

UPUA General Assembly  
15 October 2008

- I. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call
- II. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Andrew Karasik- Move old and new business to after special presentations
  - b. Ralph Crivello- Pat Gordon should not be listed under executive confirmations.
  - c. Agenda is adopted.
- III. Open Student Forum
  - a. None
- IV. Report by the President- Valerie Russell
  - a. Refer to points by the president
  - b. Attended SAFB meeting- very disappointed by meeting. Lack of knowledge on shared governance. Both resolutions were tabled.
  - c. Commission for Recreation Sports- Developing an executive committee to help facilities committee on events pertaining to IM facilities.
  - d. Homecoming Parade- Gavin will judge the parade.
  - e. No Sportsmanship council meeting
  - f. All 60 Day plans should be complete and turned in to Katelyn.
- V. Special Presentations
  - a. Mr. Ian Kellogg- Student Programmer, Book Exchange
    - i. Provided by ITS. The program will be starting this November. This is not something to get money directly from. Your profile is where you sell and buy books, you also monitor account here. Email will always be Penn State Email. Phone number can be changed. There is no limit on the asking price, you can decide if your price isn't negotiable. Books are put onto the page by the ISBN code. Students at all Commonwealth Campuses can sell their books as well. You can also message with the seller if you like. This listing is similar to Craig's List and hopefully the seller can get more money than if selling downtown.
    - ii. Questions
      1. Amy Sanders- Are there any talks about putting class lists and books on this website?
        - a. We're trying but there is still a little bit of a fight with the bookstore and this project.
      2. Amy Sanders- Can friends of Penn State use this?
        - a. They can buy but not sell.
      3. Ralph Crivello- We want to thank Ian for coming, he's been a huge spearhead for this. This is a great first working model. All representatives were given access to this. If you have questions ask now!
        - a. This version is coming in November, I'm sure I will update it again soon.
      4. Sean Meloy- Is there a rating of the students like on ebay?
        - a. It was an original idea, but it isn't reliable enough because students could ruin other students for no reason.
      5. Amy Sanders- Will there be a help or tutorial button?

- a. Eventually, yes.
  - 6. Valerie Russell- How will you compile the list of books?
    - a. Only books that students are entering. There's a possibility that downtown bookstores will eventually be able to list.
- b. Dr. Burlingame- Associate VP of Student Affairs
  - i. Congratulations Ian for that presentation! I am speaking briefly about my role in student affairs. I work with 7 departments. My role in working with these departments is significantly less than those who lead the departments. I appreciate the opportunity to talk about the critical work we do every day.
  - ii. Career Services is lead by Jack Rayman. There are many career oriented facets. This year we had the largest career fair in Penn State's history. This is perhaps the largest career fair in the United States. There are also many helpful services for students interested in graduate schools. There is also an undergraduate student guide. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of our services!
  - iii. Psychological Counseling and Health Services- The Health Services building has just opened. We have an excellent staff in CAPS. Last year they saw 12,690 appointments, no small issue. We have a large number of psychotherapy groups in place. Treatment modalities are being shared. Last year there were 74,000 visits to Ritenour. There is a 24/7 advice nurse. Fully stocked pharmacy. We also have an ambulance service.
  - iv. It is very important for students and student organizations to be advised. Currently I advise Alpha Phi Omega. Council of Lionhearts is a great group as well that I advise for. Volunteer.psu.edu, all students can utilize this site. Entire website was written by a former student. Thanks to Samantha Miller for meeting with Lionhearts about ServiceNation! Find a cause that is greater than yourself!
  - v. Civic Engagement- Make this school a better place. It is very important to vote!
  - vi. Noontime concert series, October 24 in Mezzanine.
  - vii. Questions
    - 1. Ralph Crivello- Why doesn't the university have any type of HMO program? What is the Student Health Advisory Board?
      - a. We don't have HMO because that's a lot of third party stuff. That is under continual review. We want lowest cost health service as possible, probably lower than an HMO. Student Health Advisory Board does a lot with students to make us more efficient and see what people think about the services. We want UHS to be very like a normal doctor's office. We want to reduce the wait time.
    - 2. Samantha Miller- What is the billing service who stays up over the summer but isn't currently enrolled in classes?
      - a. I'm not sure, but I will email you.
- c. Mr. Jordan Ford- Assistant Director, Office of Annual Giving

- i. Charged with educating student groups about philanthropies of Penn State. Class of 1900 gave 50 benches all over campus. Over time they were destroyed. Our office is in charge with upkeep and maintaining the legacy of class gifts. I was contacted to remove the benches because there was a lot of damage to them. These gifts do not come with maintenance endowments. We talked it over and chose to memorialize the gift. We wanted to put a plaque on the bench. We can get 5 plaques.
- ii. Questions
  1. Matt Smith- What is to prevent my class gift from being destroyed? Are we saying there's a tiered system?
    - a. To some extent there is a tiered system. You're right they wouldn't tear down the lion shrine. The trend across nationwide universities is to move towards strictly scholarship support. I think seniors should still be able to vote on their gift. When giving a class gift, the class must remember that things change. We always do our best to memorialize these gifts.
  2. Sean Leonard- The gift isn't necessarily for the University, but the students using them. Why weren't the students contacted?
    - a. Students are a big part, but they are not the only people that get to enjoy the gift. Students were consulted, those who represent the gift were consulted. If you don't like your gift, you can make your own gift. I've tried to reiterate that we're a little bit of a technicality.
  3. Andrew Karasik- A class gives a gift to stamp their presence and the issue here is that the presence of 1900 has been wiped off the face of this university. Was anyone in the alumni association contacted?
    - a. No they weren't. It's a development program, not an alumni association program. There were no representatives from the class of 1900.
  4. Ralph Crivello motions to extend for an extra ten minutes.
  5. Ralph Crivello- I have a question as well (mic hog). You did take time to think how to best memorialize. What was most concerning to students was that no one seemed to know except people in your office and OPP. Looking forward, can you see a way to better inform UPUA?
    - a. There was no precedent for this. The Collegian and the Newswires are our main source of communication. We can't control the media. This was well discussed, but from this point forward we'll put everything out there.
  6. Daniel Lersch- I'm 3<sup>rd</sup> generation. The whole point of your organization is to give back to the university. They are now very upset that they give all this money and are not informed. What if this keeps people from giving money?

- a. It's impossible to keep everyone happy. Some people hate them and some people love them. If it's a safety hazard, it needs to be fixed.
- 7. Nick Mance- Do you think it would be a good idea to have a forum to tackle these issues?
  - a. The occurrence is very rare. If something needs to be done, we tackle it appropriately. Our office works towards that. In regards to the resolution, on a personal and professional level that's okay. What if we consult with you and we don't like your idea?
- 8. Sean Leonard- Alumni I talk to talk about class gifts all the time. Ralph is trying to tamper with the minutes. There are alumni that help with all class gifts. What about a fund for all class gifts?
  - a. Most alumni want to contribute to their own class gifts rather than others. No matter how we fixed it there would be problems. We will try to communicate better in the future. Our job is to be good stewards to these gifts.

VI. Old Business (none)

VII. New Business

a. Confirmation Executive Board Nominations

i. Ian Vickery- Director Legislative Affairs

- 1. Will work with executive committee to put their ideas into words. I have a very strong background in politics. I was vice chairman and chairman to Maryland State Party. I went to many different conventions, and became comfortable with legislation. I also took 2 years of Model UN in high school. In college my majors are politics and history. I am a pretty good writer.
- 2. Questions
  - a. Andrew Karasik- Do you think you'll be working with the assembly as well?
    - i. If they have questions they can come to me.
  - b. Ralph Crivello- There is a big difference between legislative techniques. Where will you start to look for examples?
    - i. I've read through several pieces from this year and last year. It's to the point and very simply written. I'm not going to through in lengthy clauses. I will have a preamble, a nature of the legislation, and the actual body.
  - c. Matt Smith- What are your other time commitments?
    - i. I don't have many other restraints. My majors aren't horrible. I'm not involved in any other activity but the Navigators.
  - d. Elysse Okkelberg- Why aren't you dedicating more time to your studies?

- i. I have a 3.93. I have a lot of free time so I'd love to get more involved. I take my education very seriously.

ii. Discussion

1. Andrew Karasik- I do not think that his academics have anything to do with this position. Every student treats their academics differently. He is coming before us for legislative affairs. We need to look at what he can do for this organization. He is the ID committee's recommendation. He knows what he is talking about and what he can do. We are voting on the merits of the person, not merit of the position.
2. Samantha Miller- Is the before end right?
  - a. Valerie Russell- Yes, he is helping us.
3. Ben Lombard- Initially we didn't have enough about the position. I think he is being modest. He'll be very good.
4. Sean Meloy- High school experiences can help you become very well versed in legislation. He'll be a very good tool for all of us to utilize.
5. Elysse Okkelberg- I was put off by his attitude not his specific activities.
6. Ralph Crivello- Academics is a measure of performance. Every representative should be able to write legislation. He can help us get a lot done. He will be a great resource for executive board. I support this position and think this candidate is exceptional.
7. Daniel Lersch- Did you see any examples of his legislation?
  - a. No. Point taken.
8. Sean Meloy- He quoted operative clauses etc. He knows the language. He has the grasp.
9. Samantha Miller- If he didn't provide a writing sample, but he's writing for executive.

iii. Vote: Passes by a vote of 21-1-0.

b. Resolution 10- Class Gift Removal

- i. Sam Loewner- There are a few important things to point out. With the benches there is very little student input, and we can work together with the Office of Annual Giving in the future. I want to point out that this legislation applies to anything outside of regular upkeep. We don't want to slow down OAG will consulting us for regular upkeep. On the reverse side one of the most important things to note is that class gifts should be maintained in their entirety.

ii. Questions

1. Jordan Ford- What does this mean? We'll work with you in good faith. Is there a place for us to sign and agree? I'm worried you might tell us we didn't try hard enough. What happens when these situations come up?
  - a. Ralph Crivello- This is an opinion of the assembly. We want to get at is this the opinion of the student body and

student government? Once it is signed Gavin works to implement it and work with you. I doubt we'll agree on everything but we can resolve and compromise.

2. Sam Miller- What is your opinion? Do you see a problem with how this went down?
  - a. I was contacted over the summer. Jordan, the advisor, forwarded the information to us. I trusted Jordan to relay the important parts to us. There are certain limitations to preserving class gifts. I think it's a great memorial.
3. Matt Smith- Because it is the student's deposit money, is there an implied social contract?

Yes. If you donate money to your class it is expected that your class gift will be treated with as much respect as possible.
4. Elyssa Okkelberg- What if we skim some money off each class gift?
5. I don't want to say that the class gift program is in any way underfunded. They won't feel justified to apply money from one class gift to other classes.

### iii. Discussion

1. Andrew Karasik- We are the official body of the undergraduate students. Students should have a say in the legacy of the student gifts. This say should come from the democratically elected leaders. There is no reason why the students cannot be consulted. The class gift committee does a fantastic job, but they aren't elected.
2. Sam Loewner- Move to amend resolution 10 to read what resolution 10 dated September 26 reads. Changes in diction and bolded section of line 41. No one but the Collegian determines what goes in the Collegian, but they will at least contact members lines 1-5 page 2.
  - a. Sean Leonard- I did not understand. Please make changes before.
  - b. Ralph Crivello- Document without UPUA logo is the amendments.
  - c. Amendment Passes
3. Samantha Miller- I am hesitant because I feel it's a bit general. To what end to they consult us?
4. Sam Loewner- This is a rare instance and the decision would come from the facilities committee. I don't think its generality is a problem. It's meant to allow our body to take action.
5. Daniel Lersch- I don't think this is a contract, but a further idea.
6. Sam Meloy- When I asked Nick to investigate these benches I don't think it would turn into what it has. In actuality, they can still not abide. We're both saying we want to work with each other.

They don't have to 100% agree. The students are happy we're getting involved. I encourage you to pass this resolution.

7. Daniel Lersch- We are showing precedent.
  8. Matthew Smith- Am I able to distribute anything in relation to what I'm going to say? Sometimes you all think I'm off my rocker. There is an editorial from 1908 that talks about not ruining class gifts or other class gifts won't want to get involved. We should still be disappointed in the administration.
  9. Nick Mance- Thanks Matt for your help. In the future we will come up with a policy and more involvement.
- iv. Vote passes 22-0-1
- c. Resolution 11- Candy for Homecoming
- i. Hillary Gupta- I'm asking for a lot of money, but I'm basing it on last year's parade. It's a long walk, so we need a lot of money. We won't use all \$200. We don't want to look dumb.
  - ii. Questions
    1. Hubert Hines- If we don't use all \$200 do we get to eat the candy?
      - a. I'll probably return it.
    2. Matt Smith- How will we carry this?
      - a. We'll do it.
    3. Andrew Karasik- What kind of candy?
      - a. Whatever I can get.
    4. Valerie Russell- There are kids watching the parade. We want to get our name out.
  - iii. Discussion
    1. Ralph Crivello- We only have \$1,700 in unrestricted money. We've had major setbacks in forms of UPAC. It's reasonable to provide a service, but it's a large percent. I can't vote to give that much money. We can barely fund actual programs.
    2. Richard Shermanski- I motion to amend to \$50.
      - a. Jim Byrne- What does everyone think is reasonable?
      - b. Andrew Karasik- I don't think Hillary is trying to steal money. She wants to further the name of this organization. She calculated. I think it should remain \$200.
      - c. Sean Leonard- I strongly suggest because this is our name. People don't know what UPUA is. Any amendment to put down the name is not okay.
      - d. Samantha Miller- I know it's a large percent, but \$200 won't carry my committee anyway. If this is something to get our name out that's good. I urge that we print labels or something.
      - e. Richard Shermanski- Will the name of UPAC get a better name with candy? We are throwing candy to children in a parade.
      - f. Sean Leonard- To not believe that this won't help UPUA is ridiculous. These little things, like THON, add up. It's not

just little kids, it's the entire Penn State Community. The homecoming parade is voted the best event for homecoming.

- g. Peter Khoury- We aren't allowed to throw candy. Hand it!
  - h. Ben Lombard- I think it's great publicity. The best way to get to their mind is through their stomach. It would look bad to not have very much.
  - i. Nick Mance- I think there are better ways for us to spend our money. Be fiscally smart.
  - j. Colleen Smith- I'm on the parade committee. I think it's very spirited and anyway to participate is great. It's worth the cost.
  - k. Ralph Crivello- It is not appropriate for representatives to be laughing and carrying on. Give respect even if you disagree. You should all respect each other. I agree with both Shermanski and Leonard. This is great publicity but can we do less with less? It's a compromised proposal. Is \$200 appropriate? We don't even have money to fund our elections. It's a sad reality. \$150 is a lot of flyers. We can't afford to give back too much.
  - l. Hillary Gupta- I'm trying to spend as little as possible. I'll try to spend as little as possible. Let's not be embarrassing.
  - m. Daniel Lersch- Giving out candy is great, but let's get people involved. What about singing fight songs and doing cheers? I think that would get more attention. We could have a good combination of both.
  - n. Samantha Miller- A lot of places are willing to donate things. We can write solicitation letters.
  - o. Peter Khoury- Contact companies, a lot of companies are willing to donate.
  - p. Hubert Hines- Instead of giving out candy, what about taping candy to shirts and running into the crowd?
  - q. Amendment fails.
3. Samantha Miller- I move to add a line that says every effort will be made to solicit donations before spending any money.
- a. Hillary Gupta- I understand it, but I will be asking Thursday.
  - b. Daniel Lersch- It makes us look irresponsible.
  - c. Jim Byrne- We might as well try.
  - d. Peter Khoury- Last year I attained Mike and Ike's just by asking. I'd be more than willing to ask again.
  - e. Samantha Miller- I will volunteer any spare time. I'll drive to the stores.
  - f. Ralph Crivello- Even if this passes, I don't know if Gavin will sign this.
  - g. Vote- amendment passes

4. Point of Order: Any money not spent will be put back into the UPUA budget.
  5. Vote- Resolution passes by a vote of 16-4-1.
- VIII. Report by the Association Directors and Staff
- a. Chief of Staff- Mike Anderson
    - i. Sorry for small outburst.
    - ii. Thanks ID.
    - iii. Executive Board Meeting
      1. Lots of great ideas.
    - iv. Working on Board of Arbitration Recruitment
    - v. Questions
      1. Andrew Karasik- Can the ID committee get a description for Off-Campus Relations?
        - a. Yes.
      2. Ralph Crivello- Please have executive board have written outline of reports.
        - a. Yes, if that will be helpful.
  - b. Treasurer- Matt Sheroff
    - i. Current balances 18,000 from UPAC and 1,700 in unrestricted.
    - ii. Transferred 100 to La Vie.
    - iii. Open Purchase Orders- everything from over the summer has been accounted for. Laptop and Copy Central is still a purchase order.
    - iv. SAFB- frustrating, our resolution wasn't received well. UPAC student wasn't willing to put money in an elected leader's hands. We are looking to write a budget to strengthen our view. We are always looking to compare ourselves to other schools.
    - v. Questions
      1. Ralph Crivello- Don't we have outstanding money from Purdue?
        - a. That isn't reflected anywhere.
      2. Samantha Miller- Committee chairs put in budgets, is there any further work we need to do?
        - a. I haven't been presented
      3. Nick Mance- can the 18,000 be used for elections?
        - a. No.
      4. Jim Byrne- Did you get the receipt for the homecoming banner?
        - a. I will tomorrow.
  - c. Greek Life- Luke Pierce
    - i. Not in attendance.
  - d. Media- Adam Ferrone
    - i. PLEASE COME TO ME ABOUT MEDIA.
    - ii. Gavin will have a guest column soon.
    - iii. Questions
      1. Valerie- Is the guest column confirmed?
        - a. Not fully.
  - e. Business- Louis Orazio

- i. I will further fundraising efforts that need very small amounts of money to start up. It takes money to make money.
      - ii. Rockstar Promotion- We will be contacting them next week. They could pay us to promote their product, or we can just sell their product.
      - iii. Carnations- Will be contacting various florists to see what they want to do.
      - iv. We could have an internal fundraiser for our polos.
      - v. T-shirt sale fundraiser.
    - f. Women's Affairs- Ruth Canagarajah
      - i. Love your Body Day- helped out, but our name wasn't involved.
      - ii. November
        - 1. Advertising for Women and Science Symposium.
      - iii. Having trouble gathering subcommittee.
      - iv. Questions
        - 1. Matt Smith- Stall Stories has Women's Commission. You could try to get involved in that because it provides direct contact with Spanier.
    - g. Multicultural Affairs- Cindy Wang
      - i. Talked to president of UCSA about international tuition. It is unfair that they pay this high price for all 4 years. We will investigate this.
      - ii. Talked to president of international student council. There is a problem with housing. We will have an orientation program prior to beginning schooling. I'm trying to get this up and running by the spring semester.
      - iii. Third project put on hold.
      - iv. Questions
        - 1. Ralph Crivello- This is a major issue, so I'm very excited to see how you tackle this.
        - 2. Rodney Hughes- GSA is starting a housing committee to work on that. Work together.
- IX. Committee Reports
  - a. Steering- Ralph Crivello
    - i. Check out the student book exchange. We're trying to improve it.
  - b. Internal Development- Andrew Karasik
    - i. Pat Gordon did not come before the assembly because we didn't receive a description of his position.
    - ii. Questions
      - 1. Sam Loewner- I think the new agenda is a step in the right direction.
        - a. There will be a policy eventually.
  - c. Programming- Hillary Gupta
    - i. If you're walking in the parade you have to be behind the IM building by 4:50.
    - ii. THON
      - 1. We will have another meeting next Thursday at 6 PM.
      - 2. \$1,019.33 raised.
    - iii. Questions

1. Ben Lombard- For a group that is just starting out is very exciting. I encourage you all to come out next time.
  2. Peter Khoury- Is THON the only alternative fundraising event?
    - a. A flag football event.
  3. Annie Fiscus- Letter writing campaign?
    - a. Yes.
- d. Facilities- Nick Mance
- i. Dialogue about Usage Fee. Fee only for recreation rooms.
  - ii. Continue to move forward with more internal policies.
  - iii. Questions
    1. Andrew Karasik- I heard it was passed by the Controllers Office.
      - a. She said it will be implemented in January.
- e. Academic Affairs- Matt Smith
- i. Attendance could be better.
  - ii. Appointed Eli Okkelberg to an AQ committee.
  - iii. Drafting Quality Assurance Program for Web-based classes.
  - iv. Met with Dean Helman.
  - v. Upcoming meeting with Jennifer Struble.
  - vi. Questions
    1. Ralph Crivello- Will CCSG be at that meeting?
      - a. They have not responded, but it's my intention.
- f. Governmental Affairs- Samantha Miller
- i. Pay particular attention to point 1.
- g. Diversity/Campus Life- Christian Ragland
- i. Networking Program in December.
  - ii. Connecting with Martin Luther King Celebration
  - iii. Questions
    1. Valerie Russell- Have you started making MLK connections?
      - a. Casually.
- X. Liaison Reports
- a. GSA- Joann Olson
    - i. Not in attendance
  - b. ARHS- Andrew Koontz
    - i. Not in attendance
- XI. Comments for the Good of the Order
- a. Sam Loewner- Good job Gavin and Matt at the SAFB meeting. In my opinion, Kendra of UPAC turned the meeting very negatively. I hate to vote against the candy, but it would be a non-issue if we had any money at all.
  - b. Ralph Crivello- We are in recess next week!!!
  - c. Richard Shermanski- I want to represent my disgust about candy. We have tried stuff like this before, but look at the amount of seats. I don't think \$200 worth of candy will make any difference. I am very disappointed in what he said about my character.
  - d. Valerie Russell- I agree about SAFB. Matt and Gavin did their best. It was no longer a debate. They will be working harder to better educate the other board

members. It's horrible that we have to have huge discussions about money like this.

- XII. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment
  - a. Meeting is adjourned at 11:09PM.