Legislative Branch: Senate Meeting

March 23, 2015, Ballroom A

Meeting called to order at 12:15 by Senate Chairman, VP Matthias Downs

Roll Call: Secretary Elly Estrada

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**Approval of Minutes**
- Motion to approve the Senate Minutes from March 9, 2015 by Senator Ballard
  - Seconded by Senator Goolsby
  - Motion carries unanimously

**Approval of Agenda**
- Motion to approve the Senate Agenda for March 23, 2015 by Senator Mojica
- Seconded by Senator Green
  - Motion carries unanimously

**Executive Reports**
**Secretary Estrada:**
- SGA App Update:
○ 718 opt-in
○ 855 total downloads

Potential App Promotion Opportunities:
○ 4/22 Farmer’s Market
○ 4/28 Stress Free Day

● Rave Guardian App
  ○ They called back saying they would email us the number of total downloads two weeks ago, I have not heard back.
  ○ Trying to get back in touch with them

● BOR
  ○ On Wednesday the Board of Regents voted to offer in-state tuition at 10 USG institutions including Armstrong State University, to residents in three bordering states. Florida, South Carolina, and Alabama are the three states.
  ○ DACA students who are residents of GA still pay the out-of-state tuition rate.

Treasurer Sellers:
● RSO Budget hearing was postponed to Thursday **THIS WEEK** on 26th from 11:30-2:30.
  ○ Any senators able to make that time please email me,

● SAC Committee
  ○ We had an initial meeting Friday March 13, but will reconvene soon

● Budget:
  ○ Senate budget:
    ■ Expended: $25,569.66
    ■ After Encumberance: $243.43
    ■ After Expended: $12,430.34
  ○ RSO:
    ■ Expended: $21,276.37
    ■ Remaining: $2,723 (amount reflects the motion that was passed today for $904.40)

Vice President Downs:
● Student Integrity
  ○ For the next few days I will be working with a search committee to determine our next student integrity officer.

● University Police
Active Shooter
- Had a meeting with the Chief Wilcox (Chief of Police) to get an update of how the prototype lock mechanism is progressing.
- Chief and his officers have been going around informing different departments about active shooter information.
  - He would like to have an open forum for the general student body.
  - Tentatively we have set April 13-15 as a time frame to hold such an event.
  - This could also be a great way to promote the Guardian App.

Armstrong Climate Survey
- Currently the data from the survey is being processed. Once the information is processed the committee will work to determine our next move for the campus.

Dining Services
- Meeting with Sam Ramos this Wednesday at 9:00 am
- Food Crew meeting this Thursday at 7:00 pm

Attorney General:
- Working on getting bills that have been passed by SGA on the Armstrong website this way more students have access to them.
- I have gone through amendments and proposals that have passed this year and I am going to look at the language and make recommendations for changes as I see necessary.
- Trying to create office hours so that I am available to everyone at a certain time
- If you need help with anything you would like to pass in the Senate, I am available to help!

President Nuñez:
- n/a

Advisor Reports
Kate Steiner:
- n/a

Yvette Upton:
- n/a

Julie:
- Thanks for everyone who came out to St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- 5 members of CUB and Kate went to APCA last week
We saw some great performers
If you are planning an event and need ideas for performers ask us and we will recommend someone

Keep up the good work!

Committee Reports

- Campus and Community Initiative Committee: Senator Bressler
  - Campus Clean Up
    - March 31st 4PM Solms 103
    - We are going to clean up cigarette buds
    - Trashbags and pizza will be provided
  - Sunday we are writing a proposal about the SGA stance on alcohol in campus housing
    - We want to see it expand

- Elections and Recruitment Committee: Senator Reyes
  - Working on debate date
    - We are going to move the debates to April 6th instead of April 1
    - We had two people running for every executive position and 15 senators that have signed up

- Business and Finance: Senator Scheidt
  - Tomorrow we will have the college goal event
  - Working with Secretary Estrada on Rave Guardian App

- Rules Committee: Senator Zellner
  - Next week we will try to get a proposal for RSO budget stipulation and voting process

- Student Life Committee: Senator Green
  - RSO Block Party survey has been sent out
  - Tailgate tomorrow at 3PM

- Academic Student Success: Senator Hart
  - Senator Frances, Ballard and I met with Samantha Hutto we talked about upcoming events:
    - College Goal
      - FAFSA event
    - Spring Forward event
      - $250 scholarship
      - Fun games, food, and prizes
We reached out to Greek Life

- Lane Library Hours Extension
  - Looking into extending the Friday Lane Library hours
- Graduation Honor Cords
  - We are voting on this today

Senate Whip:
- No Report

SGA/CUB Rep:
- No Report

**Open Discussion**
- Rules suspended at 12:32
- Rules reinstated at 12:42

**Old Business:**
- Move to approve the Armstrong Graduation Cord Option Bill by Senator Brooks
  - Seconded by Senator Ballard
  - Motion carries

**New Business:**
- Motion to approve $904.90 from the RSO Budget to Phi Alpha Delta for an appreciation banquet by Senator Scheidt
  - Seconded by Senator Brooks
  - Motion carries

**Announcements:**
- Paint the Town Maroon is this Friday at 11AM in Johnson Square!
- CUB Big Show reveal will be going on all this week from 11AM-12PM in front of the Student Union
- Asian Festival is this weekend please come out and support.

**Adjourn**
- A motion to adjourn by Senator Hart
  - Seconded by Senator Green
  - Motion carries

12:55 PM