



# ASA Minutes

## 9:00 pm Haugo Room

### 11/6/2013

**Attendance: (24) Absent: (2)**

#### **New Business:**

Joel Johnson: Chair of Moral Values

- Government professor, new as Chair of Moral Values
- Job of Chair of Moral Values is to facilitate the atmosphere for moral ethical questions and inspire conversation amongst all of us (3 yr term)
- Recently had a panel discussion over billboards
- Tomorrow in Madsen 201 there will be a debate over ending world poverty
- If you have an idea you can talk to him about starting something on campus
  - [cmv@ole.augie.edu](mailto:cmv@ole.augie.edu) email with any ideas
- This spring will be doing a reading group in preparation for theologian visit to campus and in April, Patrick Hicks will be having his first novel published
- It would be fun to have a student-reading group. He does not have a large budget, but is happy to contribute organizational power and conversation.
- Ideas
  - Emily W.: Discussing moral questions every week as they come up
  - Krista Y.: Sustainability on campus and our role as human beings and what we can do
  - Role of social media and the way people relate to one another
  - Seth V.: Growing presence of international students, maybe have a dialogue with people from varying backgrounds to learn about and emphasize those things
  - Crystal O.: Engaging students as voters and our moral responsibility to be informed
- Discussion of important issues doesn't always have to revolve around religion

Strategic Planning: Plan is to go to the 3-in-1 Room between 8:45 and 8:50

No time for committee updates. Seth and A&P have been making a new budget...

Seth V.:

- Any questions, please interrupt right away
- Sat down at the beginning of the year and looked at the way things were
- Each group gets 15 minutes to present to A&P and elaborate about what they accomplished in the previous year and propose what budget they think they need
- When you are allocating money, this fifteen minutes seems like it isn't long enough to make a proper judgment
- Between budget allocations and CDF/LDF, those are the ways students can get money
- There are numerous bad things about the system
  - As soon as the new senate is voted in, we vote on the budget which is set before the new senators get here

- Funds in February may already be gone since the money is allocated right at the beginning of the year
- Only money we have left to give out is through CDFs and LDFs (about \$10,000)
- Carryover hurts groups. If a group works hard, and finds sponsors, we are saying good job for providing for yourselves, now you are on your own
- Once we allocate funding we typically cannot reclaim it.
  - 18 months of inactivity on the account (default assumption is the organization received money from ASA so that money would be put back into ASA's account for redistribution).
- Leaders of the groups are seniors and once they graduate and move on, those funds might sit in the account for 18 months and be unused. We are giving money to a group that has worked hard in the past and hoping they will do the same in the future.
- We all were elected or put into these positions and don't really have any leeway with these funds to better the culture of the student body.
- ASA doesn't have a feasible option for spending money to better the student body.
- New Proposal
  - Student groups are established
  - Each group gets a \$150 operating budget, there are some objections
    - To get a good startup to the year
    - Refilled to \$150 each year
  - A lot of colleges invest in a business that will go out into the community to find opportunities for students to volunteer or earn money.
    - Students can earn the money back
    - No group like this in Sioux Falls so we thought to establish a service opportunity fund where groups could go out and for every hour they would earn a certain amount of money.
      - Volunteering with reimbursement from ASA
      - Worthwhile for student groups to do something positive together
      - Good to get Augustana's name out there
  - Rest of the money goes into a CDF/LDF/Special projects account.
    - We would have \$28,000 in this account and can allocate money as we see fit throughout the rest of the year.
    - We can establish needs and then work on meeting those needs throughout the year.
  - Exceptions
    - Groups like UBG, Viking Days, Club Sports get definite allocations
      - Would there be stipulations on what these groups spend with these allocations??
      - These three groups were chosen because they are vital to student life on campus
      - Rec Services' money will go directly to Mark Hecht who will take care of it from there
      - We vote on UBG and Viking Days Chairs so we do have a say
    - Other groups could be a part of this definite allocation based on their number of members and what they have accomplished. Also, ASA would vote on their members.

- NSO and Dance Marathon leaders are voted on by ASA (NSO money is not part of allocation from ASA)
- Benefits
  - Solves a lot of the problems we have had this year
  - Puts the Senate in control of the funds
  - Level playing field for student groups to earn money
  - ASA can see student groups are working very hard
  - We are not taking away the opportunity for an LDF and CDF request
- Emily G.: Don't want to see student groups focus on earning money over their programming.
- Taylor L.: Puts a sense of responsibility for earning their money rather than just being given the money. Some student groups have money left over at the end of the year and just waste it so they can get the same allocation.
- Jesse F.: Some groups don't meet their budget.
- Scott M.: Do you anticipate seeing an increase in people asking for larger amounts of money and people wanting us to fund more?
  - Seth V.: Much like student group leaders are nominated, A&P would shoulder more responsibility going over the request and spend a good amount of time nominating the proposal to go to vote in Senate.
- Taylor L.: Hope is that we would have more money to help make students better leaders.
- Jesse F.: Motion to table discussion Motion Passes

***Adjourn:***

**Motion: Maggie Dally Second: Hanna Werling Result: Pass**

SENATOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Amanda Johnson	x		
Brittany Dardis	x		
Elliot Blue	X		
Emily Grandprey	x		
Emily Weber	x		
Hanna Werling	x		
Jesse Fonkert	x		
Jessica Johnson	x		
Joel Hermann		x	
Katherine Van Gerpen	x		
Leah Murfield	x		
Matthew Bell	x		
Naras Prameswari	x		
Taylor Lambert	x		
Dan Schmidtman	x		
Javier Darce	x		
Katelyn Johnson	x		
Kaitlin Romano	x		
Ray Asmah	x		
Crystal Ortbahn	x		
Kirsten Titze	x		
Scot Missling	x		
Sam Hoskins	x		
Maggie Dally	x		
Kale Merrel	x		
Jesse Nelson		x	

OFFICER	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Matt Anderson	X		
Krista Youngberg	X		
Seth Vogelsang	X		
Aimee Fisher	X		

ADVISOR	PRESENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Jim Bies	X		