

September 6, 2023

## I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order- **Vice President McIntyre at 4:30 pm**

B. Opening Prayer- **Director Gray**

C. Opening Remarks- **President Compaan**

1. I'll talk a little bit about some of the things we talked about in our executive team meeting today, as well as address the purpose of the business meeting. As far as business meetings go I know last week, it was a little goofy sometimes. And like the professionalism thing, it's kind of uncomfortable. Let's not throw it out the window till we know it. So we need to know the rules before we can break them. So let's try to get 100% buy-in. And as we become more comfortable with Robert's Rules, it'll be a lot less awkward to and a lot less slow. So let's continue doing it. Continue playing the game. And like, try to make it work for us. You'll notice also that the seating chart is different today. We did that intentionally. Last week, we tried to minimize power dynamics by like integrating throughout, but it ended up just kind of being a weird thing. So we're resetting once representatives and strategists join then it'll be pretty clear how it all plays out.

## II. Agenda Items

A. Prayer Request Box led by **President Compaan**

1. As you know, we have a prayer box outside of the office, where students can come in and drop anonymous or non-anonymous prayer requests. So we're trying to determine what system is best for praying for this on a consistent basis as a team and making it known that we actually do pray for those and not just throw them away or whatnot. So today, we had seven, well, six prayer requests. So we distributed them amongst the executive team, and we'll just go through and pray for them now.

B. Update on Student Space Meeting led by **DoE Vannatta**

1. **DoE Vannatta-** As some of you know, last Friday, I met with Heather Schneider, the head of artillery services, in regards to a new students space that's been put in the den, where the Grab and Go used to be. She asked for myself and my committee, the experience committee to help her get information from students on what they would like the space to look like. That means like, layout, you know, decor. And then, more importantly, she asked for us to put on a naming contest where she'll be giving a raffle prize. Cougar bucks. So, yeah, I sent out an email today about getting a table on Cougar walk. And we'll go from there so that we can start the naming contest and start getting information. And relaying that to Heather.
2. **DoC Leon-** Does she have any, like parameters for the space or it's just open ideas?
3. **DoE Vannatta-** She's open to ideas, but they're definitely not going to put anything food related. Back or the pause and go used to be so it's all going

to be you know, decor

furniture. Just another place like a home away from home is the way that she described it.

4. **Senator Fillari-** Is there another spot on campus that provides snacks besides the chips and the shalom and the dining hall?
5. **Strategist Peck-** The Market Place.
6. **Senator Garibaldi-** Is there like a specific form? Or she wants some of that, like, formatting and declarations? Like is there a form alongside it? Or do we just like, talk to students and give general feedback?
7. **DoE Vannatta-** Yeah, she asked for me to keep her updated on a weekly basis on what kind of feedback we get from the student body, but there's not like, we're not responsible for submitting like a layout design or anything. Just general ideas.

C. Hispanic Heritage Month led by **DoC Leon**

1. **DoC Leon-** Hispanic Heritage Month starts September 15th. So far, there has been no events planned, but the comm team would like to do a graphic but also, hopefully hear from the latin-x club sometime soon, which Director Gray could reach out to them. but I wanted to put it on the table that that is next week.
2. **Senator Airth-** So I already emailed the president of the Latin American Students Association, to schedule a meeting with them to try and see what events they have planned what they would need from us. And I still haven't gotten anything back. But I have reached out and got that started.

3. **President Compaan-**

That's also something to reach out to the SCRD office with, make sure we're stepping on their toes or anything, and remembering that our role is a support of the offices. And this is something where we should just support what is already happening.

4. **Senator Airth-** [inaudible] just got back to me. So I plan on scheduling a meeting with him and seeing if there is anything that I could interfere with.

D. Update on Business Meeting Process led by **President Compaan**

1. **President Compaan-** During our executive team meeting today, we talked about different ways to do agendas. And Vice President McIntyre. And I will be meeting with the Chief of Staff, Sarah Epp, in the coming weeks to learn more about how to do agendas, and types of meetings and such. And one thing that we realized is when we meet as an executive team on Wednesday afternoon, we don't know what to talk about in the business meeting until we meet as an executive team. So hence, no agenda because vice president McIntyre had approximately two hours. And this is what he whipped up. So rather, we moved instead of keeping it this way, because we firmly believe that terms are important. And I'll touch on that in a second, we move the executive team meetings to Tuesday afternoons. So because of that, agendas will be sent out 24 hours in advance. Along with that, we are asking that you go over that agenda with like, please just read it beforehand. And we may include things called pre reads, or essentially

is just anything attached to that agenda that you need to read, or be informed about when you come through the business. And the point of that is that we can then use this space as less of an update space. Because if it can be sent in an email, you should send it in an email, and more of a discussion forum, legislative session to vote on things or to host other speakers and things like that. So that is the idea of that we are practicing the same thing that our executive team meetings, and we've asked each executive team member to practice that with committee meetings. So you will see that across agendas being sent in advance with materials to read or prepare beforehand. And that will always be 24 hours in advance. Similarly, if you have anything that needs to be added to an agenda for our meeting, or whatnot, please send them to your executive team member so that they can be added.

2. **Senator Airth-** For the Tuesday meetings would that interfere with the meeting that we have scheduled?
3. **President Compaan-** It only interferes with one one on one and that has already been shifted. One thing that is related to that attached to the agenda, the email, it's not about the agenda will also be the previous business meetings minutes. And at the beginning of each business meeting, we will vote to approve those minutes from the previous meeting, which then we posted them and their public. So if director Buck will transcribe those minutes using artificial intelligence each week to then send them out with the agenda. So then please read over those minutes

because if there's anything

you disagree with, that has to be brought up when we vote to approve the minutes. If you don't read it, that we can't change it after it's approved. So that is one thing to please do along with that agenda is read over the minutes in the beginning that will just be a simple vote to approve. Yeas and nays at the gavel and we move on

4. **DIA Buck-** I would just like to add in practice, because today there was no business meeting minutes added. And that is due to a learning how to go about the system for meeting minutes. And along with that, we will have two sets of business meeting minutes ready for approval upon our next meeting.

E. Constitution review led by **Vice President McIntyre**

1. **Vice President McIntyre-** That is the end of our order of business, we do have one additional matter which Director Vannatta brought up to us which we can decide now to do or not. Last week, we did not cover the reading of the Constitution of the SGA because we didn't have access to this screen. So should we vote on whether we do that now? The options are to either read it in this business meeting as a group or read it as an attached document for next business meeting.
2. Motion proposed by **DoE Vannatta**
3. Motion Seconded by **Senator Airth**
  - a) Aye- 9
  - b) Nay- 1

- c) Abstain- 0
4. See [SGA Constitution](#)
  5. **Vice President McIntyre**- Can I get a motion to make edits to this?
  6. **Advisor Browning**- I'm a little vexed on that myself. I was just pondering that there's we have a little bit of an issue here I think.
  7. **DIA Buck**- According to my documentation, originally, looking through my passdown, SGA used to be called the ASB and I believe that this is a leftover wording from an old terminology.
  8. **Advisor Browning**- That is my concern that you're using the term SGA and ASB interchangeably and they are the same. What is the ASB because the Associated Student Body was the precursor to the Student Government Association. So it's almost like they merged two documents and they made some changes when they renamed it Student Government Association. But if you look at it ASB is an entity, it's not the student body, it's all capitalized. I think we probably need to figure out if you're ASB or SGA, I don't think they're trying to say to do something like this, the entire student body has to, you have to get 30% of the vote. I don't I don't think that's the spirit of the law. I'm concern that somewhere along the way, one of those 2009 or 2000, whatever those amendments were, that's somehow two documents got merged into one, because I noticed about page two that is sort of referring to ASB in caps as an entity. I think you need to refer back to the bylaws and see if the bylaws referred only to SGA. And if so

that would be your guiding

document to basically strike anything that refers to ASB.

9. **DoE Vannatta**- Yeah, I was gonna ask if we could scroll to the first mention of the ASB/ Associated Student Body.
10. **Vice President McIntyre**- So we have this one here. And then, but that's lowercase, right, we have uppercase beginning here. Which means the same thing. But when they use it here this seems to imply a different group, as Advisor Browning was saying.
11. **DoE Vannatta**- It seems to me that the first capitalized Associated Student Body refers to the whole student body.
12. Motion to move to a Committee led by Vice president McIntyre and Advisor Browning proposed by **President Compaan**.
13. Motion Seconded by **DoF Gray**

### III. Open Floor

#### A. Potential Fall Survey led by **Senator Garibaldi**

1. **Senator Garibaldi**- This is something we brought up in the belonging committee, it's not something that we have to do, but if we wanted to do a Fall survey, as either as SGA or individual committees, that's probably a process we should start. And so I wanted to open the floor to say, if anybody had an interest in doing a fall survey to send out to the students, I know that there's usually a fall academic survey. So that could fall into the experience committee, but belonging had some things that we were



thinking of adding, like,

dining hall experience. And so I just wanted to open the floor to see

whatever we thought about that

2. **DoE Vannatta-** My inclination is that people often don't want to reply to surveys. And that's why we traditionally have done one survey at the end of the semester.
3. **President Compaan-** Senator garibaldi, what would be the purpose of this other survey?
4. **Senator Garibaldi-** It would be to gather information earlier in the semester so that we can begin making changes maybe in the spring, rather than just collecting the information at the end and then passing that on to the next year of SGA, which I feel like it's kind of what's happening now.
5. **President Compaan-** I met with Advisor Browning yesterday, and we discussed that the purpose of the SGA surveys kind of been lost, I think we do not have a good understanding of that, in that the purpose is that that data is collected in March and April, so that we don't have to do this weird couple of weeks of meeting with people that that survey should inform us of what we do. Part of the problem is that that survey wasn't conducted to do so. It was more for offices than the next year's SGA. So what we can do a better job of that in the spring. And Director Gray can lead that of ensuring that the survey is set up and the purpose of this survey is to inform next year's SGA of what to do. So we could potentially supplement, but I'm currently doing a deep dive on the last few years of

survey results last four

years, to better inform our actions and our priorities. And the executive team will be meeting next Tuesday to write out some specific priorities based on those survey results.

6. **DoF Gray-** So another thing with that is that the issue I heard from previous controllers is that adding more questions specifically to SGA may cause people to not easily fill it out. So I am open to the idea of maybe creating a supplementary survey. But I think again, just re-evaluating that once we get the purpose of the survey solidified.
7. **DoC Leon-** New students that have come you can see if they've figured out who we are or have questions or dining hall concerns because their voice wasn't heard last year. So you need to add and then again in the spring, maybe we'll see a change and maybe we'll see a better result because we have the extra step. And it doesn't have to be like 15 questions that could be like 5.
8. **DoE Vannatta-** DoC Leon, couldn't those questions be answered just as easily over a social media poll?
9. **DoC Leon-** Polls are effective for a yes or no. And maybe we could say like do you like the dining hall food?
10. **DoE Vannatta-** Or we could say are you aware of the SGA? Yes or no?
11. **DoC Leon-** Well the follow us so I would hope that they are aware of us. I think reaching out via email is a lot more widespread. There are a lot of people on campus who don't use social media. Which is why in the survey

emails had such a high

number because there's so many people that don't use social media or they cleanse from social media.

12. **DoF Gray-** As DoC Leon was saying that a short poll would be kind of difficult to get some useful data out of so while we may get maybe less responses may need to get more a better range of data from using like a Likert scale in like oh, I don't really know much. I know a little too I know a lot.
13. **President Compaan-** It's also worth noting that the SGA survey is completed in partnership with the Office of Institutional Research at APU, which means that it's very well created. And it's not just Student created but professionally created and that means that the data is far more reliable. So if we were to do something it would probably have to be a less significant definitely have to be a less significant process than the actual SGA survey. But there's definitely potential for committees if you want to know specific things about student experience or whatnot.
14. **Strategist Peck-** A survey in the fall would help the communications team know what to include in the newsletter, what students know what students don't know.
15. **DoE Vannatta-** Going back to what President Compaan said previously, I believe the best data we have to go off is previous here's surveys and we just do what we can with that.

16. **Senator Airth-** The

problem with the previous years surveys is that a lot has changed in those two years, because like four years ago is around COVID and stuff like that and a lot of stuff is closed, change. For instance in the term of dining experience since COVID hit a lot has closed. So overall it's a lot different than what we would experience now.

17. **President Compaan-** I'll say that we can't trust just raw data. So I am

looking at similar questions over time, and types of things like what is the main student concern on campus, and there's been significant like through the four years is a sense of lack of transparency in both financially and decision making from the administration that the students are worried about. There's also a trend of less and less students profess Christianity as their main faith. So trends such as that were looking at the four years trying to even the data 2020 2021 is really bad data. I'm using what I can tell you that I can also create a presentation

18. **Senator Towne-** Isn't the townhall meeting kind of for that purpose for

bringing up concerns? Like we could instead of sending out a survey we can promote the town hall meeting even more and then if they have concerns they can bring those there?

19. **Senator Garibaldi-** Yeah, I'm fine doing a town hall like instead of a

survey. I just feel, I think we'd get better results and more on the survey just because from what I've gathered, townhall meetings have historically been like low attendance numbers and not that many people come. So if

wanted to like get as much

data as possible, but if we could promote it well enough that we get like an accurate sample size I'd be okay with that.

20. **President Compaan**- I motion to move this discussion to each individual committee to decide

a) Motion- **President Compaan**

b) Second- **Senator Garibaldi**

(1) Aye- 10

(2) Opposed- 0

(3) Abstained- 0

B. Student Space discussion led by **Senator Fillari**

1. **Senator Fillari**- I would like to bring up the student space again. I talked to some of my friends about it just casually and they said they really want snacks there, they said bring back the snacks. So I think that's something we should consider even though I know it sounds like it wasn't much possibility of that. Just because they insistent there were not a lot of options for snacks in general. And also in our meeting we have talked about feminine products. They're no longer there and we kinda need that.
2. **DoE Vannatta**- In our executive meeting today Director Buck made us aware of the lack of feminine products and she decided to take that into her wellness committee and regarding the food in the new students spase, just to add some more clarification to that, Heather Schneider does certain financial reports every year and the reason that they're no longer carrying

snacks where Paws and Go

used to be it's for financial reasons. And that's why she said they're not going to bring food back into that space. There was basically a lack of sell through even though people are saying that they're interested in the snacks being there. The sales weren't supporting that.

3. **Advisor Browing-** For what it's worth, we can remind people that for commuter students anyway, which is almost half of our population. Plug here, there are snacks, feminine products, scantrons, free printing just across the way in the cougar dome. So there are there are some resources. Your point is valid and Heather is right, she has to basically run a business and if sales are not there, you wouldn't run any other business trying to make money there. To your point I think your question is a valid one if this is something that students want. I hadn't thought about it that way, I don't know where are you would get that?
4. **DIA Buck-** I would like to point out that Senators Senator Fillari's brief remark regarding specifically feminine products but we also should consider all the other household products and necessities that were sold at Paws and Go. There is no longer a location where those are being sold. So I think that would be a good thing to have brought to Heather Snyder's attention.
5. **Senator Fillari-** There's also a more cost-effective way of doing so. There are Certain companies that give products for free based on certain circumstances. And I think it's 211 dot org that does something similar.

6. **President Compaan-**

Vending Machines. I also motion to move this to the Student Experience Committee partered with the Wellness Committee.

a) Motion- **President Compaan**

b) Second- **DoC Leon**

(1) Aye- 10

(2) Oppose- 0

(3) Abstain- 0

C. Hiring Update led by **DoC Leon**

1. DoC Leon- There are four representatives that have applied. One transfer, the rest are freshmen. And there are six technical strategists, last time I checked. Stay tuned, maybe we'll have a full team soon. They close on Friday so if you know any freshmen that want to apply or strategist people, let them know. They close Friday and I will be reaching out to them on Monday to set up interviews.

D. Expenses Update led by **DoF Gray**

1. **DoF Gray-** Just a general note with expenses. I've set up an Amazon Business account, so that's going to be the simplest way to do expenses. I have also created a credit card checkout policy if you need to use a credit card and buy something somewhere else, there will be a policy for that and I will send out an email about that after this meeting.

#### IV. **Closing**

A. Motion to close the meeting

1. Motion- **President**

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2. Second- **Senator Airth**

B. Closing Prayer **Senator Airth**

C. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm