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New Business:

New Senator

Matt A.: We have a new senator, Kofi Gunu.
Kofi G.: I’m a freshman. Ray told me there was a vacancy on ASA and I thought why not, I would be very honored to join you.
Matt B: As we looked at the possible replacements we decided the most time efficient would be to choose the next in line from fall elections. Ray had already talked to me about Kofi. He is an active student and a great addition to the Senate.

Motion to elect Kofi to the ASA Senate: Amanda Johnson. | Second: Emily Weber | Motion Passes

Student Leadership Training Session

Matt A.: Just a couple of things before we dive in. We have a couple of LDFs and CDFs. Next week we will have a student group leadership session on Tuesday the 25th at 5pm. I encourage you to come if you have a leadership position. It is in Madsen 201. Seth will be talking about the budget, Luanne will be there, and Jeff will talk about leadership transition. I will talk about the calendar and AugieTV. Encourage people to check their emails. If you haven’t seen the State of the Campus address be sure to check it out. As we keep moving forward let’s keep the momentum going through the spring semester. This is a key time of year, especially for people looking for leadership positions next year. I’ve left the election calendar out in the office. If you have questions about any of that be sure to talk to people already in those positions.

LDF Requests

Seth V.: Tonight we have three requests. Our first request is from ANSA. Every year the Nursing program puts on a state event and this year Augustana has the opportunity to host it. They are requesting $1500 to go toward registration fees. They are expecting around 150-170 people to attend and at least 40-80 of those attendees will be from Augustana. This is a great event and these people are incredibly deserving of being funded. A&P recommends $750. We can't do the typical $50 per person because so many students attending. We think it would be feasible to give $750 for registration. Are there any questions or comments?
Jessica J.: How are they going to pay for the other half of the registration?
Seth V.: They are asking students to pay for the rest themselves. It’s in Sioux Falls so there are no transportation costs. We gave them a similar amount last year. They said if they got between $700 and $800 they could pay for the rest.
Amanda J.: ANSA itself will cover some of the costs.

**Motion to allocate $750 to ANSA: Sam Hoskins | Second: Jesse Fonkert | Motion Passes**

*Seth V.*: The second request is from SCEC. SCEC is going to Philadelphia to meet professionals in special education field. There are 5 students going and they are requesting $1000. The group is doing three fundraising activities. They are working incredibly hard and raising funds themselves so we recommend $375 for the group instead of the regular $250 ($50 per person) because they have budgeted appropriately and have applied for grants. They expressed interest in applying for the mini grants to see if there is any money available. The $1000 was going to registration, hotel, and travel fees.

**Motion to allocate $375 to SCEC: Sam Hoskins | Second: Jesse Fonkert | Motion Passes**

*CDF Request*

*Seth V.*: ACTS is requesting $500 to put on another show this year. They were allocated $1500 for the year. ACTS does not round up when requesting money and does a really good job budgeting. This funding would go toward the show, “Lend Me A Tenor.” It would help in designing the set and making sure they put on a legitimate show in May. We discussed giving them $350 to ensure they can functionally put on the show and make it a success.

*Sam H.*: They have one other show planned and $350 is a good amount to ensure they are successful for the rest of the year.

*Seth V.*: The really cool thing about ACTS is they do their shows with no admission cost. It’s a service they provide to the community and they anticipate selling out all three nights.

*Ray A.*: This will be held at Augie right?

*Amanda J.*: Yes.

*Sam H.*: Matt Stoffel is directing this show.

**Motion to allocate $350 to ACTS: Emily Weber | Second: Katelyn Johnson | Motion Passes**

*Accounts*

*Seth V.*: Our accounts now look like this:

- $3200 in the CDF
- $1875 in the LDF
- $1350 in the Senate
- $1500 in the Executive

We do get a lot more requests as spring semester goes on so we are sitting in a good spot right now.

*Matt A.*: Are we good to dive into the budget and constitution?

**Old Business:**

*Constitutional Amendments*
Seth V.: Matt had sent out the complete revised edition of the Constitution. This reflects all the changes and they are color coded accordingly. We changed the terminology, updated things about the Director of Communications position, made changes to the Student Life Advisory Council, and reflected on the budgetary preceding’s and what we discussed as a Senate. We can present this to the students. The information about set dollar amounts per group, formula funding, and the service opportunity fund are included. Does anyone have any questions?

Emily W.: On page 15 on Service Opportunity Fund the language should be changed to the Director of Volunteer Services.

Jessica J.: Is that a part of SALT or something different?

Emily W.: She is something different.

Jesse F.: I am curious on Clause 1 as to why the Director of Communications would take over in the event of the Vice President and President vacating their positions. The Director of Communications is not an elected position?

Jesse F.: Do we even need Clause 1? Let’s stick with the original succession.

Matt A.: It does make sense that it should be an elected position that takes over. It should be the A&P chair that acts as temporary presiding officer.

Jesse F.: But the A&P committee chair is not the election committee chair. It should say the Personnel and Development chair, as Election Commissioner will call for a special election.

Amanda J.: P&D would be the last one in line to act as temporary presiding officer.

Emily W.: Do Viking Days and UBG still have to present a budget each year?

Seth V.: Yes, but I do not think we would put it under as much scrutiny. It would still be useful to see what they are spending their money on. This is something the Treasurer and the leaders of these groups could discuss.

Emily W.: Is that in the Bi-laws?

Seth V.: The expenditures are a big deal, but we want to make sure student groups are volunteering and are properly compensated. We also want to see what outside funding they have received. Every student group will still have to do the 10 hours of service each semester. After they meet those 10 hours they will be able to access the SOF.

Matt A.: I set up a website page temporarily so you can see what a student leader would see when trying to apply for an LDF, CDF, or SOF. In here I took the wording from the constitution and anytime they did service work they could fill out the form. We can contact the advisor to see if they have done the work. We want to increase accountability for the student groups. Volunteer Services has been contacting student groups, but this will ensure students are doing those 10 hours (at least). I don’t know if you have been talking to any student group leaders, but we’ve had some people come up with really great questions. A big part of the student leadership meeting will be to have students ask questions about this budget. They are looking at it as if they aren’t getting as much money, but the point is to be more accountable with our money and not just have people promise us that the new leadership will be putting forth a lot of effort the next year. There has been concern that some groups won’t get as much money. We have a bigger pool of money to hand out for groups that are active. If you have any questions that you aren’t comfortable asking now, make sure to email Seth or anyone on the A&P committee.

Seth V.: Another good point to bring up if people ask questions is that we are all elected student leaders. We couldn’t even find money to fix the clocks in the Humanities and our hands our tied with our current budget. We have jobs we want to get done and we can be an active student senate and get these projects accomplished with the new budget. A lot of different student associations have that type money available.
**Matt A.:** A lot of other schools, student groups don’t get handed money like they do here. Some student governments have outside entities that fund them. We are very generous to the students in that sense so we could be saving a little bit for ourselves, but still managing what we give out.

**Krista Y.:** We want to have enough to give back to the students.

**Matt A.:** It would be cool if each year we could have a big project that we complete.

**Elliot B.:** With the service fund it would be approved by the Director of Volunteer Services, correct? Will they do follow ups? Is it automatic once things are approved?

**Seth V.:** If there is nothing suspicious about it then yes.

**Matt A.:** We thought $8 an hour was reasonable for volunteering.

**Kirsten T.:** What about SALT? Do they get paid for all of their volunteer activities?

**Seth V.:** That is something A&P has talked about. It is still open for discussion. SALT is not exempt from anything because they are a normal student group and are not formula funded. They could still make up to the max amount of $1500.

**Joel H.:** Have they been allocated money in the past?

**Seth V.:** Usually they are allocated around $2000 each year.

**Emily W.:** Each year we get grants, but it’s been getting harder and harder each year. I can’t see us requesting huge amounts of money though.

**Matt B.:** Every time they do an event that is service oriented do they get paid?

**Amanda J.:** But they max out.

**Emily W.:** Any money that we get we use to do more volunteer work.

**Seth V.:** Everything SALT receives is reinvested in giving back. Because this group is so close to Julie Danielson’s leadership there is more accountability.

**Emily W.:** What about groups like FriendsLink? Do they still get money for volunteering?

**Seth V.:** Right now, but that is something that can be reevaluated in the future. Eventually we will have to define how to allocate money to service groups. It depends on the leadership as well. They could say we don’t really need the money right now and not fill out a form, but do it in the future.

**Matt A.:** The Student Life Advisory Council is meant to create a forum for the exchange of ideas among the council’s members. It’s something we are supposed to convene and get together with student leaders on campus to have open discussions about life on campus. We don’t have to have our conversations tied to any Senate conversation. It is supposed to be open and honest conversation. While we were looking at it in the revision process, Jim convinced us that this is an important thing to do in the future. It is a good concept and I recommend we do not strike it from our constitution. We haven’t met for a few years. It is something Thad talked about doing, but it never happened. Krista and I have been trying to stay in contact with USF’s student association this year. There is no harm in having that open line of communication. If you look at Article 7 Student Life Training sessions, we have been doing these the last three semesters. We don’t have a good way of getting ahold of student leaders besides email. We are trying to make them a quality hour of time where we talk with groups about what they need to know to be successful. I also recommend this stays in the constitution. Are there any questions?

**Elliot B.:** I think they are good ideas.

**Crystal O.:** This is a really small detail. The spelling of bi-laws is inconsistent throughout the document. There is a hyphen sometimes and other times not. I checked definitions and spellings online. There is no specific spelling we should use, but it should be consistent. Technically we are the ASA Senate and the ASA is the entire student body. There are some places that it should say the ASA Senate.
**Motion to table constitutional amendments:** *Amanda Johnson | Second: Katelyn Johnson | Motion Passes*

**Welcome Week Co-Chairs**

*Matt A.:* Since we have made some changes we do need to wait one week for reading before we vote. The next time we will vote will be in two weeks. We need to motion to table this. Bring student questions and concerns to our attention. We will send out a revised copy by next Wednesday night so you have a week to read it. The next time we convene will be in two weeks. If something is brought up at the Tuesday Leadership session we will make the changes by Wednesday.

*Motion to elect Beth Schleusener and Kelly Nelson as Welcome Week Co-Chairs Jessica Johnson | Second: Sam Hoskins | Abstain: Jesse Nelson | Motion Passes.*

**UBG Head Governor**

*Matt B.:* We had two great interviews with Emily Huntley and Brittany Dardis. We had a long discussion about who would be the best leader of this group. They’ve done a great job this year and years past. Luckily, we had Pat, Jeff, Mariya with us and they have personal insight to the candidates’ leadership skills. We decided to recommend Emily Huntley as the next UBG Head Governor.

*Kirsten T.:* How do they choose the Lieutenant governor?

*Jessica J.:* The head governor appoints them.

*Matt B.:* It came down to who we thought would handle it the best. They are both on the same sub committee. It came down to their vision and passion.

*Motion to elect Emily Huntley as UBG Head Governor: Naras Prameswari | Second: Hanna Werling | Abstain: Brittany Dardis | Motion Passes*

*Motion to Adjourn: Sam Hoskins | Second: Joel Hermann | Motion Passes*
REGARDING:
PTD's recommendation to install Kasi Gunn as a freshman senator.

MOVED: _______________________________
SECONDED: ___________________________

FURTHER ACTION: _______________________

VOTING RESULTS:

AYE 23  NAY 0  ABSTENTION 0

COMMENTS:
DATE 2/19/14 MOTION # 0219141

REGARDING:
The Augustana Nursing Student Association is requesting $1,500 from the LDF for 42 of their members to attend the State Nursing Convention of South Dakota. This year, for the first time in 16 years, Augustana's Nursing Student Association (ANSA) took on the responsibility of hosting the convention here in Sioux Falls. The convention is a two day event that will occur the weekend of March 21st through the 22nd at the Holiday Inn Downtown. All year, ANSA committee members have been contacting nurses and healthcare professionals across the state to come and educate student nurses of the growing opportunities in healthcare. A big topic that will be discussed are the changes that will be implemented with the new Healthcare Reform which goes along well with our theme, Waves of Change: Oceans of Opportunity. Along with speakers, we obtain a number of Vendors that promote their organization/business creating job/internship opportunities for nursing students. The executive board of NSASD brings in a number of scholarships that all Nursing School's are eligible for. We are proud to announce that two Augustana students have received scholarships from NSASD this year and we hope to have more awarded at Convention. Another aspect the convention provides is the annual election to the State Board of NSASD. Two members of ANSA are currently on this board, which allows us to have an even greater connection to what is going on with Nursing on the State and National level.

The students and community have much to gain from convention. We expect at least 200 nursing students from all across South Dakota, and even Minnesota, to attend this convention. This brings in a large amount of money to the Sioux Falls community in terms of hotels, restaurants, and other entertainment options that the guests will partake in their stay here. We have been in contact with many local businesses to help raise money and prizes for the event and have in turn promoted their businesses with advertisement and recognition. We also have a separate committee working to get Donations to help support a charitable organization in Sioux Falls. Students gain knowledge, scholarship opportunities, and networking opportunities from Convention. Nursing students are not the only ones who will benefit from convention, a small number of Augustana students have participated in organizing the entertainment at the convention and will receive monetary thanks from NSASD. The annual NSASD Convention is a very big deal for Sioux Falls and Augustana College. We are excited to see the number of relationships that have already connected nursing students to professionals across South Dakota, and look forward to seeing the networking that takes place at convention.

MOVED: _______________________________ SECONDED: ______________________________

FURTHER ACTION:

Matt Anderson
ASA PRESIDENT

VOTING RESULTS:

AYE 23 NAY 0 ABSTENTION 0

COMMENTS:
 REGARDING:

The Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) is requesting $1,000 from the LDF for five special education majors at Augustana to attend the CEC Convention and Expo in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Thousands of special education teachers, administrators, researchers, professors and students from around the world will discuss pressing issues and share information on many special education topics. The CEC Convention & Expo offers hundreds of educational sessions conducted by leading experts and endless opportunities to network with others working with children and youth with exceptionalities and their families. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about new and pending legislation and explore cutting-edge products and services in the exhibit hall.

Students attending are all special education majors here at Augustana. By attending this convention, they will receive insight pertaining to special education topics that will prepare them for their future careers as educators.

MOVED: _______________________________ SECONDED: ________________________________

FURTHER ACTION:

VOTING RESULTS:

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COMMENTS:
The Augustana College Theatrical Society is requesting $500 from the CDF for 70 students in the organization to put on a show in May. "Lend Me A Tenor" by Ken Ludwig is our second show of the 2013-14 season. It is a farce comedy with 8 actors, 6 designers, a stage manager and a director (all students), and also has several other students involved in conceptualizing, rehearsing, building, planning, advertising and realizing the production. Due to the set and costume requirements of the show, as well as certain other technical concerns, ACTS is unsure whether enough funding will remain to produce a third show this year.

It has been the tradition of our organization to do three shows each year, but as the organization and the students involved grow, we are able to tackle more challenging works and strive for more and more professional productions. To accomplish this, we need more funds for this show, allowing the budget for our third show to remain intact.

Students participating in the development and performance of this show gain the experience of fully producing a professional-style show in a genre of theatre that ACTS has not previously explored. Designers, the stage manager and the director will build portfolio material for pursuit of opportunities in the professional world and actors as well as all others involved will gain the respective credit of their position in a well-recognized show. ACTS is a vital part of Augustana's theatre education, and “Lend Me A Tenor” specifically provides experience when the main stage production has a smaller list of design/performance opportunities for students.

The community gains the experience of a professional-style evening of live theatre at no cost (ACTS shows are free to all), which, being a comedy, brings laughter and an escape from stress for the college. It also provides a demonstration of what Augustana community members can gain from involvement with ACTS, or Augustana Theatre at large. For a fully-funded, successful production that allows for another show in May, this also allows ACTS to build its reputation, receiving more support for student artists in future endeavors.

MOVED: _______________________________ SECONDED: ________________________________

FURTHER ACTION:

Matt Anderson
ASA PRESIDENT

AYE 23  NAY 0  ABSTENTION 0

COMMENTS:
DATE 2/19/14  MOTION # 0219144

REGARDING:
Table discussion on constitution until next meeting.

MOVED:  
SECONDED:  

FURTHER ACTION:

Matt Anderson  
ASA PRESIDENT

VOTING RESULTS:
AYE 23  NAY 0  ABSTENTION 0

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

DATE 2/19/14 MOTION # 0219145

REGARDING:

P&D's recommendation to have Beth Schierener and Kelly Nelson be Welcome Week Co-Chairs for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

MOVED: Jessi Seiner SECONDED: [signature]

FURTHER ACTION:

[Signature]

Matt Anderson
ASA PRESIDENT

VOTING RESULTS:

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COMMENTS:

abstain: Jesse Nelson
SENATE MEETING MOTION SHEET
FILED BY ASA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AIMÉE FISHER

DATE 2/19/14  MOTION # 0219146

REGARDING:

P&ID’s recommendation for Emily Huntley as UB6 Head Governor for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

MOVED:  
SECONDED: 

FURTHER ACTION:

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