Legislative Branch: Senate Meeting

September 28, 2015
Student Union, Ballroom A

Meeting called to order at (12:19) P.M. by Senate Chairman, Vice President Laxson
Roll Call: Secretary Hart

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Approval of Minutes
- Motion to approve September 21, 2015 by Senator Mojica
  - Seconded by Senator Goolsby
  - Motion carries

Approval of Agenda
- Motion to approve agenda by Senator Young
  - Seconded by Senator Mojica
  - Motion for a friendly amendment to include new legislation into New Business by Senator Mojica
  - Seconded by Senator Goolsby
  - Motion carries

Executive Reports
Public Relations Officer Frankum:
- No report

Attorney General Stewart:
- Thank you to the Rules Committee for all the work being done to correct the by-laws. Be on the lookout for more recommendations from the Attorney General.
- I will be giving a mini lecture on proper formatting and heading for legislation.
- I am assuming a new responsibility in order to increase visibility and connectivity with SGA: act as the “impartial” liaison between RSOs and the SGA. I also encourage everyone else to keep talking with our fellow peers about issues that may need addressing.
- GPA requirements

Secretary Hart:
- OPC Meeting today at 4pm Student Union. Inform your organizations and make sure they’re in attendance
- Campus Daycare:
  - I have a meeting with Dr. Winterhalter Wednesday at 10a
  - I have received multiple emails from faculty and a student mother in strong support for this initiative for a very long time, so this is something that definitely needs to be addressed this year now that SGA is bringing the student support side of things
- VP Kelso Meeting:
  - Umbrella: Advancement & Marketing & Communications
  - 3 Parallel Goals:
    - Raising Money
    - Building Relationships
    - Attracting Students
  - Last year they raising $1.164 million which 38% went towards student scholarships, if you’d like to know where the rest went, see me later.
  - Highly encouraged SGA to work more with Alumni
  - Provided me with the original proposal for the Pirate Statue initiative from 2 years- I will be going over this with Treasurer Middlemas and Chairman of Business and Finance
- Point System:
  - If you want points towards Top Senator of the Month- you need to email me! If you attend an event or volunteer, email me and CC an Executive or Senate leader that can vouch for your attendance
  - A few weeks ago, I asked Senators to start speaking to students and getting their concerns or ideas, I haven’t gotten any responses on that. We are supposed to represent the student body so we really need to hear from students outside of this room.
- A printed copy of each week’s Senate meeting minutes will be available on the front table of the SGA office. If any senator should need to review previous years minutes, I have them on file in my office
- I need to speak with Senator Zellner, Green, and Harper during open discussion
- I won’t be here during announcements so please come out to the Drag Bingo game this Wednesday night in here at 7pm hosted by GSA. Bingo cards are $1 each, we have over 20 prizes to give, and there will be performances. All the money made from the event will go towards the Spring Drag Show. Please see me during open discussion if you would like to purchase a Bingo Card.

Treasure Middlemas:
- Current Budgets:
  - Senate $35,705
  - RSO $22,955
- On Friday the budget hearing committee heard from the following groups:
- AANS Armstrong Association of Nursing: $580
- Alpha Sigma Tau: $400
- Zeta Phi Beta: $440
- Gay-Straight Alliance: $650

- The Student Life Committee has requested $200 from the Senate budget for a tailgate. We will need a motion to discuss and vote on that in new business

**Vice President Laxson:**
- VPAC meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 5:15-6:15, there are a couple of people that can't make this meeting just speak with me during open discussion and remember these are bi-weekly meetings
- I have been questioning the productivity of our meetings so I have been looking into ways of changing the format of our meetings, AG will expand later on the issue as well as the rules committee.
- Senate Interviews, I have interviews all lined up for this week if any senator wants to help out with the interview process please see me during open discussion.

**President Downs:**
- **2015-2016 Goals and Objective Bi-Monthly Updates**
  - **Goal One: To develop a more unified campus, we will do the following:**
    - Increase transparency of the Armstrong State University Administration and Student Government Association.
      - Things we have done to address this:
        - Creation a Public Relations Officer
        - Published Article in the Inkwell at beginning of semester
        - Beginning of the 2015-2016 Senate Legislative Cycle meeting
        - President of the University Spoke at our senate meeting
        - Bringing guest to our senate meetings
          - Bring a friend to a senate meeting is next week
    - Conduct monthly Organization President Council Meetings
      - Things we have done to address this:
        - First one is September 28th
        - Next one is October 26
        - Last one for fall semester November 16th
    - Strength Student Government Association relations with the Liberty Center
      - Things we have done to address this:
        - Student Senate Approved the Armstrong Liberty Center Student Council By-laws.
        - Appointment of the LCSC Director.
        - Currently recruiting Liberty Center Students join.
    - Increase student attendance at athletic events
      - Things we have done/going to do to address this:
        - Formed a task force to address the issue
○ Campus Union Board Collaborating with Athletics to do Pack the Stands game
○ Student Senate collaborating with CUB and Athletics to host a pre-game cookout.

○ Goal Two: To improve and maintain campus initiatives, we will do the following:
  ■ Conduct Bi-Weekly RSO budget hearings
    ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
      ○ Treasurer Middlemas and RSO budget committee has been successfully conducting these hearings.
  ■ Provide Transparency of student fee usage
    ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
      ○ Currently ITS is looking to revamp the billing site so students have a clear understanding what fees are being used for on campus.
  ■ Collaborate with departments and organizations on campus to conduct more informationals.
    ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
      ○ Student Senate Collaborated with University Police to host an Active Shooter Presentation.
  ■ Promote SGA app to incoming students on both campuses
    ● App numbers are very high right now
    ● During weekend of welcome SGA had a booth in the learning commons where the App was promoted.

○ Goal Three: To provide our students with more opportunities on and off campus, we will do the following:
  ■ Provide more campus community service opportunities
    ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
      ○ Student Life and Campus and Community Initiatives is looking into have the “Boo-Pop” initiative at celebrate.
      ○ Academic Student Success and Campus and Community Initiatives are currently working with Savannah Graduates to Start an on campus community tutoring center known as Graduation Preparatory Academy.

○ Goal Four: To give our students an unforgettable experience at Armstrong, we will do the following:
  ■ Improve marketing strategies to ensure effective event promotion
    ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
      ○ The three week system.
        ■ Three weeks out from scheduled events develop promotion ideas
        ■ Two weeks out from scheduled events distributing and posting of promotional material on campus.
      ○ Weekly CUB announcements to membership
Increase attendance and participation at traditional events
  ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
    ○ Tabling for student feedback (big show tabling)

Improve event scheduling to ensure maximum participations
  ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
    ○ Planned the fall events during the summer
    ○ Plan the spring events during the fall

Increase attendance at frequent events
  ● Things we have done/going to do to address this:
    ○ Three week promotion system.

SGA 2015-2016
  ● The campus daycare is currently being reviewed by Secretary Hart
  ● Senator Zellner attended the traditions committee meeting. More information about our involvement will be disseminated to the senate.
  ● Vice President Laxson has been reviewing the housing government. The residential student association is currently having executive board elections. VP Laxson will keep us informed of their progress.
  ● Campus and Community Initiatives will be placing toys for tots boxes around the campus for us to start collecting.
  ● Objective # 12 is complete. Director Morales is currently recruiting Liberty Center Students to join the LCSC.

Adviser Reports

Kate Steiner: Is completing training on updating the new website and will be late to senate today. Be sure to nominate someone who has inspired you as a leader for the Leaders Inspiring Leaders Celebration dinner. Nomination form was sent this morning and is due by October 4th.

Dr. Yvette Upton:
  ● Pep Band Initiative Interest Meeting

GA Julie Brentzel:
  ● Open Mic Night tomorrow evening at 8pm, sign up for volunteering in SGA office

Committee Reports:
(No Committee Reports, Substituted for Committee Meetings)

Open Discussion (12:39-12:49)
  ● Brief Legislation Presentation by Attorney General Stewart

Old Business:

New Business:
  ● Presentation of new legislation by Attorney General Stewart
● Motion to approve AANS $580 from RSO by Senator Bailey
  ○ Seconded by Senator Harper
  ○ Motion carries
● Motion to approve $400 from RSO to AST by Senator Bailey
  ○ Seconded by Senator Arroyo
  ○ Motion carries
● Motion to approve $440 from RSO to Zeta Phi Beta by Senator Harper
  ○ Seconded by Senator Young
  ○ Motion does not carry
● Motion to approve $650 from RSO to GSA by Senator Young
  ○ Seconded by Senator Smoke
  ○ Motion carries
● Motion to approve $200 from Senate budget to Student Life committee by Senator Bailey
  ○ Seconded by Senator Harper
  ○ Motion carries

Announcements:
● ISO is having a meeting raising cultural awareness Wed Sept 30 12pm UH 157
● President of RPTC (physical therapy club) fundraiser, Would like to involve Student Life and Campus community to raise money to do a bike rack for disabled children.
● Open mic night this tomorrow Sept 29, pregame cookout next Wed Oct 7 at 6pm

Adjourn
● Motion to adjourn by Senator Harper
  ○ Seconded by Senator Green
  ○ Motion Carries

(1:09)P.M.