



ASA Minutes

9:00 pm Haugo Room

11/12/2014

Attendance: (24) Absent: (1)

New Business:

Committee Updates

P&D: Matt Bell

- Changes to election code and how to classify students
- Stick with plan of and/or hours or matriculation. If anyone feels they are disserved by those two options they can set up a meeting with the election commissioner to see what can be done.
- Do you think students can email ballots out? Right now Jim sends out an Amail to every student with the appropriate ballot link. Is it fair during campaigning to send out the ballot with their name attached to it? Right now we have it set up so voting in the commons is as unbiased as possible. The problem if students start sending out that ballot, it could create a more biased voting station.
 - o *Ryder Reed:* What percent of students actually vote at the polling station in the commons?
 - o *Matt Bell:* I have no idea, but the next election I can track that. If we get 400 votes it's over 100 at the voting station.
 - o *Zach Serrano:* What is the difference between sending out the email and posting on their class Facebook group?
 - o *Matt Bell:* All of those I see as one in the same as long as your name is attached to the ballot.
 - o *Ellen Jones:* Right now there is nothing in our constitution restricting the use social media.
 - o *Kat Van Gerpen:* It's hard to keep track of who is emailing.
 - o *Matt Bell:* The other concern is that during the fall elections we have multiple ballots. When people think they can vote on the link given in an unofficial email it might be the wrong ballot and their vote could be voided.
 - o *Kirsten Titze:* I sent an email last year. If people are going to take the initiative to get their friends to vote I don't see why it's a problem. It would be hard to control because if you send it out to people and someone tells you then you would know. Otherwise it would be hard to track.
 - o *Alex Guggenberger:* If you ban something like this then you have to ban so many other things.
 - o *Matt Bell:* This year we had 19 freshmen run for 3 seats. There is the possibility that you would get 19 emails. I don't want this to be a burden on students.
 - o *Kat Van Gerpen:* The only way to avoid that is to go to paper.
 - o *Alex Guggenberger:* You could only vote on those certain computers at the voting station. If you are going to vote then you would go out of your way to vote for that person.
- Ellen came up with the idea to have a carwash in the spring. It could be in the humanities parking lot and the proceeds could be donated to a charity of our choice.

- We also talked about the Ford test drive promotion and they donate money to your school. I thought I would look into it and see if they are still doing something similar.

Curriculum: Kat Van Gerpen

- I emailed Dr. Bowman about the faculty panel and there was a miscommunication. They did not need a stamp of approval so therefore we can still do a faculty panel if we want. Considering the vote on Compass is on Dec. 3, organizing a panel doesn't seem feasible. We don't have a vote. e have a certain amount of influence, but it's up to us to organize a panel for our benefit. Everyone can take their own initiative to talk to professors to gauge opinions.
 - o *Joel Hermann*: Do you know why ASA or the students don't have a vote?
 - o *Kat Van Gerpen*: It's not going to affect us at all. I know we gave them really good things to think about and we already gave them our statement. I'm not even as informed as I should be on it and in order for us to vote we would need to spend a significant amount of time looking over the material.

Co-Curriculum: Sarah Larimer

- We are getting the kitchen cabinet rolling.
- Jeff Venekamp approached me about replacing our homecoming parade with something else because it hasn't been well attended by the student body. 1/3 of the Viking Days budget goes to the parade. To put that in perspective, you could have a campus carnival with booths run by student groups and a photo booth to take pictures with the royalty. We don't get a vote on this, but Jeff wanted general student opinions.
 - o *Ellen Jones*: Would that carnival be at the same time as the parade?
 - o *Sarah Larimer*: It doesn't have to be, but it could go the whole day.
 - o *Hanna Werling*: Have they gotten feedback from alumni?
 - o *Sarah Larimer*: He has contacted quite a few alumni and they are in favor of it. It is something to look into.
 - o *Brittany Dardis*: Have you looked into stats?
 - o *Sarah Larimer*: They would get stats to move ahead.
 - o *Kirsten Titze*: Jeff said he thought he was going to get shot down right away and Mary Toso said yes, as long as there is a very good replacement.
 - o *Zach Serrano*: A carnival or more interactive activity would be more appealing to alumni. They would actually have the chance to engage with students and see what is going on.
 - o *Megan Wencl*: What about recognition for past royalty and dignitaries? How would they be accounted for?
 - o *Sarah Larimer*: He talked about having banners or something they could wear while they walk around.
 - o *Kirsten Titze*: At the game no one pays attention to when the dignitaries stand out on the field. Instead, we could do a video that talks about them.
 - o *Sarah Larimer*: With 15,000 we could bring in a lot of bands (Coffeehouse is \$1000-\$3000 for a band)
 - o *Kiri Jacobsen*: Are there any other ideas they were brainstorming?
 - o *Sarah Larimer*: We haven't gotten that far.
 - o *Tony Metzgar*: If we are having a hard time getting students to make floats how are they going to make booths?

- *Kirsten Titze*: If groups say they are going to do a float that costs money. It holds groups accountable if we have booths because it is no cost for Viking Days.
 - *Zach Serrano*: It can be difficult to gather all those flatbeds and convertibles. The energy spent on getting those things would be better spent on something that people can get more than 45 minutes of interaction.
 - *Alex Guggenberger*: Most of the money that goes toward the parade goes toward shutting down the street.
 - *Matt Bell*: I grew up around Augie and I would be sad to see that parade go.
 - *Elliot Blue*: They used to do the parade downtown before they moved it back to campus.
 - *Zach Serrano*: The move was made to make it a community-oriented activity. Once we had KO it made more sense to have it here.
 - *Joel Hermann*: Have they seen attendance drop or go up since they moved the parade from all the way around Augie to just one street? It doesn't even seem like a parade because you are on it for ten minutes.
 - *Sarah Larimer*: It was cheaper to do it on one street, and also because of construction.
 - *Kirsten Titze*: Having it just on Grange makes it feel like a big parade atmosphere since everyone isn't spread out.
- Multiple students are upset that they got charged for being let into their rooms. It starts at \$5 then \$10 and then tops out at \$20. We are trying to see if there is anything we can do. A lot of the concern is that it was just sprung on students.
- *Megan Wencl*: What made them change this policy?
 - *Kat Van Gerpen*: There was an excessive amount of letting people into their rooms.
 - *Joel Gullickson*: If you forget your key it's not like you planned to. It's charging them for no reason.
 - *Kiri Jacobsen*: What happens if you get locked out when you are in the shower?
 - *Zach Serrano*: They feel like it was just dumped on them without a warning and by adding a monetary cost to it, it is a slap in the face. We could have just told students, hey we are changing the policy, pay attention. There were no warnings. If you do something and you see a charge and you didn't expect it you will be confused and annoyed. In the dorm buildings it hasn't seemed to have been as much of a problem, but when you live in campus owned housing and you get locked out you don't have a PA you can call. These students feel like they pay a lot of money to live on campus, and are paying 2-3 times the community rate. Included in that cost should be you don't have to do your snow, mow, you have private security, and maintenance and someone to let in. When I was living in Summit, we locked each other out from time to time. When you're paying that much it seems like that should be part of the deal. I don't see how that extra \$400 you're paying on top of the neighborhood average doesn't cover that. It makes people more resentful of having to live on campus. People already get upset with housing and if we're trying to keep that from happening, petty things like this build up discord. The moment where I could get off campus I left. When you feel nicked and dined it annoys you. I have had years of dealing with this. I like everyone in the housing department, but it always seems like that department and the student body are never working together. I understand their reasoning behind the policy, they aren't totally in the wrong to want to do something about people locking themselves out, but addressing things like this that exclude student input just leads to more aggression. That doesn't seem to be conducive to the environment we have here.

- *Hanna Werling*: Is there a spare key for campus housing?
- *Matt Bell*: If we wanted to have a spare key one of us would have to sacrifice a key. They only give us a key for the amount of people living in the house/apartment.
- *Elliot Blue*: Brittany and I are meeting with Corey this Friday to talk about the new policy.
- *Kat Van Gerpen*: I don't agree with the initial \$5 charge, but from the PA side, we already get paid \$1 an hour for what we do and we can't be on duty 24/7 unlocking doors. At Augsburg they charge \$25 every time and at Gustavus \$10 every time.
- *Zach Serrano*: I'm not saying there shouldn't be a penalty, but there needed to be input in the initiation of the policy.
- *Tony Metzgar*: This probably discourages students from locking their doors.
- *Joel Hermann*: Or you come to a bigger issue when people are entering your home when it's unlocked.
- *Alex Matson*: On top of that I can't tell you how many times I've heard Corey say if you have a problem, call Campus Safety. I think all these extra little steps really discourage students from doing that and put them in a dangerous position.
- *Megan Wencl*: It's part of a bigger problem, but that's billed to your student account. It creates more work when they have to go to the business office.

A&P: Dan Schmidtman

- *Megan Wencl*: A&P has been working on how our funds are allocated. Kara and I are working on the readership program. It costs us \$8500 for the readership program and we are working on getting student and faculty input. Would students rather that money be allocated elsewhere? We asked faculty if they were using papers in class.
 - *Dan Schmidtman*: No conclusive evidence yet, but still looking into it since it's a hefty cost. It's not like we are planning on cutting it, but we want to see how it is used.
- *Joel Gullickson*: We are looking to make sure our new budget is working properly and are starting with those groups that are on a percentage of our budget. We started looking into Viking Days to see if they are getting the proper funds.
- *Dan Schmidtman*: With the budget change we created a few ambiguities and we want to address those by January. It's a long process to change the constitution. We will have one meeting where we will show you the changes and you will then have a week to look over it.

CDF:PRSSA

- *Dan Schmidtman*: Their event to get professional photos taken on December 5th. They sought funds elsewhere and covered the majority of the cost. She said they are only looking for about \$50 now. We talked about it saying that we would not fund them because they haven't put forth any of their student funds.
 - *Carlos Noyola*: They aren't using their budget?
 - *Dan Schmidtman*: Not right now, the career center is helping them and they found a cheaper photographer. They see it as a service project for the campus. I think they should be putting forth money for advertising. The CDF balance is \$3014.
 - *Matt Bell*: What's the standing budget of PRSSA?
 - *Dan Schmidtman*: I don't have access to that, but I know they have a standing budget and haven't used the \$150.
 - *Megan Wencl*: Have they attempted to use the SOF?

- *Dan Schmidtman*: They have done their required 10 hours and possibly hours beyond that.
- *Joel Hermann*: Why did they not apply to do this as hours for service?
- *Dan Schmidtman*: It evolved into that.
- *Joel Hermann*: I think we should recommend they apply for SOF.
- *Sarah Larimer*: They might find cheaper alternatives.
- *Alex Guggenberger*: If they want to do this to enhance student careers I feel like it is our duty to enhance advertising to ensure students get professional opportunities.
- *Joel Hermann*: The role of the group is to teach students what public relations are and how to make themselves marketable. It will market their group to get more attendance.
- *Matt Bell*: We would have funded this group if they hadn't gone to the career center.
- *Dan Schmidtman*: I don't think it's a solid base to deny them since they have \$250 coming from the career center.

- Hanna Werling: Motion to allocate \$50 to PRSSA | Second: Ellen Jones | Motion Passes

CDF:ACTS

- *Dan Schmidtman*: ACTS is looking for \$1200 for their next show (includes \$400 for this show and \$800 for next show). They've done their required service for the year. When they are prepping for a show they put in 80-100 man-hours per week and they said it's hard to get out into the community, and they can't get \$400 from the SOF. We talked as a committee and we want to support them with \$400 for this show and encourage them to reapply for \$800 in the spring.
- **Sarah Larimer: Motion to allocate \$400 to ACTS | Second: Carlos Noyola | Motion Passes**

LDF:NSSLHA

- *Dan Schmidtman*: NSSLHA convention in Florida. They are requesting \$50 per person and 14 students are going. Typically we will allocate \$50 per person attending. They are going there for solid reasons and will learn more about communication disorders and talk with graduate school reps. We recommend an allocation of \$700 to NSSLHA.

- Zach Serrano: Motion to allocate \$700 to NSSLHA | Second: Hanna Werling | Motion Passes | Abstain: Kirsten Titze

Elliot Blue: How can we better reach out to students, maybe storming the dorms? We can have another social event like a forum or get together so we can interact with students. Sometimes we get caught up with what we think when we should be covering what all students want. Maybe we can have a campaign to gain initiative.

- *Joel Hermann*: How about a sign, "ask me I can help," when we are in the office. Something that says we are available and want to hear what students think.
- *Kirsten Titze*: What if we had senators of the week on social media?
- *Matt Bell*: Have you thought about doing fireside chats again?
- *Joel Hermann*: Do a live fireside chat in the Back Alley.

Alex Matson: Motion to adjourn | Second: Hanna Werling | Motion Passes

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		
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		