



ASA Minutes

9:00 pm Haugo Room

10/29/2014

Attendance: (24) Absent: (0)

New Business:

Committee Updates

P&D: Matt Bell

- Installing new member to senate in the off-campus position: Angela Merkle
- **Motion to install Angela Merkle to ASA: Ellen Jones | Second: Kiri Jacobsen | Motion Passes**
- Looking at the Constitution and trying to make it more applicable for students who run. This year we had a lot of students who ran for a class above them rather than the class they associate themselves with. Talking about two different ways to classify candidates. For those students who have more credits they can run for the class they graduate with or they can run for the class they matriculated into Augie with.
 - o *Joel Hermann*: How would that work for 5th years?
 - o *Matt Bell*: It would be an and/or system.
 - o *Kirsten Titze*: What if students take a year off for personal reasons?
 - o *Matt Bell*: That's something we would have to address. I haven't thought about that specific scenario yet.
 - o *Elliot Blue*: Would that would fall where you would matriculate out?
 - o *Kat Van Gerpen*: Can we say where you matriculate in or where you fit in best?
 - o *Jim Bies*: Those students that may have dropped down to part time status may fall behind the class they matriculated in with. On some occasions we will have transfer students that run for office, so where does a transfer student fit in?
 - o *Matt Bell*: That's where the credit hours come into play.
- We've been looking into doing a community service project and we thought it would be a good idea to work with SALT. I've always seen them as a group that could use a boost in participation. I'm going to be in contact with the president of SALT to plan a larger event that all of us could be involved with during second semester so we can assist in planning and publicity. In the meantime we will look for something a bit smaller for us to do this semester.
- Lance Shaull is in charge of the Big Ideas house and said we could help paint the exterior of the house during the week of Nov. 10. We could lead a group painting for x-hours to help out. If you are interested contact me. I'll plan on doing it so if you want to join let me know.
 - o *Elliot Blue*: We are looking for something we can do as a senate.
 - o *Brittany Dardis*: It's a great bonding experience.
 - o *Zach Serrano*: Wouldn't it be better to do it on a Saturday?

Curriculum: Kat Van Gerpen

- The Curriculum council would like to have an ASA stamp of approval on the new Gen. Ed. Plan. Elliot mentioned we could do a forum with students, what are your thoughts?
 - o *Brittany Dardis*: Is this something you feel comfortable?

- *Sarah Larimer*: I think it would be good to talk to professors because there are some people who are on the edge, and some who are opposed. I think giving approval after only hearing one side is not fair, we should hear all sides.
- *Kat Van Gerpen*: Do you know their reasoning?
- *Sarah Larimer*: A couple main concerns they have are instead of just tweaking the current system they are coming up with an entirely new system because it is hard to go all the way back to the old system.
- *Kat Van Gerpen*: That's the point because this plan is 30 years old.
- *Alex Guggenberger*: If it's not broken, don't fix it.
- *Dan Schmidtman*: I agree in the sense of hearing other opinions. Just getting a more holistic sense of the faculty's reception of the plan.
- *Matt Bell*: I think it's important to talk to the faculty, but we also represent the students, so we need to recognize that the faculty have their own vote.
- *Megan Wencl*: They've been here for how many years, we should take their judgment into account as well.
- *Sarah Larimer*: We've only heard one opinion,
- *Kat Van Gerpen*: It's hard to pick professors to come in and speak because of biases.
- *Joel Hermann*: Bring in a panel and hear multiple opinions. I don't think any person here is going to be affected by the change, so we have a responsibility to hear multiple opinions and take this into serious consideration. They haven't given us the appropriate amount of time to analyze it from both a good points and bad points.
- *Sarah Larimer*: We have a month to talk about it.
- *Kirsten Titze*: I don't feel comfortable voting on something. They came in very one sided, but there have to be some flaws that we haven't had time to process. We could have a panel of department chairs or division chairs.
- *Kat Van Gerpen*: This has been an ongoing process so a lot of the flaws have been worked out. I would agree this is fast, but there are a lot of flaws that we won't know until we implement it. That's something we will have to work through. I will talk to them and say that we want to do a panel to gather opinions.
- *Kat Van Gerpen*: The first class it will affect is not next fall, but the next.
- *Elliot Blue*: They want our stamp of approval so that they see students have looked at the plan and ASA represents the student body.
- *Kat Van Gerpen*: Lots of people aren't educated on it and that's another reason to have Dean Hasseler talk to the student body. People freak out when they see an 8 credit FYE.
- *Elliot Blue*: Would the majority of you appreciate having a variety of faculty members talk about this? Would you also like to reach out to fellow students? Do you feel comfortable making this decision for them?
- *Joel Hermann*: We were elected to these positions to make these tough decisions.

Co-Curriculum: Sarah Larimer

- Co-Curr has been working on the theme year. We brainstormed tonight and saw other schools were doing theme years more on issues rather than a country. This gets students more excited. Either we need to just drop it or completely renovate it. A lot of professors are against dropping the theme year because it is so important and it's been around for so long.
- We don't have Viking Bucks anymore. You can use them in the Huddle or to buy apparel in the Bookstore. A lot of other schools are using their school dollars for other on-campus food products.

The kitchen cabinet talked about how flex dollars were popular and Viking bucks weren't. Leah is going to look into what other programs are available.

- Damian is excited to start up kitchen cabinet, but if we come prepared and know what other schools are doing that will be great. Keep asking students what they would like to see.
- There has been a problem with families sitting in student section at games where students may be drunk or saying profane things. We think that we could rope off the student section. We don't want it to be an issue where students can't sit in the student section because families are sitting there.
 - o *Matt Bell*: Students stand and families sit down.
 - o *Ellen Jones*: I know at the Homecoming game I had a dad yell at me because I got pushed over accidentally. At some schools they have other sports teams ensure that only students are sitting there. Should students show their IDs to sit in this section?

A&P: Dan Schmidtman

- CDF from PRSSA for an event called "Sick of the Selfie." They need \$300 for a professional photographer to take professional portraits of students who want to update their resumes or LinkedIn profiles. Many students haven't had a professional photo taken of them since Senior Pictures. They are hoping to put on event for free. They are talking with the Career Center and hoping to tackle the event together. A&P has decided in to wait until we have more information on where they are getting their funding from.
- LDF request submitted by NSSLHA and they are going to a leadership conference in Orlando, FL. Nov. 20-22 and they are requesting \$700 and we will talk about that next meeting.
- We are working on cutting costs. We have USA Today newspapers, but each year it costs us \$8000. We want to see how much students are using this paper.
- We are also looking into groups that are on a percentage of our budget and seeing if the money we are allocating is a fair amount. We are in the process of planning to meet with Co-Chairs and Jeff V. to see how the new budget impacts Viking Days.
- A&P will look into the Constitution and any amendments that might need to be made.

New Student Group: Augie Club

Elliot Blue: Thoughts on Augie Club? They aim to bring together Augustana students on core values. They serve as direct reflection on what it means to be a student at Augustana. The group aims to provide opportunities to contribute to community and society as a whole.

- *Ellen Jones*: I find it interesting that their executive board is made up of people who nominate themselves. If they can't make a decision the president decides.
- *Elliot Blue*: It doesn't quite make sense, but it wouldn't be our problem.
- *Joel Hermann*: Why would we approve if that sentence doesn't make sense?
- *Elliot Blue*: We don't have any specific outline for how people work their executive teams, we just require they have a constitution, ten members, and are approved by student life.
- *Hanna Werling*: What are they hoping to do on campus? What kinds of speaking engagements are they trying to have? I know there are different groups on campus that hold events that relate to their group, but what is this group trying to do?
- *Megan Wencl*: I feel as a student body we should already be doing what this group's mission is.

- *Alex Guggenberger*: How many of you could actually list all five core values? It's more getting those values out there and showing people what it's about. It's showing Augustana who we are and what we are about.
- *Brittany Dardis*: It's also a club promoting diversity and how to further include more minority groups. It is a beneficial group to have on campus.
- *Kiri Jacobsen*: I'm just confused on what differentiates them from other groups like Better Together.
- *Kirsten Titze*: Better Together focuses on religion, this group would be much more broad.
- *Leah Murfield*: There won't be any harm from a group that wants to advocate diversity.
- *Brittany Dardis*: Our job in approving student groups is to ensure they've met the requirements, and that's how we are going to approve them. If there are things we want to change we would have to decide how we change our requirements.

- Motion to approve Augie Club as an ASA recognized group: Kirsten Titze | Second Kiri Jacobsen | Motion Passes

Other Business

- Elliot Blue: Semester shutdown...In the past ASA has been involved with pictures with Santa Claus. These tours would start the commons and go through the tunnels to the Jabberwocky in Old Main.
- Brittany Dardis: Office hours...hopefully you've all been going. If your card doesn't work please let us know.
- Sarah Larimer: We are putting together for the kitchen cabinet. If any of you are passionate about dining services send me an email because we would love to have you. If you have anyone in mind let me know.

Adjourn:

Motion: Alex Guggenberger | Second: Hanna Werling | Result: Pass

SENATOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Zach Serrano	X		
Ellen Jones	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 Graber	X		
Kiri Jacobsen	X		
Kirsten Olson	X		
Leah Murfield	X		
Megan Wencil	X		
Ryder Reed	X		
Alex Matson	X		
Carlos Noyola	X		
Spencer O'Hara	X		

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

ADVISOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Jim Bies	X		