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**ASUPS Formal Senate**

**Murray Boardroom**

**Thursday September 4th, 2014**

* Call to order at 7:00pm
  + Present: Senators Busson, Chong, Gan, Griffin, Leitzmann, Marsters, McPherran, Schowalter, Stoddard, Vallance, Young
  + Excused: Senator Winston, Vice-President Fagaragan, President Maney,
  + Unexcused: Faculty Representative Morris
  + Tardy: Dean of Students Representative Palmquist Cady
* Approval of Minutes:
  + Approval:
    - Yay: 11
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
* Open Forum
  + Greg Reeser presented a statement:

“Good evening, it’s good to see you all again (President Maney, VP Fagaragan, Dean of Students Representative Palmquist Cady, Faculty Senate Representative Morris, and senators I served with). I wish I could say that my visit tonight is one of praise, though it is one of good will and intention. While I do believe in the legitimacy and noteworthy work of the senate, there have been saddening events that bring me here tonight. Despite the work of the ASUPS Organization to represent the student body fairly and with good intent, there has been a senator engaging in petty and shameless behavior that tarnishes not only his own name and authority, but that of ASUPS. I want to clarify before proceeding any further, that I have done my best to counsel and guide this individual in various private conversations away from engaging in corrupt politics, but instead he disregarded every word, even going so far as to warp my advice to create political drama and further his own agenda. As a result, there is no effective measure I can see other than coming here tonight to publicly call attention to these actions and raise awareness to blatant abuse of power. In an attempt to maintain the proper attention these deeds rightly deserve, the senator will not be identified until the conclusion of my statement. I ask that all present remain in attendance until I have finished.

The grievances are as follows:

1. Misrepresenting, and ultimately harming fellow senators and students.
2. Identifying senators as either allies or enemies, attempting to polarize the Senate.
3. Disclosing and manipulating the content of private conversations to enrich his own political agenda.
4. Inappropriate usage of his senate position to solicit future positions within the structure of this organization.

My latter two points in particular bring me to Formal Senate tonight. Accordingly, I will address them now. This weekend I was asked to have a private conversation with the senator in question, who wanted my opinion on the current presidential elections. At the time I mistakenly trusted the conversation would remain confidential, but later I would be confronted by another party. Primarily, this senator wanted my input on the weaknesses surrounding the Pogar/Vallance ticket. While expressing my personal concerns derived entirely from my experiences, he confided that Tim Pogar promised the senator his pick of a committee or executive position in exchange for securing Sigma Alpha Epsilon votes and endorsing the ticket as an ASUPS Senator. Despite my immediate warnings of the unethical nature of such an offer, he was only concerned with getting re-elected or advancing in political power. The important point here, is beyond whether or not Tim Pogar actually offered the position, but that the senator; one, perceived it this way, two, accepted the transaction, three, failed to change his stance after being informed of it as a corrupt and compromising act.

Two days later I partook in a confrontation with Vice-presidential candidate Vallance, who inquired why I was denouncing her ticket. I admire Senator Vallance’s straightforward approach to finding the truth and a brief conversation revealed that much of what I had told the senator in question was altered slightly, but to a substantial enough degree where the original meaning of my conversation with the senator in question was misconstrued. Due to this misconstruction my intent was twisted for his own gains and my standing with a senator was undermined.

In my experience as both a senator and Former Senate Chair, I see these actions as ones taken for personal gain, with little regard for the senate as a whole. These actions I have mentioned are of an extreme degree of inappropriate malfeasance which must be addressed by the extreme use of senate disciplinary authority: the impeachment of Senator Chong. Thank you for your time.”

* + Director of Business Services, Taylor Smith presents his monthly report. Rugby finally got their new goal posts, 121 disbursements were processed with $77,176.90 as of today, not including compensation. There was an average of $643/disbursement. Variable pay for Medias is March 6th, with 25 new contracts for the Trail, to a total of 85 contracts. 28 people have not signed their contracts and they will not be paid until they do so. Wine Night is on March 6; 6-8 with a total of 40 free tickets for those 21+, ASUPS’ alcohol permit is being processed. The budget process will be online for clubs this upcoming year. Taylor is working on club coach contracts. Budget Task Force asking for $8 increase to student fee will be discussed by the Board of Trustees. Clubs on top of it: Rugby asks lots of questions and is very responsive, KUPS is very active as well to stay relevant, and Campus Films is completely on top of disbursements and sticks to their budget.
* Executive Reports
  + President Report
    - none
  + Vice-President Report
    - none
  + Faculty Representative Report
    - none
  + Dean of Representative Report
    - The University Leadership Awards Ceremony is April 12th and nominations are being currently accepted. Attached is a list of award descriptions and last year’s winners.
  + Staff Senate Representative Report
    - No report
* Senate Reports
  + Chair Report
    - Finance $10871.86, Capital: $150114.51
    - Senate photo is being scheduled with the campus photographer to be before Informal Senate.
  + Club Liaison Director Report
    - Bioethics Club are tackling their first topic, physician assisted suicide for a couple weeks, meeting Thursdays at 7pm.
    - Hive Minders started their official beekeeping apprentice class this week for students.
    - Blues ion’s Swing and Dance night on Saturday from 8pm late into the night at the Rendezvous Room.
    - Yoga has a weekend class on Saturday at 2pm in Commencement
    - Diversity Advisory Council is looking for students to participate in discussions for planning the future is welcome, especially clubs tackling diversity issues on Mar 2. & Mar. 9
    - UPS will be starting a free trial with Campus Quad app for iOS & Android after Spring Break for students, it’s an opportunity for students to get involved, contact Senator Schowalter
  + Club Sports Liaison Director Report
    - No report
  + Committee Reports
    - Union Board: No quorum but proposals for an electronic vote for four uses of capital fund is occurring, logjam posters, new Piano lounge furniture, etc. They will be moving forward with a by-laws revision to be sent to board of Trustees’ May meeting, the Gender Neutral proposal was sent to International Code Council (ICC) and Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) and is approved for an internal review, a reply is expected to be received in May. The proposal is for ADA accessible multi-use gender neutral bathrooms.
    - Media Board: The Trail is meeting with University Lawyers, Tamanawas is working through monitor issues, Elements is having photo contest (theme: entropy) in March, they will likely be voting next Thursday on Wetlands as an ASUPS Media. They are worried about spatial organization of the Media Room.
    - President’s Council: They are looking into getting a new server for clubs, Earth Week planning is being organized and Campus Films is showing Fury in Rausch this weekend.
* Unfinished Business (if any)
* New Business
* Senator Leitzmann requests a point of personal privilege
* **15-010: Approval of Finance Allocation to Lauren Thomas**
  + The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $500.00 to Lauren Thomas as a down payment for Tacoma Rainier tickets as a student program.
  + Rhubarb reindeer, Rainier mascot came along with Tacoma Rainiers Group Event Coordinator with Lauren. This program is to support a UPS themed Night at a Rainiers game (April 16, Tuesday night at 6:45) with a 200 ticket down payment, to be purchased with the requested money. They have received funds from SAAC ($400), RSA ($500) and from ASUPS, with Lauren contributing a $300 personal investment. There will be two buses to shuttle students to the event for safety reasons. Lauren talked to Todd Batham to handle security and even reserving an ASUPS van for emergency situations and getting volunteers for loading buses involved along with a roll from ticket buyers.

This program is to bring the entire Puget Sound community together with a local organization there will be activities: first pitch, trivia on the board, and colors as a night to celebrate UPS-students, faculty, and even alumni. 200 tickets to start with gauging interest for this first event, other Washington universities have themed night programs and are successful. They will be working with SAAC and Communication to market this event along with some ASUPS Programmers, Tessa and Hailey. Alumni Parent Relations may offer more assistance as well.

* + Vote:
    - Yay: 12
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
* **15-011: Approval of Finance Allocation to Elena Becker**
  + The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $90.00 to Elena Becker for attendance to the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference.
  + Elena has been accepted to present research she did last year, her study and its essential finding is about the Puget Sound community’s shared history that is reflective of the region and is undergoing change with more private residences now. The conference is in April.
  + Vote:
    - Yay: 12
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
* **15-012: Approval of Finance Allocation to Hui o Hawaii**
  + The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $0.00 to Hui o Hawaii to assist in their annual Lu’au event
  + Hui o Hawaii is asking for $1,500 for shipment of items from Hawaii specifically from Commodity Forwarders Inc. to send their supplies here. Some of the suppliers are banana stumps for the imu pit (pig cooking in the ground), donations of goods to sell and use, Island Bazaar, greenery decorations for the performance and dinner, along with some necessary foods. There is a strike in Hawaii and Tacoma ports that have increased costs of shipping along with inflation that the club did not know to budget for (the strike started in October and is continuing currently)..
  + Financial uncertainties cause this need for more funds despite having the rollover budget. They would not like to raise student ticket prices at $20 for the dinner and performance already keeping it inclusive for students; they are looking into increasing public ticket sales. They offer combo tickets, and individual performance and dinner tickets; they will be continuing fundraisers over the summer, doing a Huli Huli chicken fundraiser and specifically asking Tahitian dance to cover their own costume and performance.
  + AMENDMENT: The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $1500.00 to Hui o Hawaii to assist in their annual Lu’au event
    - Amendment Vote:
      * Yay: 8
      * Nay: 3
      * Abstentions: 1
  + Vote:
    - Yay: 9
    - Nay: 2
    - Abstentions: 1
* Senator Gan requests a point of personal privilege
* **15-013: Approval of Capital Allocation to KUPS**
  + The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $500.00 to KUPS for legal assistance in the creation of the KUPS record label
  + They are pursuing legal counsel from entertainment attorneys through the University, who up fronted the costs to meet with the lawyer to secure future of KUPS Records. There will be more legal work, of $2000 of which they’ve asked KUPS to fund $500 of it. The legal work is to protect liability and create strong contracts by KUPS and the University. The release of their tapes is pushed back, but they will try and get running as soon as possible. The will still be having a J Dillah Celebration at Oppenheimer.
  + Vote:
    - Yay: 11
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
* **15-014: Approval of Finance Allocation to yoga Club**
  + The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $100.00 to yoga club to fund an off-campus instructor
  + They are bringing an instructor, Packer from Wristband to connect the mental and physical aspects of yoga. $100 is for the cost of a 75-90minute session, tentatively planned on March 24th. Yoga club has no budget and were previously very successful bringing this instructor on campus to teach students.
  + Vote:
    - Yay: 12
    - Nay: 0
    - Abstentions: 0
* **15-015: Approval of Finance to Rock Climbing Club**
  + The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $0.00 to the rock climbing club to assist in financing club activities.
  + President Nick, VP Olivia, and Treasurer Luca have come to ask for an increase in funding. The club has been active for three semesters, with approximately 25 active members and 30 drop-ins. It costs $500 for climbing members to gain discounted access to Edgeworks to use anytime; the members pay club dues with the club giving $44 to Edgeworks to get discounted tickets. There are a couple new members that don’t have to pay full Edgeworks membership with club subsidizing $7.50 for learning to climb at Edgeworks which is big enough to support the popularity of the club. They are working with UPS alum at Edgeworks, establishing a strong relationship in the climbing community and Edgeworks.
  + They are planning fundraising events, such as an American Ninja Obstacle event, selling apples from a member’s farm and an Edgeworks marathon event. They are $1200 in debt to pay Edgeworks passes that have been sitting until p cards were available to pay off costs which will use up a majority of their budget available.
  + AMENDMENT: The ASUPS Senate hereby allocates $200.00 to the rock climbing club to assist in financing club activities.
    - Amendment Vote:
      * Yay: 9
      * Nay: 2
      * Abstentions: 0
* Senator Busson requests point of personal privilege
* Senator Young requests a point of personal privilege
  + Vote:
    - Yay: 9
    - Nay: 2
    - Abstentions: 0
* Announcements
  + Beta Theta Pi Philanthropy is the Sexual Assault Center for Pierce County
  + Interfraternal Council is planning to come to ASUPS for a finance
  + Relay for Life is May 1-2
  + Men’s Basketball and Lacrosse have games this weekend
  + Sunday at 4pm there is a candlelight vigil for Tamara Rice on S 16th
* Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18pm