



Senate Minutes | December 1, 2017

I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
 - i. Absent: Antonio De Pinho, Ian Policarpio, Maytal Sarafian
- b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Motion- Tyler Brooks
 - ii. Second- Saba Amid
 - iii. Unanimous
- c. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motion- Jackie Palacios
 - ii. Second- Lisa Kang
 - iii. Unanimous
- d. Address Guests

II. Old Business

III. Committee Reports

- a. University and Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. Courtney Wong: Sustainability Committee meeting next week.
 - ii. Alyssa Nowlen: Looking into creating laptop desk for the Student Union. Sent emails to certain general courses for study rooms as a test run. TLT advisory board has a meeting on Friday.
 - iii. Saba Amid: Meeting with the FCA on Sunday. Continue to work with Women's Advisory Group to create a Resolution for free menstrual products in bathrooms. Meeting with Chapman Feminist to ask what they would like to include
 - iv. Ansley Wong: Classroom Workings Group – Complied the information from the Smith Hall Survey. Starbucks Phone Chargers – Working on renewing the warranty.
- b. Diversity Affairs Committee
 - i. Krista Tamares: Has been in contact with the heads of Dodge planning the Diversity Pannel for next semester, she has received lots of positive feedback and is in contact with potential panelists. The next step Krista will have to do is to get in touch with some sponsors from Dodge and Chapman because the people who we want to bring to the event have high fees.
 - ii. Erin Mason: In collaboration with her FCC class, Erin is interested in hosting a screening of Chapman Alum's Dear White People and having a conversation afterwards pertaining to diversity. Erin was not able to draft a resolution for her outside committee's advocacy pertaining to menstrual products on campus because their meeting this week was cancelled, but she looks forward to meeting with them next week.
 - iii. Ian Policarpio: Not present.
 - iv. Jackie Palacios: Will be meeting with Dr. Buckner and Professor Gabriel in the theatre department to discuss who the advisor will be for Chapman University's new chapter of Artists Striving to End Poverty (ASTEP). Will be attending Chapman Diversity Project

gathering Friday after meeting. Jackie is also super interested in reaching out to the CCC about the potential for having an Ability and Disability Etiquette training for faculty, staff, and students. She is also looking forward to working to make the buddy system a reality along with some of our other member in SGA

- c. Community Outreach Committee
 - i. Maytal Sarafian: Suggestion Box at the Dorms, plans to write a proposal. Adding more work study jobs, plans to talk to members in SGA on previous research, plans to reach out to the Director in Human Resources
 - ii. Alysa Buckler: Initiative for Next Semester, Plans to brainstorm ideas and talk to students and faculty in Crean on any issues.
 - iii. Lisa Kang: Korean Language Courses Initiative, met with Dr. Yang and discussed our plans moving forward and plans to gather more signatures and talk to The Panther about writing an article. Chapman Dog Day – 4/28 (TBD), Submitted a collaboration form to UPB and application form to Musco
 - d. Allocations Committee
 - i. Antonio De Pinho: Continued work on declining balance project, doing research on how the program works at comparable schools and collecting data. Furthermore, will be working with Accounting Society to get funding from outside sources.
 - ii. Alex Ballard: Working on constructing a framework in the SGA Operating Documents regarding the proposed open committee(s). Working with the Director of Finance on evaluating the feasibility of a potential increase of the Student Activity Fee
 - iii. Matthew Ghan: School of Communication Advisory Board completed, faculty submission completed and working on School of Communication Day of Service. Working with Administration on Subject Pool requirement(s).
 - iv. Wil Harris: Awaiting feedback from the City of Orange regarding traffic survey. Working with facilities to remedy issue regarding dorm basketball court light being obstructed by foliage.
 - v. Tyler Brooks: Researching signage or other solutions to prevent water waste in the Fitness Center showers.
 - e. Outside Committees
- IV. New Business**
- a. Funding Request – Alpha Kappa Psi
 - i. Total Requested: \$11068.88
 - ii. The conference opportunity is called the Principled Business Leadership Institute (PBLI), which is a 3-day long conference filled with professional development workshops, keynote speakers, and networking opportunities to help our members hone their professional skills. Due to the importance of this event, every year our chapter encourages every single member of the fraternity to apply. There are no requirements for grade level, chapter experience, or previous positions held. This is because we believe this event has the potential to benefit every member of our fraternity, no matter what their position is (or has been) in the chapter.
 - iii. Wil Harris: Does your organization pay dues and if so is any of it going towards this conference?

1. Guest: Yes we do pay \$250 per semester, but no we are not using any of our money because it would put the rest of our budget in a bind. We would not be able to hold our other events that we have already budgeted for.
- iv. Saba Amid: If SGA were to fund in partial, would your organization be able to fund the rest?
 1. Guest: Ideally we would greatly appreciate it if you funded in full, but if you can't then yes we would be able to fund the rest. I can't give you a particular number as to what we can fund.
- v. Matthew Ghan: The issue I have with this is that we continue to fund it and if this is a requirement from your organization then they should help provide funding. Last year was about the same price and we sent ten more students. I don't understand why it's still expensive.
- vi. Alyssa Nowlen: I believe what we are trying to say that we don't want to be looked at as just a bank. We want to help students and we do want to fund things that will benefit them. However, as an organization we want you to be more self-sufficient and possibly have either a cap or a vetting process or having everyone pay a certain amount in order to have everyone go.
- vii. Ansley Wong- I think we should fund only the executive council that are required to go or ten people who haven't gone before.
- viii. Corey Snyder: I think we should fund the incumbent executive council members and the incoming council. That would help with the cost as well as being a fair decision allowing those who need to go.
- ix. Matthew Ghan- To fund the incoming and existing executive council would be around \$6,000.
- x. Wil Harris: We would have to specify in the wording if we are going to fund in partial for the board members.
 1. Guest: I would like to caution you all that it would put a lot of the cost on us. Having a vetting process would in a way discriminate students when we would want everyone to be able to go. The next executive council will probably create the vetting process but they will still more than likely still come next year with a similar funding request. If you continue to use the same wording and only fund the executive council you will only fund maybe 6 members out of 30 next year. I would just like you to take that into consideration.
 2. Tyler Ferrari: This wording isn't binding for years to come, if we were to get another funding request next year, Senate would be able to decide to fund it in full or partially, or however they see fit.
 3. Guest: I completely understand and I can do my best to help next year's council to either raise our dues or look for outside funding but I can't guarantee you that we will be able to reduce the amount of the request. The consistent theme of this conversation is finding a way to make us fiscally independent in the long term and I don't think that's reasonable for us right now.
 4. Sarah Tabsh: I would argue that you could use an application process to select the students who can go instead of a free for all. So that way you can show why is this student going, what can they

get out of it. I don't think it's fair to let everyone go and SGA does not have an endless supply of money to send this many students every year.

- xi. Alyssa Nowlen: Remember that it is not our responsibility to fund this every year and you shouldn't expect that of us.
- xii. Move to fund only the thirteen executive board members in an amount not to exceed \$5139.16 - Matthew Ghan
 - 1. Second- Alyssa Nowlen
 - 2. In favor-9 Oppose-2 Abstain-1
- b. Amendment: Allocations Committee Operating Documents
 - i. Wil Harris: We were looking at the documents and under Article Four for quorum and voting. It was sort of unclear about the committee being able to deny requests that are over \$1000 or should it say that we are not allowed to deny and bring it to full senate automatically. It currently says that we need to have a majority vote to have the request go to full senate when it's over \$1000.
 - 1. Alysa Buckler: I think requests over \$1000 should automatically come to senate meeting because then it takes power away from senate and therefore not many requests would come to all of us. All these years we've been treating that clause as such so I think it should be clarified.

V. Open Forum

- a. Office Hours
 - i. Sarah Tabsh- I haven't received any post it notes from office hours from you all and would like to find out if there are any particular reasons for that or if there are any suggestions to get student feedback.
 - ii. Saba Amid- I think that the union could be a great place but people are pre-occupied getting lunch or going to class and that's why we don't get a lot of foot traffic.
 - iii. Wil Harris- I think the most involvement we ever got was when we had tabling in the BK Lobby.
 - iv. Mitchell Rosenberg- We can definitely add more locations but as of right now in the documents you are only allowed to hold office hours in the union and in the piazza.

VI. Announcements

- a. Meeting next week will not be in the boardroom, we will send out an official email next week with the location.
- b. *Appropriate* opened this week, go see the show!
- c. Cocoa and Conversation sign up is open!

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion- Alysa Buckler
- b. Second- Jackie Palacios
- c. Unanimous