

UPUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2007

Call to Order and Opening Roll Call- Frank

Adoption of the Agenda- Hillary: move into new business 2 at large seats; move Sean Meloy to associated staff reports- moved & seconded

Motion to change line in last weeks minutes- moved & seconded

Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes- moved & seconded

Welcome by the President- Hillary: last meeting of semester and thank you for everything you do all semester; microwaves outside convenience stores went over very well—students are ecstatic! Also the website that we're collaborating w/ in student affairs is great—Sean Flynn has done an exceptional job & we will miss you; proud of govt affairs, they will share their student ticket report w/ you later; academic affairs committee has accomplished so much and Katelyn will be leaving this semester for Argentina ☺ will report on Referendum—we had great response; thank you for all hard work and looking forward to next semester to make student life a better place; also thank Jay for all his hard work in ID Committee and w/ the Constitution; Emily Barfoot & Mallory Gold we will also miss you

Open Forum- none

Report by the President- Hillary: finally done w/ Constitution, but still have to make changes, but it is passed! E-mail forwarded to media regarding fact that Bob thought we should make a face book group about Virginia Tech students; made a decision to send a letter to Collegiate Times to VT students on behalf of PSU and we apologize for actions and in no way represents the sentiments of the students; spent my \$150 discretionary spending for the WE ARE campaign in the Collegian

Frank: we do talk to a lot of ppl on a daily basis, not sure what ppl know but received phone calls today about exec list-serve, all we can do is speculate; we don't know if there is even going to be an article in the CDT tomorrow; the article could say that the administration is telling us what to do but they are not

Meloy: emails are in an advisory capacity and the administration is not telling us what to do, Jay acted on his own; we talk to a variety of people and handled the situation as best as we could

Frank: @ the causal meeting, Christian spoke (instructor in bio behavior health) gave a lecture about language & its power & I want to contact him so that we can get pamphlets b/c they are very informational

Association Staff Reports

- Sean Flynn/ Ashley Hill, Chiefs of Staff:
 - o Ashley: computers are in today 2 new comps; went to center for student engagement website and tested their registration online to streamline their process; student organization web forum initiative enhancing student collaboration and communication to publicize events and learn about the foundations of events; book swap is a collaborative activity w/ www.campusbooks.com/psu very interested in collaborating, they will do all promotional materials that we need and have a website geared towards PSU to get students together when buying/selling books
 - o Sean: student activity fee—went to board meeting Friday, a lot of CCSG, talking about funding for off-campus initiatives and Commonwealth campuses, coming up w/ proposal for next semester; finally got computers in so will be fully functioning, student affairs will update w/ new members; if you cant log into computers in office send name & user ID to Hillary; student organization web forum agenda—if you haven't had a chance check out yalestation.com to find out the key individuals who are involved; the team will meet next semester to get the ball rolling but leadership is in place; I think its going to be a bright future for UPUA so keep up the good work
 - o Jay: I'm interested in student activity fee...have they talked about the proposed increase?
 - o Sean: looking to increase everything, looking to build dorm rooms @ different branch campuses so trying to do it proportionately so it doesn't influence our fees; it is the same so if their fee increases, so does ours
 - o Chris Lenn: has the fate of FAB been determined?
 - o Sean: still being determined
 - o Ralph: is there a printer in the office?
 - o Sean: we ordered a printer & a laptop but they are not here
- Andrew Paladino, Treasurer: had reimbursement checks this week, office supplies & money for the website; don't have a standing total but will email it out

- Holmes: legal affairs put in request by desk to have jack activated just to let you know if someone calls
- Sean Meloy, Media Director: my last meeting as well ☹️ just elected as president of college democrats; have not found a new media director yet so if you know someone have them email me or Hillary; have already reserved I'm pissed tables once a week on Thursdays, can't emphasize how important it is to staff those enthusiastically; referendum gave us a wealth of info but those tables allow us to get student input directly

Committee Reports

- Katelyn Holmes, Academic Affairs: Ralph (NEW CHAIR OF AAC): had a very busy meeting last time, attached to the agenda—a couple major points is 2 advisory boards were released—Dr George—system is to alert Fresh students who would be failing/in danger of failing a class so they could get extra tutoring; 2nd item debated was faculty/senate legislation revising final exam policy 4420—decided to adopt a slightly different proposal calling into question aspects of the proposed policy—felt the exam policy—legislation called for in addition to a 10% cap so that everything would be pushed until finals week; in terms of final frenzy the committee authorized 400\$ and the distribution is detailed
- Emily: to encourage students to be updated on their policies, we have the brochures available and selected policies that we know about and what other ppl should know about; will be handing out blue books & pencils & donuts tomorrow & Friday from 9-12 in 1st floor; sign up sheet going around
- Ralph: b/c Katelyn & Emily are leaving, Richard was elected as Vice Chair of the Committee and Valerie was elected to fill Emily's position on sub committee on programming; future initiatives we're looking into Jan 11th —book swap meeting w/ Bob & business execs & VP of Student affairs; there are some legal & copyright issues that Penn state has w/ bookstore in recycling books not through the bookstore so there are legal things but we are bringing in the Dean of Libraries b/c they are knowledgeable about copyright & bookstore; Jan 23rd- presentation to committee by Dr. ? and Dr. Murphy charge of education initiative in College of Engineering so Nick is meeting w/ Dean Edmondson and presentation is on Jan 23rd just got confirmation that Dean Pangorn will be giving presentation the week of Feb 13th on the initiatives of his office--- provost presenting preliminary results to the committee ; attended administrative council of undergraduate education—committee elected ppl to serve on the committee, names of ppl

serving on committee is on last page; really glad that we have students on these committees; faculty senate met as student caucus and voted on bylaws & submitted letter of intent that student can be put on faculty council—very important; final exam policy was passed—re-wrote/clarified so that profs can have finals the last week of class—clause needs to be clarified

- Jay Chamberlin, Internal Development: yesterday the const review board met & passed the constitution w/ all students voting for it and administrator & faculty senate person abstained; meeting had minutes taken by a tape recorder; the section on representatives, they recommend that we change it back so that it clarifies that all at large reps are elected by all students at UP; clarify who exactly can be on board of arbitration and faculty senator said we should clarify minor things
- Richter: can you explain to committee the recs on the wording of our document and how adamant they were about us actually taking their concerns into account
- Jay: said doc needs simplified language; and we said that this is much more simple than it originally was; they expect us to carry out & make sure that we follow through w/ their recommendations; passing around guide of what new association will look like next year; finished working on elections code last week & is ready to come before assembly next semester @ first meeting—one problem was the un-amended version so we have to go through and make those changes; committee recommends that we appoint the elections commissioner asap; one major thing we're changing is coordinate between UPAC and ARSH
- Ralph: news travels very quickly in Big 10; there was an apology meeting drafted for not informing Hillary of the legislation that was passed; the email was just the dates of the coming conference; I strongly urge that we participate in the process but obviously funds would need to be made available; dates are 18th-21st
- Jay: concludes my report & I would like to thank all of you who served w/ me and everyone in the future and I appreciate everything you've done & I'm glad that we're moving forward
- John Richter, Governmental Affairs: met w/ CCSG to discuss rally in the rotunda, don't have a date, have to wait until scheduling gets done in January; asking to get as many UP students as possible; been in contact w/ presidential campaigns to come for Rock the Vote; would like to thank Frank all of his hard work putting together student ticket survey report
- Frank: yesterday Jack, Hillary, myself and CCSG met w/ PSU athletics & Nittany lion club and they were very impressed & appreciated our input & were receptive to suggestions; meeting during first week back; athletic office struggles w/ same things as we do—black market scalping

for example so looking for long term solution; I believe students will be pleased w/ all ideas put forth

- Jack: we were on same page w/ a lot of issues
- John: article in the Collegian last week about Ian Brown about students getting more active in borough govt and students used to be able to sit on board of borough govt so want to look into that
- Ralph: USG did do that but no clear records but there is precedent in other BIG 10 schools
- Hillary Gupta, Special Events/Programming: rock the vote meeting tomorrow @ 4:30 in SPA office
- Jack: are we going to put report on website from tickets? We want to yes.
- Frank: got 716 results so almost statistically significant
- Nicole Barrett, Diversity/Campus Relations: committee has been working on Opinion 3 before you about borough council
- Ralph: is your committee still going to pursue VP of Student affairs?
- Nicole: problem is that nominations need to be in by end of the year so we don't have time this semester, will talk to my committee and see how we're going to proceed;
- Ralph: I doubt the process is going to be fast so I think that its important for UPUA to present something, even if it comes later
- Mallory: research should be sent over List-Serve b/c I think it would be interesting for ppl to see
- Pat Gordon, Facilities: our committee has been looking @ having a meeting for stoplight @ corner of Bigler & Curtin as well as electric competition in East

Old Business

- Referendum Response Presentation: Waddell: slideshow presentation about results

New Business

- The Adoption of the State College Borough Human Rights Ordinance- Nicole: currently in the SC borough there are no laws protecting against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation & gender identity; lack of legal protection has problems w/ university; there has been cases of discrimination in his borough but nothing can be done b/c there are no legal protections so in 2006 started having meetings to discuss this issue & anti-discrimination ordinance came out; affects ppl who work in University and Students who work in State College; although we support the passing of this ordinance we think there are 3 amendments that should be made; currently

no protection for anyone so housing should be added; definition of employer should be changed to #4; 3rd amendment is ordinance calls for creation of human rights and we want to request a student spot

- Ralph: Q on point 2: this would only be for this ordinance correct? Yes
- Jack: do you know how many housing employers are not equal opportunity?
- Nicole: No
- Jack: do you know how many complaints are filed each year?
- Nicole: Don't have the data but the HR committee does
- Jay: move to accept by acclamation
- All Opposed to closing debate on issue: none
- Frank: will now move into voting; all in favor of passing Res: 2 opposed; none abstained; PASSES

At Large Appointments

Hillary: move to accept Annie Bontempo b/c she was sick & had to take leave of absence but was elected by assembly; doesn't pass; 2 mins each to speak; 5 ppl

Samantha Miller: sophomore @ PSU; Phil/POL Sci Minors in Span & Legal Business; didn't start here as a Fresh, transferred from Wake Forest; now embrace the chant WE ARE PSU—what does it mean? w/o Penn state body there would be no university; one of major problems on campus is that students don't realize that they are the we are; I believe that UPUA will give them access to their voice, the at large rep needs to catch students who are falling through the cracks; see job as 2 fold—me make myself available to them & me being sure that I'm sitting here w/ you voicing my opinion instead of theirs; want to be a representative & want the student voice to grow

Talani Bertram: sophomore; Kines major wants to go to med school; very passionate about helping individuals; I've had experience working w/ different age groups b/c of my experience as a teen advocate @ planned parenthood in NY; worked w/ the Senator in my district; president of my HS b/c school goes from 7-12th which covers a broad range but confirmed my passion to want to help everybody; I believe everyone has ability to be a leader but not passion, and I have that; I haven't taken any leadership role on campus yet but have helped out different individuals, I am a mentor for State College HS; Referendum covered a lot of things that I thought should be fixed; Student Minority Recruitment Team; part of NAACP; applied for RA

Annie Bontempo: was very sick for 6 weeks in Sept/Oct and had to withdraw from school completely b/c I got so far behind; I want to come back, I was elected but because of my medical problems I had to leave

Jessica Emann: sophomore, education major; in HS I never got a chance to be involved in student govt but I think that college is my last chance to get involved; you obviously care about the students; one thing I want to do is get UPUAs name out there b/c then ppl will realize all that UPUA does; involved in THON and in the sorority DZ

Andrew Karasik: Freshman; President of my HS of 1600, faced similar situation as here—overbearing administration that didn't support the govt & was trying to minimize student advocacy & input; need to explain to students honestly what's going on & be honest w/ them; want to be in UPUA b/c I want to represent the University community, as well as being a freshman, there is not a freshman voice on campus; involved w/ UPAC & ARSH; make it to everywhere—wide variety of events to get a feel for the community itself; students need a voice—freshmen need representation to UPUA; need to move forward as one unified force

Debate on each candidate limited to 2 mins

24 voting members

Samantha 19

Talani 19

Annie 14

Jessica 13

Andrew 3

Announcements

Richard- please sign this so I can put it on my wall

Katelyn- thank you for a great semester

Closing Roll Call and Adjournment