views of students

-Gavin: that's why idea is to create commission to get other student leaders involved and explore the option of creating another commission. We're hoping to get other diverse opinions on here to get the best overhaul model. It would also be outside members

-Loner: it sounds like we're already getting into debate on document. It is an exploratory document so I don't think it needs to go to ID, and I think that we should bring this to the floor, people are interested. Motion to end debate, second.

-Dove- objection. I know this is still exploratory but this is student voice, so every document we put forward it should be the best as possible. I think it needs to be revised.

-McPhearson: I know its first time for a lot of you, but remember parliamentary procedure, bring it to the floor. Stop debating whether to bring it to the floor

-Loner: I agree with ARSH liaison. Motion to end debate. Second.

-Cannon- can we vote to bring to the floor by two-thirds vote yes. Show of hands.

-Passed by 26 to 6 to 0. Policy brought to floor

_Benji: this is for an ad hoc commission to talk about what we would like to see for an all college cabinet. This is an exploratory thing. If you think something needs to be changed, please make an amendment

-Jess: What is meant in the third line by prominent, and who is to determine that.

-Keirans: that is whole idea of exploratory. We want to scope and set up and determine what other organizations will be involved. We hope to come out with best model. When we first came up with this we named every organization, which was a major flaw. I brought in Benji to lead this commission because he could be viewpoint mutual. I wanted to take it away from my hands, so I didn't want to come off as to close

-Loner: I like idea of looking into this. This is not something we do too often. I don't like idea of commissions to look at things. This would be a major change so this is important. In **fourth paragraph nature of the problem, second sentence** in. this seems less of a statement about intention and more about intention about cabinet itself, move to strike that sentence. Second

-Keirans: I encourage you to just get background info about this issue. I just want to allow for exploration. We want all college cabinet, this is something feasible. I am not opposed to that amendment.

-Cannon- that amendment passes, fourth par second sentence is struck

-Dove: another amendment, second page first paragraph. Last sentence should read, "exploring creating of all college cabinet"

-Cannon: any objections to striking second page, first paragraph, striking "ensuring the all college cabinet comes to fruition" and change to "exploring creation of all college cabinet"? No objections. Amendment passes.

-Bonnewell: For Gavin, this sounds similar to executive. What is separation?

-Gavin: idea of executive is to do the will of assembly, if assembly passes, executive to go out and do that. This would be to create a commission outside of UPAU with loose affiliation to explore idea of all college cabinet, which would be a commission of student leaders that would be appointed by administration. I would like to put more power in the student's hands, allowing this to benefit university.

-Bonnewell: like an advisory board to president?

-Gavin: no, more like advisory board to each other. Different organization bringing their issues to the table, collaborating and getting things done together by bringing different leaders together and creating dialogue and communication

-Dove: why is this called all college cabinet versus all university cabinet?

-Gavin: mostly nostalgic. Is it somewhat like all college cabinet but mostly goes back to roots of student gov't here.

-Loner: move to end debate, second.

-Cannon- passed, motion ended. Moving into vote on this document. Policy passes 34-0-0

-Cannon- next resolution 1.9 – Wallypalooza

-Wallace: wallypalooza is April 30th, you have budget that I reported to UPAC, who cannot fund everything that we have asked for. Also, UPUA is required by UPAC to cover 20% of total program cost, which is going to be around \$10,047. Basically it is money from the old assembly, not from new budget, coming from last years budget. 5K already allocated to wallypalooza. This money is needed to run the event smoothly. It will be a huge event and it has UPUA's name on it. It will be front page tomorrow. Will generate publicity for UPUA we need it to go well.

-Cannon- needs to be brought to the floor by two-thirds vote: no objections. Brought to the floor

-Loner: in here there is 2K for discretionary money. Who is in charge of spending money and who is making those decisions

-Wallace: Justin has been helping me out a lot. We have yet to formally spend any money, but that is due to contractual agreements. Right now Justin and I are getting invoices for stage, sound and lights, etc. the 2K may be part of funds that will be not used, and returned to upua. I was naïve in beginning in throwing wallypalooza, but there are a lot of unforeseen obstacles that have gotten in the way, there's always something new coming, so the 2K could go from anything from marketing to food/beverages. I have spoken to the man in charge of food services; I spoke to him about getting Pepsi to donate beverages to the event. We are looking into getting kegs of root beer, which would be fun. There are tons of things that it could go towards

-Loner: that answers a lot of questions I also had but I'm wondering if this is going to programming committee, but once it leaves

floor if we pass it, who decides what gets discretionary money.

-Wallace: the 2K will go towards programming committee and they will decide what to do with those funds.

-Gavin: yes that will go towards programming committee, this is unusual, but because this is coming together late, we need to do it this week if we will do it at all. It's important that this goes through.

-Cannon: total that he is asking for is \$10,047. To clarify

-Wallace: make an amendment under recommended course of action, under worse dispersed, change to 'dispersed to the programming committee'. Second.

-Loner: object. I would like to change that to 'by the programming committee'

-Cannon: accepted. It is changed to "dispersed by the programming committee"

-Dove: the 5K from the top come from previous budget, where does rest come from?

-Wallace: all comes from previous assembly's budget

-Gavin: yield floor to Justin

-Justin: we had 36K allocated to us in Nov. we have about 24K left. The previous budget from last assembly, Mike has 5K left. The rest of that is coming from the 19K left to spend from last assembly's budget. So these funds will be null and void at the end of this year. We have 19K left from last assembly. And then we have 104K for the coming fiscal year, on June 30th

-Loner: I move to end debate. Second.

-Cannon: debate ended. Vote. Passes 33, 0, 1.

10. Liaison Reports

o GSA –

-Olsen: second year doctoral student. I'm here as a liaison between grad student association, and announcing that we have double election involvement this year. We went from 127 votes last year to 223 this year. Proportionally quite impressive. Many officers will be returning. We have new reps on graduate council. I just want to welcome you all.

o ARHS –

Kayla McPherson

-McPherson: I love seeing so many new people. I am ARSH president. Thank you for indulging by parliamentary procedure. ARSH has successful elections, but every area had president elected and we confirmed treasurer and secretary appointments on Monday.

11. Report by the Association Directors and Staff

o Chief of Staff - vacant

o Treasurer - Justin Weiner

o Media - vacant

o **Women's Affairs - vacant**

o Multicultural Affairs -vacant

o Legislative Affairs - Huzefa mun

o UPUA Legal Affairs - vacant

o Off Campus Student Affairs – Ricardo Torres

o Community Service – Nicole Zinni

o Religious Affairs – Chris Casewell

o Directors Greek Life – Bryant Poland

-Chris Casewell- president of Greek life. Here's a Greek update. Spring is philanthropy season, every day for next month, each frat/sorority will be holding a philanthropic effort. Recently raised over 90K for autism awareness. Next week is Greek week, competition of spirit and service events. I'd like to thank former chairman; with support of Greek councils we can make it a reality for the fall semester. It will greatly improve safety of our campus. Welcome to all the new reps here, I'd like to invite you to ask me any questions about Greek life, I'd be more than happy to reach out and explain any of that to you.

12. Committee Reports

o Steering

o Internal Development

o Programming

o Facilities

o Academic Affairs

o Governmental Affairs

o Diversity Campus Life

13. Comments for the Good of the Order 0.25

-Andrew Karasik: we have a tradition here that I started last assembly that I give award for best dressed. This week the award goes to Benji, Christian Ragland, and Coleen. Good luck to all new members.

14. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment

-Gavin: This meeting was worlds better than last years first meeting. Not bad at all for the first meeting. Everyone was challenging for leadership position, lots of positive debate and respectful debate, we will have very productive year if that continues. Steering will start this week. Our VP is in Spain but she will be here on Sunday, so I encourage you to come meet her on Sunday. This is only time

you will see her for the rest of the academic year, so I encourage you to come meet her. I think it's important to know who my counter part will be. Two absences per semester is maximum. Now we will enforce that a lot more. We are flexible if there is a real excuse but to blow off any meeting is not okay, I really expect a lot from you so thank you.

-Smelas: right now we are sending out applications for new arbitrators for next year. If you could spread the word, that'd be awesome.

-Justin: please turn in reimbursement receipts.

-Cannon: meeting adjourned

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