



Social Science Students' Council Meeting
UCC 37
January 10th, 2017
5:30pm

1. Call to Order
 - 5:36pm
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
 - Zach: Motion to add a motion to council business: adding old new meetings to department responsibility; passed
4. USC Charity Presentation
 - Stephanie from USC Charity Committee: Sensoria (theme is the 5 senses)
 - Charity Ball 2017: London Convention Centre, Saturday January 28th, Formal, 19+, Music, H'or D'ourves
 - All proceeds go towards Daya Counselling Centre: desire to support a mental health organization, fosters a culture of wholeness, health and mental wellness
 - Tickets: \$35/ticket or \$30/ticket for groups of 10, can be purchased at the Purple Store or Online on their FB page, booth in UCC to sell tickets within the next week
5. Members' Announcements
 - Chris Elgin Rep: DMSA holding merchandise sale next week, either in UCC or SSSC kiosk
 - Kate Mos Rep: resume builder tomorrow night, 6/6:30, look at resume and provides tips for what to do; also connect conference 5-8 Feb 2. \$15 or \$25 for non-members people good for anyone interested in business
6. Zach's Motion
 - Zach History Dep Rep: Motion to add for a Council Department Representatives: Old/New Meeting
 - Basis: cultivate extra institutional memory to ensure consistency, knowledge and goals of this council
 - important in bureaucratic and governing bodies
 - personnel turnover is exceptionally high and so it is important to ensure there is consistency between department representatives because representatives are

- responsible to work between clubs, departments and the council to understand best practices
 - establish practice of old new meetings, establish consistency between best years, and the best ways to proceed in council, ensure events are continued in following years
 - this motion isn't just to help incoming representatives (thought important) this will limit the learning curve and allow for more time to work with constituents while ensuring that events/goals will continue despite their
- proposed process: after department representatives are elected, current representatives should be required to reach out to the new representative and propose the idea of having a meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions to help them
 - could be challenging due to timing; use of social media could be used if meeting up is not feasible with exams/assignments
 - could include: contact info, initiatives or programs that you have started/maintained, tips and any other info
 - ex: Zach had the opportunity to work with the Charity Orientation team and the outgoing team provided them with some background and important contacts; could add to the business that
- Kate: great idea, suggest that everyone comes together, led by VP academics and together we can lay out common terms that not everyone should know, breakoff section after to sit one on one
 - Zach: absolutely agree, just recognizes that time-wise it may not work, but if this is something council deems it to be acceptable and department reps would
- Chantal: maybe not an institutional amendment it could be an initiative that could happen. Also meetings with Rebecca (president) and Chantal to discuss past roles and involvement
 - Zach: as a first time councilor and representative, even if the past representative was at the meeting or contacted them it may help incoming representatives; this should always happen
- Rebecca: echo Chantal's comments; not a initiative but ; value of a transitional report rather than a transitional meeting; under the discretion of the department representative, possible that council could benefit for transitional report and may be more valuable instead of having meetings that already have; if this is something of interest it may be better to have a document rather than request that they contact that individual directly
- For/Against motion:
 - Mitch: speaking for the motion but with amendments; there always is a learning curve regardless of position, any

initiative that could help curve this will be helpful; not up to the VP but is it written into constitution

- Rebecca: we do not constitutional entrench initiatives, sets broad guidelines for governance of organization and general obligations; hesitant to add to the constitution to ensure flexibility without limiting the scope
- Kate: point of clarification; add to constitution that we have to document, initiative further would be up to the discretion of those in position
- Rebecca: would have to confirm whether this would fit within the constitution
- Courtney:
- Anastasia: instead of a meeting, a document would be more beneficial; a document is usually sent to predecessor before the honorarium, this is an enticing way to keep this going; unsure what the incentive could be for department representatives
- Rebecca: could add this into the by-laws, line-by-line requirements, completing a report is in terms of reference under rules and responsibilities
- Corrine: motion to extend debate for 3 minutes
 - Passed
- Corrine: agrees with motion; beneficial to understand roles, constitutional amendment or just asking them to contact people
 - Rebecca: terms of reference easier to change, not bound by time-frame; technical differences, much easier to write a document than to work this into the constitution
- Arman: positions should take the time to meet to fulfill position, does not really see what will happen if someone chooses not to meet them; can be enforced without constitution
- Sommer: as Psych rep, found out position role and meeting with AVP to figure out what she could do; not necessary to meet with someone to fulfill role
- Chantal: point of clarification/information: in department representative meetings they discuss responsibility, a matter of intention and to ask questions, always a question period depends on the representative to ask for clarification and using that resource
- Kate: hard to ask questions about things you do not know about; if there was something to read, then it would be easy to understand

- Trevor: for IRC (Internal Review Committee) they talked about similar things and structure, this could be something that we come back to in light of changes; would be better to review on IRC
 - Motion Passed

7. Executive Report

- President's Report:
 - Grand opening Monday at 2pm; attended by high-profile individuals (i.e. Amit Chakma, and the Dean), only about 20 minutes
 - Drop-In hours for about 2 hours; all social science students invited, USC, past council members, sending out an invitation and video MTV style cribs
 - Some new furniture; discarded items from other classes/buildings
 - Items we are not taking in the new space at the discretion of executives; ensure removal by Thursday night
 - Austin: dropping off textbooks to exchange, will need assistance and will post on FB
 - Continuing Office hours: on Monday
 - Open 7am-11pm, after Monday we will continue with those, keep eyes peeled for updates and check notifications
 - Advocacy Special Meeting: 5:30pm same room, attendance not mandatory but strongly encouraged, helpful to engage and it will be led by a professional within the USC, will be an hour to an hour and a half.
 - Internal Review: 3 projects on the go and could use more volunteers if anyone is interested contact Keaton or Mitch
 - Mitch: POI, unelected members for sub-committees they are looking for more volunteers
 - Council Clothing: seeing the order through in a short time
 - Chris: finalized price?
 - Rebecca: \$25-35, will try to subsidize as much as possible
 - Member Recognition: Mikaela
- Chantal/VP Academics:
 - Contract confirmed last week
 - Ticket Sales: read pinned post before office hours to understand how ticket sales work
 - Make sure to write on tickets only if it's a FULL DAY
 - Clarification: full day tickets are cheaper because it's to entice people to come for the full day
 - Let people know that if they purchased a full day ticket they will only be able to come to the evening keynote if they registered in the morning (they will get something to let us know they did) and if not, they have to pay the difference

- Have to bring a delegate badge to come to the keynote; can't trick the system
 - FILL OUT EVERY QUESTION OF QUESTIONNAIRE
 - Other updates:
 - Food: had a meeting today
 - Alumni and Community can come to Keynote Only
 - 5/8 profs confirmed
 - Half of merch is here
 - Paper presenters chosen after meeting
 - Website has been updated with a schedule
 - Volunteers for the day will be sent out next week
 - Mandatory to volunteer for whole day? No, encouraged (free food)
 - Chris: what time for keynote? arrive at 6 for keynote (on schedule/description)
 - Layout will be posted online and on
 - Nico: reminder that you have to get posters stamped by front desk
 - Special meeting with Arlene? No ☺
- Courtney/Student Events:
 - Winter Retreat: laser quest or bowling more info on Friday
 - Interfaculty Council Pub Night: Saturday March 4th, 8:30-11:30pm @ the wave
 - Upcoming events:
 - Charity:
 - January volunteering opportunity
 - February charity event
 - Wellness:
 - Concert
 - mid/late march
 - hopefully next meeting
 - questions?
 - Artist selection: two options to debate and council can back one by hopefully the next meeting, 17+ event
 - Events Meeting: tentatively following special events meeting, January 17th
- Anastasia/Communications:
 - Office hours:
 - Please sign into the lime green binder
 - If we are at the kiosk → bring upstairs
 - Regrets must be sent 24 Hours (MONDAY 5:30 for the future) in advance to receive 0.5 demerit points for missing meetings (otherwise 1.0)
 - Missing office hours, even covered 0.25
 - Any other questions?

- Keaton: can I get demerit points? Yes.
- How do we update them? Unless you have received an email you have less than 2.0
- Chantal: going by the booth and there has only been one person, should always be two people, cannot be happening
- Class at 7 and leave a meeting:
 - usually will not be a problem, talk about it after, not the only one with a conflict
 - would be .25
- Cover Photo Changes:
 - 1st row: Wednesday 12 pm
 - 2nd row: Thursday 12pm
 - 3rd row: Friday 1pm
 - 4th & 5th rows: Monday (time tba)
 - also a description on the website if you're stuck!

8. Senate Report

- Nothing to Report, check out Senate article that they shared if interested in running for senator

9. USC Report

- Nothing to Report

10. Council Business

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11. Roll Call

12. Adjournment

- 6:40