

Augsburg Day Student Government Minutes

February 5th, 2014  
Marshall Room 6:00 PM

Day Student Government members present:

Executive board: Riley Hunter, Ibrahim Al-Hajiby, Lobar Tursunova, Ahmed Musallam, Brad St. Aubin, Dua Saleh, Duina Hernandez, Amber Nguyen, Michael Fetting

Senate: Nancy Lor, Mohamed Safi, Julia Laden, Lyle Nyberg, Nicole Krenz, Elise Hinderliter, Thomas Kukowski, Tyler Ellefson, Vincent Henry, Koal Williams, Reies Romero,Vision Bagonza, Cristian Baca, Hannah Thiry, Dan Medin, Bram Oosterlee, Michael Leroy, Amineh Safi

Day Student Government members absent:

Guests: Michael Grewe, Joanne Reeck-Irby, Kim Chisholm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – name, position, your preferred pronoun?
3. Share Puppy – Ahmed🡪 Lobar
4. Adoption of the Agenda

* Erase AASA from the soapbox
* Under PR Committee – taking ADSG members picture
* Agenda has been adopted.

1. Soapbox
   1. Professor Joe Underhill (Wind Energy Fee update, Governance Task Force)

* $17.50 per semester for day students for wind energy fee
* Creation of a designated fund – that was a big deal – name: wind energy fee
* Now we need a new name for the fund, carbon reduction? – now this is a question for ADSG – suggest names
* What is the specific purpose? - decrease the carbon footprint of our college
* Students voted to pay this money, so now the students have a say of how the money is spent
* Email prof Underhill with name suggestions or we collectively decide on the name together
* Until now we have been working with Applied energy solutions – they offered a lot of things and installments for our campus
* Projects are ready to go, now we need the funds in place
* Environmental stewardship committee does the carbon footprint analysis every year – with their help this project will continue going
* Talking directly to the President will help if you want to implement solar component in CSBR, building itself is already expensive, but they are trying to make it green
  1. ~~AASA (Augsburg Asian Student Association)~~
  2. AISA (Augsburg Indigenous Student Association)

Questions from the Senate:

* Mohammed: how many general members do you have? And how many first years?
* Amber: what are your plans and goals with first years?
* Reis: would you consider incorporating breakdancing at the PowWow?
* Vision: are you currently commissioned?
* Michael: how many people come to your general meetings?
* Lyle: how do you publicize and advertise your events?
* Dua: how many American Indian students attend the meetings?
* Kim: do you have ways of reaching out to the WEC students?
* Vision: how are your events spread out throughout the year?
* Cristian: what is the future for you? How do you plan on expanding the group?
* Dua: do you have strong ties with other student groups?
  1. ALAS (Augsburg Latin American Students)

Questions from the Senate:

* Michael: can we have a close look at your budget?
* Vision: are you a commissioned group?
* Hannah: what is the first year students’ rate involvement?
  1. ECHO (The official student newspaper of Augsburg College)

Questions from the Senate:

* Reis: how many writers do you currently have? Out of the 15 how many are people of color, and is it gender balanced?
* Nancy: how many first-years have written for the ECHO?
* Amineh: how do you plan to involve outside/more members?
* Bram: do you think that increasing competitive writing will impact the contribution of the members?
* Ahmed: It will be great to connect with the CLASS office and advertise ECHO there
* Amber: there has been a lot of good changes happening to the ECHO, I have been reading it since I came to Augsburg, I encourage everyone to read the ECHO newspaper
  1. QSU (Queer and Straight in Unity)

Questions from the Senate:

* Lyle: what was your budget like?
* Amber: how much money are you asking for next year?
* Riley: prioritizing budged for commissioning, have you had problems with grant requests?
* Ibrahim: how do you benefit the Augsburg community when traveling (conferences)?
* Nancy: how many active members do you have?
* Kim: do you have any WEC members?
* Nancy: how many first years will join you next year do you think?

Thomas makes a motion to have a 5 minute-break, Nancy seconded, the motion has failed 1 in favor, 11 opposed, 5 abstained.

* 1. SPS (Society of Physics Students)

Questions from the senate:

* Ibrahim: how much did you ask for last year? And how much this year?
* Elise: what is the overall advertising towards women? Because most of the STEM members are women…are you accessible toward the students with other majors?
* Michael: could you send me the spreadsheets of budget?
* Nancy: where do you hold your biweekly meetings?
* Vision: apart from the holiday party, are there other events involving other student groups?
* Riley: special events and outside events? What are those?
* Reis: would you be willing teaching the youth about physics?
* Dua: could you speak about the students’ people of color involvement?

Thomas makes a motion to have a 5-minute brake, the motion has been approved 10 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstained

1. Approval of Previous Minutes
2. Unfinished Business
3. New Business
   1. Confirm Constitutional Changes

Riley moves to approve these changes, Reis seconds, 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained

1. Announcements
   1. President:
   2. Vice President:

* Today was very successful, thank you for coming!
* Stud Gov office: should only be used by members!
* Committee chairs: thanks for sending the updates, send them in a Word document please
  1. Finance Committee:
* Approved 2 grant requests this week
* One more post-poned grant request still to be looked at
  1. Students Concerns Committee:
* Meeting Jesse Cashman and Ann Garvey – I encourage ALL ADSG members to come
* Today we advertised the 95 Thesis
  1. PR Committee:
* Taking our general picture NOW
* Request: make an ADSG banner for tabling
* If you are a PR member – get the flyers and hand them out throughout this whole week
* Website is still in progress
  1. Elections Committee:
* Last week we met, march 12 is the election day, petitions due 2 weeks before the elections day
* If you want help us table, please come and talk to us
  1. Constitution Committee:
* Thanks for approving the changes
  1. Chartering and Commissioning Committee:
* Thanks for sticking thru the commissioning process
  1. Senators:
* Mohamed: what can we do about the broken chairs in the Urness computer lab? – email the techdesk
* Dan: thanks for participating at the all-nighter
  1. Executive Board:
* Amber: come to our ASAC meeting on Sunday at 8pm (especially volunteers). Please LOCK our office!!!!!!!!
* Duina: SRJ discussion 3-5pm in old main tomorrow
* Ahmed: Election committee accepts help from anyone ☺
* Dua: Feb 11 panel discussion on colorism at 6:30pm in Marshall room
* Riley: thank you all for asking questions! Be sure to speak up, it is very important! Riley moves to approve to have pizza for our next long meeting, Thomas seconded, the motion has been approved 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
  1. Advisers:
* Augsburg leadership awards are open thru march 7, please nominate the candidates

1. Adjournment: - 8:48pm