



Assembly of Student Representatives

University Park Undergraduate Association

September 23,
2009

8:00 pm

302 HUB

Meeting called by:	Mark Cannon	Type of meeting:	General Meeting
Secretary:	Vicki Maroni		
Attendees:	Greg Myford		
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AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenter	Time (min.)
<p>1. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call Gupta: meeting called to order at 8:07. Gupta: Moment of silence for Joe Dado. Gupta: now swearing in of Dave Schweitzer.</p>		
<p>2. Adoption of the Agenda Gupta: objections? None.</p>		
<p>3. Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes (9-16-09)</p>		
<p>4. Open Student Forum Gupta: any students? None.</p>		
<p>5. Report by the President Gavin: Just want to start; it's been a tough beginning to the week, with the loss of one of our fellow students. I appreciate the people who came out for the search on Monday; I thought it was great to see so many of you come out. For new business, I have a meeting this week about the highlands loop, as I said I have a concrete meeting October 6th, but I wanted to get the ball rolling by having meetings beforehand with each individual, so we can get an idea if this is really going to go through with this. We had another exec board meeting this week, went over some of the highlands proposal, as well I gave a little history of student government for some of our newer members. Next week we're going to come to floor with some show-cause items from the budget. Following me, the associate athletic director will be speaking, I hope you have a lot of questions, and I think that'll be a great presentation. Are there questions? Bonewell: are there any pans to create a set of executive bylaws to govern exec board actions. Gavin: yes, Matt is in the process of doing that. Perugini: so you will know on Oct 6th, whether the highlands loop is feasible. Gavin: no on that an exact date, but in the very near future after that. We have a huge part of our budget allocated to that, maybe we can see if it's good for next year. We're not able to commit that much money to this if we can't get through with it by early October. Peliciotta: are you only looking at the highlands lop plan specifically or are you also exploring some other options? Gavin: as it stands, just the highlands loop. The white and blue loop we have the information, that's an option in the background but we're moving steadfast with the highlands loop proposal. That's the hope for us. That'll have to come to the assembly before we move forward.</p>	Gavin Keirans	10
<p>6. Special Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Athletic Department Myford: Part of my responsibility with the athletic department includes our overall ticketing initiative, including all our constituencies. We have a new ticketing system this year. I wanted to come by and meet with you guys; we hear a lot of feedback from the student body through our customer relations center in beaver stadium, from both the public and our students. That's their purpose to take feedback. Hopefully they've been helpful if you've had to talk to them. Let me introduce, Joel Diamond in our athletic ticketing department, specifically looking at the student ticket aspect with football from the sales process throughout the summer through how we're now entering the stadium at gate A. Joel has acted with that on a daily basis. Also Dave Scarborough, the exec director of technology from Ticketmaster International, also a Penn state graduate. Dave, regardless of what your thoughts are of Ticketmaster overall, Dave essentially has developed the technology behind the Ticketmaster ticketing system, which sell the tickets, houses the data, all those other components. We're participants with Ticketmaster in that venture, but certainly as part of this new process, Dave has been very important to us. We've been getting significant attention from them. I really have a couple of main purposes for coming before you, there's a couple points I'd like to make, and first of all that by and large, we know the system is working, students are using the system in significant ways, with all the functions that the system allows us. Everyone should be aware that we have the most elaborate and complex ticketless system in the country. There can be bad things about that because when something is new, there has to be bugs out. For all of your that came through the gates, 98% of the swipes were successful, that other percent we're still working on, and we will continue to do that. From the gate entry we are pretty successful at that. As for the ticket management side, show of hands, how many have bought, sold, or whatever for the tickets. I have some totals from the first three weeks, as far as sheer numbers, covering all games, meaning also games in the future, there have been 3600 seats sold, students have gone on and sold their tickets to another student, there's been just over 1900 tickets forwarded, not involving a sale of the ticket, there have been 3500 students who have blocked their seats together. There have been 1200 upgrades, or the student guest tickets purchases. What we're running into is the students who aren't 	Greg Myford Asso. Athletic Director	20

able to get a guest ticket. The reason for that is because system is working exactly as it is meant to work. With the paper coupon, you could take it and sell it, give it whatever. IN the process of trying to eliminate the gouging of tickets and price that students had to pay on the secondary market, we scaled back the number of scalpers in the market place. So only the students who wanted to use the tickets, have the tickets. So in the online environment, there's far fewer doing that for the bigger games because only people who wanted to go bought tickets in the first place. For Ohio State to date, there's been 23 tickets sold. Whereas for temple there were over 1000 tickets sold. Because the guest opportunity comes out of that pool, the changes are just lower. Right or wrong, we just want everyone to know why. Iowa is by far our most in demand game, no question the student section will be filled to the brim. So those will bear out. Any questions on that?

Tallman: the process is T,W,R, you have to show up at the ticket office the same time that a ticket shows up live online?

Myford: yes that's correct. For Iowa we actually shut down the guest ticket sale because no one is selling them. We just didn't want people having to wait in the BJC for that one or two tickets that might pop up.

Dave: for eastern Illinois we have had people coming in buying guest tickets for future games.

Myford: but full disclosure, Eastern Illinois is the only game that has ticket available for sale.

Tallman: what was the rationale for no allowing forwarding tickets to guests?

Myford: you can forward a ticket to someone you know, but you can't sell the ticket to someone you know, and so the forwarding ticket. Frankly that's something that we want to address, there's probably a gap there because there should be a way to forward a ticket to a guest. That is missing from the current system, and that's an area we've addressed.

Dave: rather than showing up at the BJC and rolling the dice, basically allow the forwarding of the ticket to a university entity, with a tag for who specifically you are forwarding that ticket to. We have something like that already, but how big is this, with 20,000 students how much is this going to come up?

Lombard: When forwarding a ticket, how much does it cost?

Dave: forwarding is 1.95 to the recipient, no cost to you.

Gupta: on Friday if I decide I don't want to go, I can't sell it?

Myford: yes, that's right.

Boyer: was the motivation behind going to ticketless system solely based on cutting down scalping?

Myford: that was the prime facto in it, there was some other long term factors, like the way duplication is nowadays, people could be counterfeiting tickets. As valuable as our tickets at large have become, but as in demand as our tickets have become, people are anxious to find ways around it.

Usnik: Why did you make blocking tickets paper tickets?

Myford: from a group standpoint, what could happen, there is a way that when you swipe your card, if your registered for that group, it would print that ticket out right there, with the right seat location on it and stuff. You would swipe in and print your seat with that group.

Dave: with all the things we had going on, we considered that not a priority yet, but we'll do that next year.

Dave: we've actually seen that at the resolution booth. People who have the ticket but not the ID card.

Holmes: is there a way to push the window back for boxing seats?

Dave: all of this is similar to just being more conservative about making this work, there are all things that we can once we get this 100% done and basic stuff taken care of, then we can look at that. In professional sports, we have people to can forward tickets through the whole first half.

Dave: from a blocking perspective also we have to look at a window to allow people to come pick up the paper tickets in the BJC, we don't have a way to print the tickets at the game right now. You can also block now for Ohio State, we're trying to get more students to do that. We've seen issues where people are trying to get into groups at the last minute, but as Dave said there's ways to move forward as we get more comfortable with the system.

Perugini: one thing I've heard, why can you only receive lion cash back instead of real cash?

Myford: it's primarily a sheer number of transactions we would have to do issue. If a student does not have lion cash, then they can receive a check back at the end of the semester. The reason we pushed the lion cash is because the money goes in the week following that game. We could next turn around the volume of payments we would have to make without doing it through lion cash. If we were doing that every week, to say that that's cumbersome would be an understatement.

Perugini: What is the service fee covering?

Myford: it essentially covers our opportunity to provide. The hardware and software elements, in addition, cosmetic and structural changes to gate A, all of that go into expenses that we need to pay for. That's part of it. The fees associated with the exchange falls well short of the expense at this point.

Vickery: what's the policy with checking photo ids at the game?

Myford: it's a challenge, part of that is due to when students arrive, and how quickly we're trying to get students into the stadium, with this little trend here, you can see that students mostly arrive between 20-0 minutes before the game starts, so we have a logistical challenge with that. From a practicality standpoint, it's difficult for us to makes rue that the swipe was good, and also that the card that came through belonged to the student on the card. When that swipe does not work and has to come to the resolution center, there's already a red flag that something is wrong with the ID. So when you come there and it's not the right person, we just keep that ID.

Dave: when you look at this, with new peripherals we could have you all use your phones to enter the stadium. But there are privacy issues with that. But as far as technology yeah we could do that.

Loewner: I'd like to move to extend this part of agenda by 5 minutes? Seconded. So down the line, what are you looking at doing with the system?

Myford: one is certainly trying to accommodate the forwarding of tickets with the guests. When you go through the process, you first have to cancel something that has caused some confusion. We already know that next year that step will be eliminated, but we can't do that for the remainder of

this year. I would say that if you haven't read the directions, it's the only way where you can get all the information. What we've heard from students, who've used the system, is that when they went back and read the instructions the info was there. Students Portal hasn't been the best medium for conveying this information, it's not perfect, but if you move through that, I think you can get the information you need to do what you want to do.

Bello: Students aren't allowed to sell tickets to other students directly; instead you guys get the rights to sell to other students. You guys charge for using the system, is there any profit made out of this?

Myford: no, our costs for implementing the system were very large. But at some point there could be. But what we've discussed is how do we take that and make improvements to the overall student's experience of football. Or we could discuss how to best use these fees. From our standpoint we would want to be behind something that went to improve the overall system.

Bello: last year I got an e-mail reminding me to buy tickets if I wanted, but this year I haven't gotten any e-mails.

Myford: I don't know, we are provided the database from the registrar's office, there may be dates that come into play, but now the databases are updated weekly. I would not be able to explain why you wouldn't be getting e-mail about this. I know that e-mail is not as widely used as texts perhaps, but if you want ticket information, please reference your e-mail. We're not going to send willy nilly e-mails, even if its just on a periodic basis, I would suggest checking your e-mail. It's our most direct way of connecting.

Joel: we've tried to, we really have not send out any e-mails telling students about tickets. If you go on ticket exchange you will receive e-mail updates about the process, but we're trying to get away from as many e-mails as possible and go with student central. That's where we want to have the information.

Myford: that's another reason we've gone this direction. The Penn State student body at large is a customer of these tickets, so what we thought was how could we make it available for you to handle your tickets wherever you are. What we wanted to do was make a place accessible from no matter where the student is.

Bonewell: I wanted to say I was blocking tickets this morning and trying to use safari, and that didn't work, I had to use Firefox. I think the fact the no one is selling their tickets for Ohio state is really a downside, because if you can't sell you tickets easily, it really limits who can go to that game.

Myford: You're right about that, but coming back to primary objective in eliminating the scalping problem, what you're describing is one of the downsides of taking that step, but there's really not a way to address both. But in the elimination of the scalping community in the process, the student tickets are really not available on eBay or Craig's list or whatever. By eliminating that group, we were able to put tickets in the hands of students that really wanted them.

Gupta: that's all the time we have, thank you so much for coming.

Myford: feel free to e-mail us. It's your system. The feedback is important. Thanks.

7. **Old Business (none)**

8. **New Business (none)**

o **Policy #7 – Off-Campus Office Guidelines**

Colleen: Hi, policy 7 is in front of you, regarding the off campus office that we got the summer. It's just setting guidelines for the usage and the programs and initiatives that will take place in that office, we're getting into a few specific details and plans, but mostly just general guidelines.

Bonewell: is there a reason that at-large reps aren't permitted to use the facility.

Smith: my committee decided that it would be more effective if there wasn't a ton of students down there, but limiting it to off campus reps. We wanted to avoid people going there to congregate there and hanging out there.

Bish: When you say, it is recommended in your place, do you mean required?

Smith: Yes our committee recommends it.

Boyer: Kind of just sort of a guideline at this point. So this can be amended this evening, but this is a good starting place.

Bonewell: if this is passed, I'm required to hold my office hours in that office or not? If I were required, then I would move to strike recommended.

Bish: was the intention to have it required or recommended?

Smith: the committee's intention was to have it required.

Boggs: on advertisement and outreach, there's also a recommended / required discrepancy. Is that up in the air?

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Smith: that aspect actually is still up in the air.

Perugini: do we have a sign for the office?

Smith: no, it's actually against borough policy to put up our own sign; we would have to go the borough council to get special permission. Our landlord will allow us though.

Dove: would you be in favor of adding at-large of list of people who can go to the office?

Smith: our committee discussed it and I personally prefer that it be just off campus reps because that is their constituency out there. I think the work that will be more effective if it's limited to a certain group. That's not to say that at-large would never be allowed in, but these would just be the individuals who would be let in by the finger print scanner.

Zinger: in requiring the off campus reps, did you consider the people where the HUB might be more convenient?

Smith: Yes we did take that into consideration, but the only way that the off campus office will be effective is if there are people there representing those constituents. It was taken into consideration, but it's really our duty as off campus reps to represent our constituency.

Perugini: what are the hours going to be?

Smith: if this passes tonight, then I'll e-mail the off campus reps to see what their hours are. I would love it if we could do 5-7 Tuesdays and Thursdays or something, so that students can know when

they can come.

Gupta: ok lets move into debate over policy 7.

Smith: I Move to amend line 12 on page 2, instead of "recommended" change it to "required"

Gupta: second? Yes. Objections to changing it? None. Changed.

Loewner: I just want to start by playing off of what rep Zinger said. There's a lot of off campus reps who commute in or live across Park, and I think this will be more inconvenient for those students. I realize it's a catch 22 that if we don't have people in the office it's not being used, but I think it might be more useful to have them spending that time in the UPUA office answering questions. As an off campus rep, I feel strongly that we should require all the off campus reps to do their office hours there. So I move to strike the off campus representatives section. Seconded.

Dove: I object. I think they should be required because if we are going to have that office running, then we should have people there. The off campus office is really only 1 block off campus. We need people down there, having people there would be good. SO I object.

Vickery: I agree with Mr. Loewner, I think having off campus reps required to be there is not really productive because most concerns come to the UPUA office, so for the time being I think the reps should have the choice to serve in each one, and have it just be recommended to do the office hours in the downtown office.

Smith: I understand the objections to this, however I think it's hard to imagine anything coming out of that office right now because it's new. Anything we do regarding it is going to be new to us, and if we find after having a significant advertising campaign and spending several months and finding that students still aren't going there then we can amend this, but right now I think we need to be there full force.

Boyer: I agree with Colleen, I think having a new office like this it's important to have people down there. I understand the concerns of the off campus reps. But if you don't go there, then there really aren't going to be many people there, and if there aren't people there, then students won't go there, and it will be a waste.

Perugini: If you think the office won't be used, how are we going to know if we don't even start, we have to start somewhere?

Bonewell: I personally think it would be counter productive to have a large group there at a set time, the more time spent in that office, the better it would be. I think people should be there doing the day.

Dove: I think our office now is crowded with people, and it's hard to be productive in there. I think we have to have that in there.

Cannon: They would not all be in there at once; the idea was never for them to be in there all at once. They will be in there a total of 10 hours over the week.

Colleen: 5-7 was just an example, I'm sorry I was misleading.

Loewner: I think there are some significant costs associated with office hours, like the technology we have there. I'm not sure about the set up in the downtown office right now, but I think having people in there regularly will cause increasing costs, I think we're already lost money it from my perspective. To why I want to strike this, I just don't think we can overcome the costs associated with getting students to come to that office. But if we do have people down there and students still don't come, then I think we've still done a great disservice.

Pellicciotta: I wholeheartedly disagree with Sam. The off campus reps will also be doing a lot of outreach with borough relations not just with students, so the possible gains that could be obtained much outweigh the costs of having the office.

Bish: I agree with representative Loewner as well, and to not that the people who want the off campus reps to serve out there, are not actually off campus reps.

Bonewell: I was hoping that someone who could provide me with an overview of the facilities that we have there. Are there computers in there?

Cannon: Yes there are computers. But the electricity, internet, cable, all the utilities have not been turned on yet because we haven't sent people down there yet. But when we put people down there, there will be utilities.

Dove: I think that if we don't start somewhere, this is a good start; we have to do something for better or for worse. With hat I motion to end debate.

Gupta: objections? None. We'll vote on the amendment to strike the off campus rep section, line 11-17, by a show of hands.

Fails: 5-23-3

Gupta: back into discussion of this policy.

Ragland: In terms of this policy overall, I think its definitely something that we should support because especially with my committee we're planning to talk to the borough, and I think it says something to the local government that we have somewhere off campus where we can have meetings with them. So I recommend this as a committee leader.

Dove: motion to add on line 5 of page 2, the at-large representatives also.

Loewner: I object to that because there's not section detailing how at-large reps should use the office. I think we would need to work in something regarding at-large reps and their instructions.

Dove: the committee chairs, there's no description for them either. I think just giving them access is the most important part. We do represent off and on campus people, so we should have access.

Cannon: When talking with Colleen about this, there are 10 off campus reps, 6 on and 6 at large. The idea behind that is that there is no way to add everyone onto this list until we know what everyone is going to do there.

Vickery: how would this access be granted?

Gupta: thumbprint.

Mance: I support the amendment primarily on the basis that the majority of the student represented by the assembly are off campus people, represented by the at-large reps.

Zinger: I support the amendment too, if we're worried about having people there, we should give them access.

Bonewell: Yeah I do too, it would just allow them to be there, not require them to be there.

Loewner: I withdraw my objection to the amendment.

Smith: If we do this amendment, I think it should be just recommended that the at-large reps go there, not required.

Gupta: are there any objections to adding at large to this policy? None.

Andrews: I'd like to amend, line 18, I'd like add a section regarding at-large reps, and I would like it to read: "it is recommended that the at-large reps serve their office hours..." so on like lines 11-17 is stated for the off-campus reps in that section.

Dove: I object. I don't think it should be recommended that the at-large serve, I think it should be optional. I don't think it should be recommended.

Usnik: I agree, in it's place on line 5, it just says that they have access, not having anything to do with their office hours.

Pellicciotta: I think a good solution might be to just put at-large reps into the same category as off-campus rep but just have 10 of us does it. To avoid overcrowding there.

Smith: I'm in support of that suggestion.

Andrews: I move to remove the amendment. I withdraw.

Gavin: it seems like there's a lot of questions about this document. It's important to remind you all that we spent 6K in investment for this office. We're moving very quickly to make a plan, it seems like a lot of debate around this document, I think we need a lot more in depth plan to detail what should go on in this office. It seems like there's a lot of fundamental differences being brought up, so I think it should go back to committee.

Loewner: I agree, I want to point out a few more things. It doesn't provide clear instructions, in the advertisement and outreach section on page 3, specifically the kind of things that the dept of media would do. It also doesn't provide any monetary figures for the proposals. In terms of office hours, it doesn't have specifics for how that would work. Also the staff assistant, I'm not even sure if that's even allowed for him to do office hours. I think that's kind of a laundry list of problems, so I would move to send this back to the governmental affairs committee. Seconded.

Ragland: I just got resolution 9 in front of you. It's two purchase orders from last week. This Sunday is our third diversity round table and we're going to be providing pizza, and then another things next week. Also Chief of Staff Smith bough a banner and some batteries, so I want to reimburse him for that cost.

Gupta: any objections to bringing this to the floor? None. Debate: none. Motion to end debate? Yes. Seconded. Let's vote on this. Passes 31-0-0.

9. Liaison Reports

- o **GSA** –
Olson: We met tonight, and the GSA is working with career services to provide some panel discussion as part of grad school day coming up in October. Which will be Oct 13th. Questions?
- o **ARHS** –
- o **CCSG** –
Ryan: First of all I wanted to voice the grief of CCSG in light of the events of the past couple days. Moving on to regular business, recently there's been a couple of opinion articles in the Collegian recently, and it made the CCSG realize that we should probably thank the person who wrote that last week because it made us realize how many people really just don't know what they're talking about. We now realize that there is people who need their hand help throughout the college process. We're working with UPUA to do what we can to revamp the advising process to make it easier for people who just can't do it on their own.

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10. Report by the Association Directors and Staff

- o **Chief of Staff**
Smith: We're trying to be more high-speed; you all have the condensed report now. If you have any questions, feel free to direct it to any of the exec departments, or to me if you have questions for me.
Dove: to entire exec board, when are you planning on filling the other exec positions?
Gavin: we're just waiting to find qualified candidates for that. We want to keep a high caliber of people, but we'll fill them as soon as we can.
Bish: To Yvette: who's debating on the Don't ask don't tell debate?
Lerma: I can't remember actually.
Miller: From here the federalists, and another group of out people who were in the military and who have been discharged. And moderator is professor in the law school.
Olson: my understanding is that the two key debaters are retired military men.

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

- o **Steering**
Cannon: Steering committee met Sunday, and everyone was there. We went over policy 7. We picked 13 people to come in for interviews next week. Hopefully we can pick two finalists that can come before you next Wednesday. I met with George Chris on Sunday; if you want to learn more about what he's doing, but importantly the take away is that if you know anyone interested in doing it, then talk to me after the meeting. Also, the board of arbitration. I met with Justin, the chef of the board, this week to try and figure out where we were right now in lines with them, so I'll go over this real fast. Last year assembly approved 5 people to sit on their board, then we signed a merger document with them last year, but it turned out that Katie and Josh didn't have the power to sign that document to sign over their power. After that, Ralph began to work with Katie and Josh to come up with a recommendation for

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Damon Sims to merge the two powers and form the board of arbitration. You can see a basic overview of what they do on SOCC there, but the board of arbitration is not functioning currently. We could have a board at any time, there are currently 3 people sitting on it. Really they would be the court for UPUA, but externally they would have no power. Eventually it'll fall to you guys to decide what we want to do again. We can attempt a merger with SOCC by confirming all 9 of their members, letter b would be interviewing them but not necessarily have to accept them, and third choice is to not recognize SOCC at all. Those are basically the choices at this point. Do you have any comments or questions?

Miller: What is SOCC stand for?

Cannon: Student Organizational conduct committee.

Bello: Take note, you've selected 13 freshman for interview, over this period of time, I've seen a lot of improvements to assembly, as a member of diversity committee, I would like to see more representation, I would like to see more diverse groups of people. I think there are very few members of the minority appointed, and I'd like you to take note of that.

Dove: I want to second that very strongly.

Cannon: I don't know when the place or time for that is, but for the freshman reps, they were picked entirely on qualifications.

Mance: I just wanted to second Mark on that one.

Bello: My comment is not only for the freshman, it's just something that I see coming. We've already had a couple of offices appointed, so I'm not talking about just the freshman, and qualifications do matter, but we have to have representation of minority in student government.

Ragland: speaking of diversity, I agree with what everyone said. When you talk about diversity, I think even with freshman reps, there's plenty of diversity with that, and I think that diversity is something that you will see with these appointments.

Gupta: any more questions for Mark? None.

- **Internal Development**

Dove: I don't have a report tonight because ID did not meet this week. I figured I'd give ID a break, but right now we're working on a couple bylaws amendments, fixing a few other things, and eventually doing the exec board appointments.

Mance: have there been any more applications for exec board position?

Dove: no, I haven't seen any.

- **Programming**

Thompson: Today we talked about some fundraising ideas; we're going to try to do something at 5guys, and something at panda express. Something where they give 20% of their sales going to us. We're still talking about fall festival, Mike and I are going to meet with Gaylin tomorrow and try to come up with a budget proposal. We also want to have some shirts made to further endorse UPUA.

- **Facilities**

Mance: You have my report, but I wanted to go into a little more detail about Vairo Blvd situation. Finally heard back from CATA, they said that basically the problem is that they use the same schedule for those busses that they did last year and for whatever reason things have been a lot different this year about the number of students using that service. Primarily there have been adjustments made, the new peak time is 10:30-1 am, at that time there will be a total of 6 busses running. I had the first facilities fee board meeting; we talked about some new homegrown ideas for facilities fee board. Questions? None.

- **Academic Affairs**

Loewner: You have my report. I want to draw your attention to point 1 on there, we coordinated a pretty big victory, the ISBC numbers will now be posted on the Barnes and Noble sight when you search by class, so that you can search for books outside of the Penn state system. More broadly is that the ISBN numbers will be available on the schedule of courses, but we're talking probably you'll be able to know your textbooks a couple of months ahead of time. I'll also add that about textbooks, we're looking around trying to see how we can introduce policies to decrease textbook costs. There's a lot of steps that we think we can work on. I want to add, the Collegian editorial, if any of you noticed it, it's pretty telling about how a lot of people view the transition from commonwealth to UP campuses. I think that's something that my committee will start touching on. I think it's good that we can form a little outreach with CCSG on this, but the advising core at UP are looking at this, because it's not just academic courses, but it's a huge change of culture, not only the types of class, but also housing. SO that's something I'd like to work into the advising system.

Gavin: what does ISBN numbers mean for online book exchange.

Loewner: my goal for that is to have something available for online book exchange so that book listings go right on there so people can search by class. It looks now like it'll come down to a departmental thing that we'll have to work with.

Gavin: couldn't that be something annually that could be compiled.

Loewner: Yeah that's feasible, not the quickest way.

Mance: I see how the transition from commonwealth campuses to UP is an issue, but have you ever heard of any college-by-college evaluation of the advising system. But I always, always seem to hear complaints about advising in Smeal and Engineering. Do you know anything about that?

Loewner: I can't speak to those specifically, but I do that advising system is different colleges is very different. I would say that I think that one of the things that we're looking at accomplishing is that if you transfer between colleges your advisors talk to each other.

Ryan: I think one problem that we've heard is that if a student starts at a commonwealth campus and graduates there, they get a degree from that college there, not from UP. So students enroll in these majors and then come to UP, and then for some reason a 200 level class they took there, is no longer counted here. Students don't realize that that's going on, and they don't necessarily understand the whole process.

Loewner: I'm glad you mentioned that, the University system has changed somewhat dramatically; so that the commonwealth campus majors are really not the same at all as the university park majors. I think he makes a good point about something that needs to be looked into, that different degree granting units can have different requirements for the major. I'll move to extend the committee report times by 5

minutes

Pellicciotta: in regard to number 6, have you talked at all about access codes? They can be very expensive.

Loewner: no we haven't talked about that, but it's interesting I'll look into it.

Pellicciotta: I'd like to see that be looked into.

Loewner: Yeah it's basically a tool used by publishers to make money.

o **Governmental Affairs**

Smith: I don't have much to add but if you have any concerns regarding policy 7, please e-mail them to me. I will also, as of right now we're meeting at Monday at 5, but if we do meet before then I'll let you know.

o **Diversity Campus Life**

Ragland: For everyone who came to the march, I thought it was a success. We have a meeting tomorrow to pick up where we left off; we'll turn the momentum to campus safety.

Boyer: You said about doing something campus safety in light of recent events, I know on facebook there's this things going around about alcohol free Thursday on Oct 1st, do you have anything planned to go along with that?

Ragland: Yeah. As you may know there's a National Night Out, the Safest Night in America, which is just a night where people all sit out, gearing towards having so many people out to deter crime.

Basically we're thinking about have a safe night out here at Penn state. We want to get that momentum and gear it towards campus safety. Tomorrow we'll have a committee meeting in 62 Willard.

Loewner: I think the IFC has been I the spotlight obviously, so do you have plans to work with them?

Ragland: Yeah, I think we are going to work with Jack for IFC stuff. They've been involved with sexual assault stuff, and they are in it with us.

Holmes: I can't really comment on too much yet. Luke Peirce just put out a recommendation for all social functions to cease until Oct 3rd, and we are taking this very seriously.

Dove: The women's symposium, is that brining the student leaders together on campus?

Ragland: yes.

12. Comments for the Good of the Order

Boggs: I wanted to say that there was a quote made by Sam Loewner; he said that he was born without a birthday but actually his birthday was on Monday, so I'd like us all to sign to him right now.

-- Assembly signs happy birthday to Sam -- yay!

Nock: For committee chairs, I'll send you e-mail later. You need to take care of writing a 150-word biography and then you need a headshot also. Also, to everyone if you have an event I'm here to promote your event, so don't be scared to come up to me and get my help.

Cannon: I think Mark Walsh is going to be sending e-mail to committee chairs also, so if you want to write a little longer than that, feel free to start now.

Bello: Just to clear myself up, as an on campus rep, I get shortage of reason when students ask me why is it that UPUA is not known, and it is just a group of people who are friends. I try to give reasons that sometimes work sometimes don't. But experience and qualifications mean something, but if we look like we only want people who will fit in here, then other will definitely stay away. If it's qualifications, there are tons and tons of students on this campus, so I'm sure that we can find a person who is qualified also. We might gain some listeners in the future. Thank you.

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Hughes: one of the big gateways into this organization is getting people to apply, which is a challenge to reach out to different groups, and get them to understand what UPUA does. If we're reaching out to everyone then you'll encourage that sort of involvement from everyone. Just take it as a challenge to make sure you're engaging with people across the board.

Lombard: If you want to sign up for HTON 5K please do that, and make sure that your 15\$ is credited to UPUA. We're going to be having a meeting on Friday to discuss our first canning trip too.

Matt Smith: Couple of notes, if you have anything you want promoted, please give it to us, it's our job to help you out. If you have nay successes you want promoted, please come to us. What Sam announced to you, that's something we've been working on for three years. Kudos to Sam for getting that done. I want to thank all the chars for their reports. Also congrats to rep Pellicciotta for your new position. Good job.

Colleen Smith: could my committee meet after?

13. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment

Gupta: meeting adjourned at 10:05

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