



# ASA Minutes

9:00 pm Haugo Room

04/15/2015

**Attendance: (24) Absent: (1)**

**New Business:**

Committee Updates

P&D

Matt Bell: Elections are ready to go, midnight tonight the presidential election ballot will go out. You should have all signed up to work the election table, and I have everything set up for you to do. I can't stress enough the importance of being unbiased at the election table. The senatorial elections are next week Wednesday and Thursday. Those of you running for positions for next year cannot work the table, and those of you who are not running, please work the election table.

Curriculum

Kat Van Gerpen: We have thank you cards for you to have at the presidential election table when you are working the, and we are hoping it will encourage people to write a thank you to a professor.

Tomorrow night we have our Faculty Face-Off at 7 p.m. in the Back Alley. We have them talking about a lot of great topics, and we anticipate it going for about an hour and a half. We are hanging up posters tonight. There is also a Facebook event, and we would appreciate if you would share it to spread the word

Kitchen Cabinet

Alex Guggenberger: Sodexo is being stubborn about the fact that we can't change anything without their approval. It's going to take a lot longer than we thought. Damian and Corey are on board for changing things to be more transparent. As far as the dining hall being open longer, it's difficult with budgeting and the amount of people needed to run the dining hall, but there are possibilities in the Huddle.

A&P

CDF: 4,514.61 LDF: 3,075 SOF: 6,516 Senate: 1,881.77 Executive: 2,629.87 General: 19,232.28

Dan Schmidtman: We met with three different student groups.

Anthropology Club: Requested \$40.00. They are going to the Washington Pavilion and putting on an exhibit for Girl Scouts and need polymer clay for their event. They have been a pretty active group and doing a lot of service projects. They are helping at the old Courthouse and searching through archives. The A&P recommends allocating \$40.00 to Anthropology Club.

**Kat Van Gerpen Motion | Eric Vander Lee Second | Motion Passes**

Augustana Business Club: They initially came as a CDF request, but since their event is more of a leadership development event, we suggested they apply for those funds. Each year the Business Club attends an event that Warren B. attends, which is made possible for Augie students because of President Oliver. Students pay \$20, and usually they ask for funding for the bus to Omaha. This year they came in with a \$1,400 request, and given the level of participation in past years, we recommend \$1,400 for transportation.

**Zach Serrano Motion | Kiri Jacobsen Second | Motion Passes**

**Abstained: Alex Guggenberger, Megan Wencl, Joel Gullickson, Joel Hermann**

Dance Marathon: Dance Marathon puts on an event each year, and the funds they raise go to Children's Miracle Network. Their event is coming up this Saturday. They came in with a request for

\$4,585. We looked at their allocations for the past years. Two years ago they received \$4,200, and last year they received \$4,500. They've received their \$150 and the \$1,500 they can receive from the SOF, and they are looking for a supplement. Whatever money we donate to them, allows them to donate more money to Children's Miracle Network. This is a group we definitely want to support, but we decided to recommend an allocation of \$3,000. That with their SOF funds would bring them up to the \$4,500 mark they've received in past years.

Kirsten Titze: They raise the money, but what does our money go toward?

Dan Schmidtman: Essentially, our funds will go into a big pot and they will pay for whatever they need to purchase for the event while the rest is donated. They are ordering pizza, inflatables, music (if live), t-shirts, zumba (sometimes). One thing they do is recommend that anyone who takes a t-shirt donate \$10.

Kat Van Gerpen: In past years how much have they been allocated initially?

Dan Schmidtman: \$4500, this is new this year because they didn't receive their initial budget.

Joel Hermann: They have \$16,000 net income; After expenses they send off, they have \$12,500. Essentially, ASA is donating \$3,000.

Dan Schmidtman: Part of the difficulty of this request is what point are we putting on an event to enable students to do great things on campus?

Matt Bell: Is there a way to see receipts from the end of their year?

Dan Schmidtman: They provided us with an informal budget.

Kat Van Gerpen: I'm kind of torn because last year I saw them working really hard to raise \$22,000 and this year their goal is \$30,000.

Joel Gullickson: I think the event has potential to be a lot bigger, and I want to support them this year.

Joel Hermann: Last year they had 50 dancers, but this year they have 193 dancers signed up.

Ryder Reed: If we were to not give them anything, they would still spend the money they need to so they aren't suffering if we don't give them the money.

Kiri Jacobsen: Should we take into account that things are getting more expensive so should we give them more?

Dan Schmidtman: They are receiving a little more than last year as well as the fact that in years past they've received \$4,200 so we've definitely compensated.

Tony Metzgar: Did they talk about what they did for service?

Dan Schmidtman: A lot of what they did went toward Dance Marathon: working with families and the kids.

#### **Kat Van Gerpen Motion | Hanna Werling Second | Eric Vander Lee Abstained | Motion Fails**

Joel Hermann: Their numbers are sort of just on there. There isn't much organization so I would add a stipulation that they get their accounting organized with a detailed report by the end of the year.

Kirsten Titze: It seems like they've been planning it assuming we would give them all the money every year. Maybe next year we can tell them that we aren't necessarily going to give them the same amount the next year. If they spend more, it's less toward the kids. It's so late. and they are applying for this now. It's a bit odd.

Kat Van Gerpen: Maybe we can encourage them that if they have better numbers, we will give more.

Joel Hermann: We have those groups that receive a fixed allocation every year, maybe they need to be part of the fixed allocation, and they can still earn the \$1,500 from the SOF.

Megan Wencl: Some schools don't provide any funds for their event, but Augustana does provide them with a significant amount of funding.

Alejandro Garcia: \$3,000 with a stipulation they provide full financial report at the end of the year.

#### **Alejandro Garcia Motion | Kat Van Gerpen Second | Motion Passes**

Dan Schmidtman: With the new budget system it's been nice for smaller groups to get more money, but for bigger groups like Dance Marathon, maybe it hasn't been a great thing. One thing we talked about was putting them on a fixed allocation since they do a lot of good for campus and they are a strong group. The argument against that is part of the reason we switched to a budget was groups with the strongest leadership and involvement get the money and that leaves money for ASA to do things across campus. I would like to do informal discussion on what you think the budget should look like next year.

Matt Bell: It's my opinion that we should allocate SALT \$1,500 right away each year since they are a service group. A lot of Christian liberal arts groups have enough funds to do really big events, and SALT has never really had the support.

Dan Schmidtman: Would Dance Marathon fall under that category?

Matt Bell: Yes, I have a harder time with Big Ideas whether or not there will be strong ideas. I know the first two will have strong leaders.

Joel Hermann: What would you do since you said no to allocating \$3,000

Matt Bell: I don't feel 100% donating my student fee to a charity group regardless of what it is.

Joel Hermann: Maybe the \$4,500 was a start-up cost for their group so they could put on the event, but I do agree that ASA might as well write that allocation off at the beginning of the year. We definitely want more clarification on the numbers.

Alex Guggenberger: I think it could be bigger than it is. Dance Marathon is bigger at other schools. I don't know if we are aiming too low, but it's hard to know where the money is going. They are a big group on campus, and I don't know if that's a big enough budget

Matt Bell: If  $\frac{1}{4}$  of their budget is going toward the event then maybe they look at cutting costs in their event.

Kat Van Gerpen: I think they are reducing the length of it.

Dan Schmidtman: I think keep them off a fixed allocation. I think since leadership changes, and there might be years when it doesn't do as well. Maybe we can come to knowing we receive a CDF request each year, but it's up to our discretion if they are an effective student group.

Tony Metzgar: I think you could argue that with any group on campus.

Alex Matson: Can't we put a cap on the event saying they can only spend a certain amount on the event and the rest goes to the kids?

Megan Wencl: I could see students struggling if they know 3000 student activities is going to a certain organization.

Dan Schmidtman: Are you a proponent of them being on a fixed budget?

Megan Wencl: No

Kara S: Especially with them not being as wise with their spending

Brittany Dardis: A reminder that all of those things they are buying are a risk to garner support for their event. Don't look at it as a negative always.

Kat Van Gerpen: My freshman year they made 13000 and last year 22,000 so they've really been working to raise awareness and get the campus excited.

Eric Vanderlee: Could they have applied for this earlier? It makes me uncomfortable since they've known about this all year and applied three days before the event?

Dan Schmidtman: I met with them midway last semester and we determined if they were getting closer to the event and they were in need of funds to apply. They did submit it 1.5 weeks ago, but still they could have done it early.

Ryder Reed: Kat brought up a good point that they have increased their donations by 40%, but they didn't say last night that was a direct result of our support. it was based on their hard work.

Matt Bell: At what point in the year did they max out the SOF?

Dan Schmidtman: They put all of them in last week. They were confused about the budget. Their volunteer activities are so sporadic and I suggested that some are cumulative.

Matt Bell: That's why I think we should just do a standard 1500 allocation for SALT and DM and we could save ourselves the headache

Kirsten Titze: Back to having them being a formulated group, I know they are new group in the past few years. Relay for Life is a similar group, just not as much enthusiasm, they aren't asking us for this amount of money, I'm not comfortable If this is something all students were for, they could each donate 2\$ and that would be more than the allocation.

Dan Schmidtman: It's essentially a donation in a large degree

Evan Meyers: They have enough money to do this and it feels like kind of a guilt trip and they put it on the student's money and that's an unfair way of doing it. I don't see it's necessary to give them that much money at the end of the year.

Tony Metzgar: I disagree because what it does for campus is so much more, there is so much more that goes into it than the event.

Dan Schmidtman: Do you think a lower allocation from ASA would prohibit them from succeeding in the future?

Tony Metzgar: The setback this year makes them look bad and I want to see them succeeding.

Sarah Larimer: From a UBG perspective, this is 3000 for a full day event versus coffeehouse events for a night run 3000 and only 50-100 people go. Student activity fee is being spent and people aren't necessarily going to those events anyways.

Matt Bell: If I came back and said I want to do it for prostate cancer then what?

Tony Metzgar: That would be fine if you prove that you can be successful like Dance Marathon.

Dan Schmidtman: As a student association, it's not necessarily our responsibility to be donating to charity groups.

Kat Van Gerpen: Why are we referring to it as a donation when it is going to an event?

Eric Vanderlee: They can still do it, but we are ensuring at the end of the day they can say they've raised money.

Zach Serrano: Since there seems to be a consensus that they are an important group, the day the senate doesn't allocate them money should be the day they fall apart and things don't go right. If we don't see a need to allocate that money because of their status that is ok. I see them becoming less motivated which might lead to them not doing as much. The current budget incentivizes people to do more, and makes the big guys think they don't have to work as much just like the big guys don't have to do taxes. It seems like groups that don't need that allocation will naturally not get it. Depending on who is the most willing to stand up and talk in this room, it could change from Big Ideas, SALT, Dance Marathon, to Augie Republicans, Augie Green, etc. It just seems like an easy way to set up a lot of problems that the budget was supposed to fix.

Tony Metzgar: It's not about the biggest group it's about who is most motivated.

Motion to adjourn

**Motion: Eric Vanderlee | Second: Hanna Werling | Motion Passes**

SENATOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Zach Serrano	x		
Evan Meyer	x		
Hanna Werling	x		
Joel Gullickson	x		
Alex Guggenberger	x		
Sarah Larimer	x		
Kirsten Titze	x		
Alejandro Garcia	x		
Kat Van Gerpen	x		
Matt Bell	x		
Kuku Lilo		x	
Joel Hermann	x		
Tony Metzgar	x		
Hannah Norem	x		
Kara Schroeder	x		
Katelyn Gruber	x		
Kiri Jacobsen	x		
Kirsten Olson	x		
Eric Vander Lee	x		
Megan Wencel	x		
Ryder Reed	x		
Alex Matson	x		
Rahiwa Mussa	x		
Spencer O'Hara	x		
Angela Merkle	x		

OFFICER	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Brittany Dardis	x		
Elliot Blue	x		
Dan Schmidtman	x		
Aimee Fisher	x		

ADVISOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Jim Bies	x		



SENATE MEETING MOTION SHEET  
FILED BY ASA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AIMÉE FISHER

DATE 04/15/15 MOTION # 0415153

**REGARDING:**

Motion to allocate \$1400 from the LDF to Business Club.

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MOVED: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED: \_\_\_\_\_

FURTHER ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brittany Dardis  
ASA PRESIDENT

VOTING RESULTS:

AYE 20

NAY 0

ABSTENTION 4

COMMENTS:



SENATE MEETING MOTION SHEET  
FILED BY ASA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AIMÉE FISHER

DATE 04/15/15 MOTION # 0415151

REGARDING:

Motion to allocate \$40 from the CDF to Anthropology Club.

MOVED:

SECONDED:

FURTHER ACTION:

  
Brittany Dardis  
ASA PRESIDENT

VOTING RESULTS:

AYE 24

NAY 0

ABSTENTION 0

COMMENTS:



SENATE MEETING MOTION SHEET

FILED BY ASA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AIMÉE FISHER

DATE 04/15/15 MOTION # 0415152

REGARDING:

Motion to allocate \$3000 from the CDF to Dance Marathon.

w/ stipulation that DM provides  
a financial report at the end  
of the year

MOVED:

SECONDED:

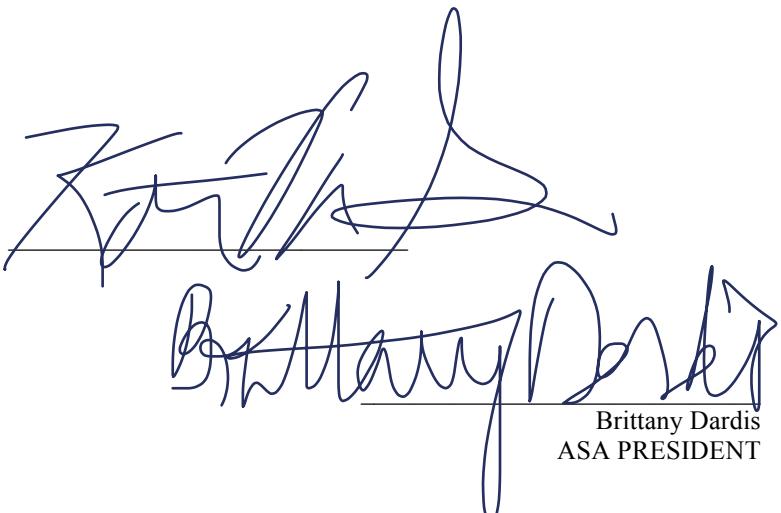
FURTHER ACTION:

ABSTENTION 0

AYE 22

NAY 2

COMMENTS:

  
Brittany Dardis  
ASA PRESIDENT