Senate Minutes
November 10th, 2014

Opening
Call to Order: Vice President Cleary
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Secretary Wildgen

Reading and Approval of Minutes Senator Kevin Truong (Seconded)
Approved

Communications:

1. Guest Speaker: State of the Campus Address: Thank you. A good evening ladies and gentlemen. Today I get a chance to talk about the “State of our Campus.” Our ASUP Constitution declares that from time to time the ASUP President shall give a state of the campus address. One in the fall, and the other in the spring. Since this is a 20-30 minute speech, reports indicate that only, only 5% of a 20-30 minute speech is remembered once it is done. With that in mind after my speech today, the theme I want all of us to remember is that we as a community are building, the administration is building and we as ASUP are building too. It is students that keep the state of our campus building and ever since I won the election to be the President this year, I have thought, reflected and waited patiently for this moment. VP Cleary and I ran on a platform of “two-ply & WIFI.” When you look closely at that platform, it is a building platform. The reason VP Cleary and I used that platform was because we strongly believed it represented some of the needs faced by students on our campus. We wanted to have a discussion with the administration about these needs on campus. We have heard those discussions and we shall keep advocating for all students about their needs on campus to the administration. The administration might have a different vision to how they want us to do business, as ASUP and we are open to hear their visions. We want to keep developing our relationship with the administration so that we can advocate for the needs of all students here at UP the best of our abilities. In the past the ASUP leaders have had a good relationship with the administration and we shall keep building on that relationship this year. We want to build that relationship with the administration but advocating for students is our number one goal as the Executive Board this year. During the state of the campus, all past ASUP Presidents have used a unique theme to describe the state of our campus. For instance, two years ago past ASUP President Brock Vasconcellos used “formation.” Last year former ASUP President, Quin Chadwick he used, “evolving.” This year the theme is all about our community “building.” To expound on the “building” theme, I will talk about two areas; one area is Campus Building. What is the campus doing to keep building with such a growing student population? Another area I will focus on is; ASUP Building. What are we doing as ASUP to keep moving forward and stay relevant within the student population? To put the building theme into context, I will talk about our past, present and I will paint a picture of our future as a community. Looking at the past w/ Campus Building: Our campus keeps building new structures to house our ever growing student community. A good example of this kind of building is the Clark Library. The library has made it possible for students to have several spaces where they can study and do their homework daily. Another example of our campus building is the Shiley School of engineering which has put UP on the map and continues to provide a great space for students to learn and grow. There are several other building like Shiley on campus but being an engineer, my favorite building is Shiley and thus the mention. Within
Student activities, we have had events that have brought students together than never before. Good examples are the Riverboat event at the beginning of the year. Thanks to CPB Director Sarah Berger, Student Activities Director Jeromy Koffler and Residence Life Director Chris Haug for putting on such a great and successful event. Another event was the Anchors Away event at the end of spring semester. The Anchors away event brought together students, faculty and administrators to socialize with one another at the end of the academic year. Unfortunately this year’s freshmen class missed out on it. It will most probably become a tradition that you will enjoy. All these events on campus have had a common theme of helping build the campus community and bringing us all together. So what have we done as ASUP? As ASUP we have also done lots of building in the past that has brought us to be where we are. We are indeed a successful student government that keeps on trying to find new ways to even be more successful. One of the areas that ASUP has seen so much evolving in the past is the MPF process. The Major Project Fund was first called the Capital Improvement Fund when it was created in spring 2005. The CIF was a constitutional amendment that called for an increase in the student government fee by $10. The fund was created by the student senate as a way for student government to create larger tangible changes on campus that would increase the quality of life for the students on campus. Ever since its inception, having passed by only one vote in senate, it has been a controversial process. Most students then and even now have strong feelings, whether in support, or against the capital improvements issue. The MPF as it stands has helped make some great improvements on this campus. A few of these changes are; last year we got we got ASUP Vans, Televisions in Howard, the Cove furniture, and the basement of Franz, Pilot House furniture, Outdoor seating at the Pilot House, resurfaced the basketball court behind Villa, provided the Villa Maria Drum Squad with drums, we did three installments towards the Rise Campaign. All these three installments went specifically to the construction of the New Rec. Center, which is happening right now. We also collaborated with the city of Portland in fall 2008 for the Solar Cross Walk at the main entrance. The MPF has also done events too, in fall 2012 it went towards CPB’s major concert, Boys like Girls. I could go on and on about what the MPF list has been able to do on this campus and the list is long. So what are we doing for fall 2014? We started this process a while back. You the senators got lots of ideas from your constituents that were presented right here in senate. As an executive we thoroughly analyzed the list. We had a tough meeting narrowing down the list to the Top ten because there were many good ideas. We went about narrowing the list by voting on what idea stayed on the list and what idea left the list. We presented that list to you on top of all the research we did. Then you all narrowed down the list to five top ideas to be considered for the MPF this year. We convened in our weekly meeting this past week as an Executive and in getting to our MPF decision this year for the fall 2014; it was a challenging call for all of us. After carefully reviewing of all our options and acting with the interests of all students on campus, we decided to defer our MPF to the spring semester. As I mentioned before this was done after careful, careful review of all our options. To best describe our process to coming to this decision, I would like to quote our ASUP constitution concerning the MPF process, “We are accountable to our constituents and the entire student body. It is imperative that we put aside our personal feelings, and attachments to certain items on the list, and think of our constituents and the student body as a whole when deciding what items to include during the entire process.” We put aside our personal feelings and acted in the best interest of all students at the University going forward. On a note, the administration has expressed the commitment to take on all the ideas on our MPF list this year and work to make them happen accordingly. We will keep following up on that. Part of the decision was based on the administration’s vision about our MPF process as it stands. They want us to spend our money here and now. Because we want to continue building our relationship with the administration as we advocate for students needs on campus, we wanted to take their concerns into consideration. The administration first of all sent a really strong message that they were not going to approve any of the ideas on our MPF list this year. Given it is a new administration, we decided to defer the MPF this semester to further explore what their
vision is all about concerning the MPF process but more importantly to better advocate for students efficiently. Also part of the decision was because we want to start re-evaluating the MPF process so it is more relevant to the administration and to all the students. Our MPF is like a machine. It can work but eventually needs to be checked and re-evaluated. Our MPF process as it currently stands is that machine that needs to be re-evaluated. Re-evaluation of the MPF will be a long journey but I believe this year's group in senate is the one that can do it. You guys are a really group. Currently we have an MPF process that the administration doesn't like or even support. Though we might have a tendency to fight it out with the administration, this battle would not serve the needs of the student body we represent. They have made their positions crystal clear. We as the student government can still keep the MPF process as it stands but we need to make sure it represents the desires of the student body as it stands right now. My hope is that as we approach the process of re-evaluating the MPF and re-evaluating some of the other things we do as ASUP, we need to keep our mission in mind. Our ASUP mission states that, “As the Associated Students of the University of Portland, we strive to enhance the overall experience of life on the bluff for all students, by providing opportunities for responsible leadership, encouraging active participation, and by fostering an environment that is consistent with the University's mission statement. We aim to offer accessible resources that will enable us to communicate and respond to the needs of the student body. The goals of ASUP are meant to unite our community and create an environment that effectively benefits both current and future students.” Given our mission, as the ASUP team this year, we are all working hard at building the relationships we have with all students so that we can better represent them to the best of our abilities. As the ASUP team this year, though the progress we may seem slow at times, I believe we have continued to find new ways to best serve students on campus. Some of these changes are not easy but this year I am lucky to work with a team that has the drive to make ASUP even more successful than it has been in the past. Some changes so far have been with in our ASUP services. We shall keep on building to make our ASUP services even better than they are currently to effectively serve our student population. Another change that is coming up is our ASUP website. Our ASUP web technician under the advisement of Secretary Wildgen is working on a new website on WordPress that will be more user friendly and easier to use and navigate for our building community. We shall keep all of you informed about this process as we prepare to launch it for the public in the spring semester. And so we have had a long history as a community that has made the present what it is and our future to look so bright. This future is being led by a visionary in Fr. Mark Poorman, our new University President. It is truly great to have a University President that connects and interacts with students on a personal basis like Fr. Mark. His humility is making more students feel that the UP administration is indeed listening. A good example of this was a few weekends back on October 25th. With the help of the BSU leadership team, I helped organize dinner at Kay Toran’s house for all students. Kay Toran was the Board of Regent that spoke in senate earlier in the semester. It was easy for me to help organize this dinner because Kay lives just two blocks from my dad. At this dinner, Fr. Mark Poorman and the Dean of Engineering, Sharon Jones were the two administrators that were able to attend. We asked the students to talk about what made them come to UP? We also asked them to talk about how they feel about the present culture at UP and their hopes for the future. In all this discussion about what made all these students of color end up at UP. Fr. Mark was there listening and afterwards interacted with most students in attendance. The one theme most students kept mentioning about their decisions to come to UP was about building the culture and diversity on campus. As we were at the dinner, we all wondered if we could fit in or not. Having the University President there at a dinner made them feel that them too their voices were being heard on this campus and UP was a University taking the right steps towards a building a more inclusive community. Based on this interaction and many others I know that the future of the University is really bright and promising. When you look at our 35 acre river campus property the University owns, the possibilities of what it could be are limitless. The future of the University in its building
efforts is promising as well as the building efforts within ASUP. One program that is really exciting at the moment is the ASUP Volunteer Program, ASUP will help lead. This program will offer more opportunities for students here on campus to go out into the community and do service. The program will target high school students and help them to prepare for college. Most of these high school students will be from lower income homes without the resources that we all have got along the way to be here. This program has the potential to benefit a big group of high school students in the Portland metropolitan area. I have met with the admissions Dean already and they are ready to help out as much as possible. They offered a counselor to help us along the way and train us to get ready as we get this program off the ground. The action plan for this program is almost ready and when spring semester starts we should be able to hit the ground running and make some impact in the community. There is building going on all around us. In the future I also see 3 ways in which we can build within senate. 1) Senators office hours. They need to be re-structured in a way that will make them serve their purpose. Currently most of you have office hours but basically no one ever shows up. This year we could look into how best we can address this issue moving forward so that the office hours are used more efficiently. 2) Find more ways to collaborate with the Executive Board. I am mindful that at times we will have friction within senate and the Executive Board but finding common ground to work with one another will be crucial for us to keep serving students with their interests at the forefront of our decisions this year. We need to build on our communication with one another and develop that trust with one another. All of the E-board has been doing a really good job. 3) Legislation. Not being afraid as senate to come up with legislation that will address needs on campus. This legislation might not be favored by some departments but we have to keep on finding those ways in which we can stay relevant within the entire student body. As I conclude today, our “ASUP Building” will focus on two strategies; number one expanding ASUP’s appeal on campus. There are several areas we shall all have to look at to find ways in making this happen. I believe ASUP has a strong foundation but as we need to keep building in the present and the future to stay as a relevant student government. Strategy number two: Focus on making ASUP more inclusive: New website will be more accessible and transparent. We need to open diversity discussions in senate/ on campus. As the University keeps building and ASUP keeps building too, my hope is that we shall improve student involvement. I know fully well now that the ASUP Executive Board is a team that is trying every single day, every single day, to make ASUP even more successful than it already is. It is indeed a blessing to work with each one of them this year, helping build our community. As we continue to build for the future and strategize for the present, we also have to be mindful of our changing community. I want us all to work as a team to serve all students to the best of our abilities. It is indeed a privilege to serve as the ASUP President this year, working with a great team towards building a more inclusive community. Finally, thank you all for listening and May God bless you and May God bless the University of Portland. Thank you.

1. Visitor’s Open Forum
2. Open Senate Positions: 1 Non-traditional; 1 Freshman

Reports:
2. Executive Board: ASUP President Muwulya: Nothing new to report.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Robinson: Hello everyone. The total budget for spring 2015 will be $253,330. Spending for this semester is getting better. Lots of clubs are beginning to turn in their reimbursement forms which is more work for me but also really awesome. Overall spending is at 35%, and clubs at 20% which is a lot better than it has been in the past. Some exciting news, we will be increasing New York Times distribution. For this past semester we had 72 copies for distribution per day. We will increase it to 100 papers we be distributed daily. I will also be completing a sweatshirt order this week. Please come see me after the meeting if you still want one. We have two reallocations in new business. We have one from the University of Portland Investment Association and one from German Culture Club. Both the representatives are here. Two that were under
25%. The first was the Accounting Association. They moved $110 from their Mix Up event to speaker food. They were able to have another club join in on their Mix Up event. They are having high attendance at their speaker events so they needed more food. $25 from their supplies line item to accounting mentors forum food. Again, a lot more attendance there. Then $285 from initiation fees to go to their initiation event. Bluffoons had $280 for lodging from retreat. They ended up going somewhere else so their lodging was much cheaper. They are going to a competition in Seattle, so they’re moving $280 to a new lodging item. If you have any questions, you can ask them during open forum.

4. **Campus Program Board**: Director Berger: Happy Monday! So I just wanted to report on was our numbers for movie. On Friday I am happy to report that there was standing room only in BC Aud, which means there was over 430. Then on Saturday we had 178 people in attendance. Counting our overhead, it cost less than $2 per person. On Wednesday, CPB will be hosting students from Hawaii, that will be here for NACA, from University of Hawaii at Manoa. They wanted to learn more about CPB and ASUP and also look at our school because they might have an event here. I thought it was a huge compliment to everyone. Quick reminder, we are going to NACA this weekend, which college-programming conference. We will be able to interact with performers and vendors. It’s a really good experience. Another reminder that 90s roller night is November 22nd, which is a Saturday.

5. **Elections & ADvantage**: Secretary Wildgen: nothing on election or ADvanatge right now. With the minutes though, I tried to get them out earlier this weekend. I only received one email back though, so not sure if it’s good to get them out earlier if I’m not going to receive comments. With the website, we had John Liedtke come to our Executive Board meeting this past Wednesday. He showed us where it’s at now and we gave input on what to do with it. I know he contacted ASUP Service directors to get their input. If any of you have any ideas let me know. We will roll it out to all of you during the Senate refresher and then to the general student population during spring semester. At the basketball game this Friday there is an opportunity to win $5,000 if you make a half-court shot. They’re going to throw t-shirts into the crowd and two students will be chosen.

6. **Senate Standing Committees**:
   a. **Infrastructure**: Senator Zabinski: IT is working on getting a printer in the cove. They are working through some minor details. It will be here soon.
   b. **Community Relations**: Senator Montoya: Pretty good week in community relations. I have yet to meet with Jim Kuffner to debrief.
   c. **Club Recognition**: Senator van den Berg: last week we met and discussed Campus Lions and Undergraduate Research. We recommend both for approval. Last week we also discussed Circle K International and UP Golf club. We need more information from them.
   d. **Campus Affairs**: Senator Miller: I’m going to use the computer real quick. As I’m walking I’ll talk about salad. There was a constituency report about the differences between the salads at the Cove and the Commons. There are only six options at the Cove because they need to get people through the line quicker. So we have a constituency report about hours being posted online. But before we get that I will show a survey on UP Bon Ap website. So if you take this survey you can get a free cookie in the Commons. So tell all of your constituents. If you want to know when food is being served go to this window “All Cafes”. It has all of the hours. You will know exactly when food is being served. these hours have been posted since the beginning of the year, so I don’t want to get another report saying that students don’t know when the Commons is serving. Moving back to my seat. This weekend, Kirk brought in Greek yogurt in the Commons, and it sold out. He will be ordering more for the Commons. Kirk did not know that the fries in the Commons were not being seasoned so he will talk to the chef about fry seasoning. To get some good publicity for Bon Appetit, they partnered with SJGs in different dorms to accept donations for food points and are also giving out food baskets to needy families in the Portland area. Another thing about constituent reports. If you have any food suggestions or complaints.
Please email them to me, unless it’s really dire. I would rather they were emailed to me so I can send them to Kirk when they’re happening. I meet with Kirk before this meeting so it would be a full week till I can talk to him again. Email them to me, but feel free to say it in front of senate.

e. Campus Security and Maintenance: Senator Ballard: So Franz 212 handle has been stuck so it will be replaced. Also the P-Plant drivers on the sidewalks. The drivers will be spoken too, but just be aware that they will be on the sidewalks.

f. Diversity: Senator Rojo: Just a reminder, Sunday is Greendot training. This Thursday there is documentary in BC Aud at 6:15. It’s a documentary about undocumented students coming to rural part of Oregon, their experience in high school and in the community. Then, resolution 14-03 is about the non-discrimination policy. Also, for the “What does Diversity Mean to You” campaign, I sent in all the orders from clubs who replied to me. You will be seeing info from MEChA, Feminist Discussion Group and more. And as for the senators, I will be getting those out each month.

g. Service and Leadership: Senator Jennifer Chipman: So the Day of Service is this Saturday St. Mary’s at 8:15. We will leave at 8:30.

7. University Committees:
    a. Vice President Cleary: Student Media: The current editor of The Beacon is graduating this December. The Presidential Advisory Committee on Student Media has been meeting to decide who will take over as The Beacon Editor in the spring. We will let you know when that name comes out.

8. Constituency Reports
    a. Senator Jennifer Chipman: So I know we talked about the Cove Manager yelling at his employees. I wanted to report he is still having loud conversations at peak hours. A constituent had to wait 20 minutes to get a salad since nobody was at their station. And Fields is freezing.
    b. Senator Rojo: Point of Information, Bryan just has a loud voice. Returning to reports, students would like to know about future visitation days because it affects parking.
    c. Senator Crabtree: There have been reports about the walkway across from HagTy. The stepping stones between the athletic vans are slippery and uneven. They become slick and muddy which some argue is a safety hazard. Constituents have asked if we can remove them or pave over entirely.
    d. Senator Onslow: I had multiple constituents report that they were frustrated and confused with CPB Movie posters on Friday night. The posters all said 9pm and it was at 10pm.
    e. Senator Rojo: Constituents wanted to know if it was possible to make it cheaper to print double sided. It’s currently the same cost.
    f. Senator Crabtree: Do you know how long day of service will be?
    g. Vice President Cleary: I will give more information during open forum.
    h. Senator Osman: Point of personal privilege.
    i. Vice President Cleary: Duration?
    j. Senator Osman: Five minutes.
    k. Vice President Cleary: Granted.

New Business (I)

1. Senate Petitioner
    a. James McLaughlin: I would like to be a senator because I want to represent my constituents and I want to all of us to be closer together. I would like us to be more diverse and friendlier. I also want to be a greener campus where everyone can compost all over campus instead of just in the Commons.
    b. Secretary Wildgen: I just wanted to say that he got 120 signatures on his position and he only needed 50, so that’s awesome.
    c. Senator Delucchi: What prepared you most of senate? Also, what experiences can you use as a senator?
d. James McLaughlin: My sophomore year of high school I was a senator on my school’s ASB. I was team captain for my wrestling team. I am the oldest of five kids.
e. Senator Delucchi: What’s your major?
f. James McLaughlin: I am a business major. I hope to do OTM or business management.
g. Senator Miller: It's great to see you petitioning in now, is there any reason why didn’t you run at the beginning of the semester?
h. Senator McLaughlin: To begin with I wasn’t sure what ASUP was and I wasn’t sure how it was done. By the time I was thinking of running, everyone already had posters up. Too little too late.
i. Senator Kevin Truong: How can you use your high school experience?
j. James McLaughlin: ASUP seems really in touch, and that’s what I like. I like to talk to people about what they like about the school, what they don’t and what they would like to change.
k. Senator Apenyo: How do you think you will represent the freshman class better?
l. James McLaughlin: I like to represent the goals of the entire student body. Those are issues that will lead to a happier campus.
m. Senator Low: Do you have any other goals except making the campus greener?
n. James McLaughlin: They escape me now, but they’re on here. I would like to make it more diverse community. I want more community among and between the dorms. For example more events between Shipstad and Christie.I would also like to bring in Fields. I would like some events to bring out Corrado, since many forget they exist.
o. Vice President: Seeing as there are no more questions I will now close the meeting.
p. Senator Miller: I move to approve the candidate. (Seconded)
   1. Approved
2. Reallocations
   a. Devon Rogers – UPIA: Essentially what UPIA wants to accomplish is redistributing funds from hotels to registration fees and flights to better utilize them. This will provide for less work to be done with given budget. $45 would be reallocated to the food budget to properly fund the end of the year meeting jointly with UPAA.
      i. Senator Miller: I move to approve this reallocation as submitted (seconded).
         It looks like it’s a better use of the money and it will affect more people therefore it is a great reallocation.
         1. Approved
   b. Micaela Posey – German Culture Club: Micaela Posey: So we always put on something for Oktoberfest every year. This year we partnered with HagTy and it went really well. We had more people than we ever had in the past. We didn’t need to cover food or entertainment; we just covered crafts and the culture side. We have $750 unused. We want to move that to next week for a lantern festival. It would be during International Education Week and in observation of St. Martin's Day. It takes the focus off of drinking and to other parts of German culture. Also since it’s during International Education Week it should get a lot of traffic.
      i. Senator Miller: I move to approve the reallocation as submitted (seconded). I feel like this is an even better use for the money, creating an entire new event. It’s going to be great.
         1. Approved

Old Business

2. Resolution 14-02
   a. Senator Montoya: We amended subsection b. We are using the term hall assemblies, which includes more groups. It was more appropriate language
given that Director of Residence Life, Chris Haug, was against it initially because he felt like ASUP was directing Res Life on issues of residential living.

b. Senator Crabtree: I still have an issue. HagTy doesn’t have a hall council or any leadership council. It’s very intentional. Tyler, the hall director of HagTy, is in agreement with me. Last year an RA tried to make a hall council and it failed miserably. I think we have to look at demographics. Hall councils are mostly freshmen and sophomore with maybe a few juniors or senior. There’s a reason why people move to HagTy, they don’t want that.

c. Senator Ballard: I would like to point out that it’s actually a requirement for assistant hall directors to form a leadership team.

d. Senator Crabtree: Point of information. There has been an exception made in our stance.

e. Senator Ballard: If there is an exception I would like to read it word for word.

f. Senator Miller: While I agree that there doesn’t necessarily need to be a hall council for HagTy, there is some meeting between hall director and RAs that you could sit in on once a semester.

g. Senator Crabtree: I yield my time to Matt Sutherland.

h. Matt Sutherland: As a resident in HagTy for the past few years there are not a lot of meetings. They are usually during event. Other than that there are private meetings for the hall staff where they go over confidential information. It’s not really a place for senators to be. Hall councils don’t work in HagTy. We have 40 different small communities inside our hall. You will not get people from each residence. The logistics don’t make sense. It’s a lot of juniors and seniors. The majority are athletes, ROTC, nurses. They all have different schedules. The RAs are planning events for small groups of students. It’s completely different dynamics. This will tie their hands. If this way 3-4 years ago, I would agree.

i. Senator Delucchi: I think the compromise of just having the leadership people come together is fair.

j. Senator Rojo: I think we’re still missing the point. It’s not a hall council it’s a hall assembly. The meeting of the hall staff sounds like a hall assembly.

k. Senator Zabinski: To the opponents of Resolution 14-02. What are some solutions that you would like to see?

l. Senator Crabtree: I think that the solution that Tyler Hale and I came up with is to amend it to say somehow the senators would be in communication with the leadership team. I absolutely am. I attend hall mass every week. I have the hall mass social in my living room.

m. Senator Ballard: When I think of leadership team I think that here’s a half hour for people to come and voice to you certain issue. Maybe your office hours, if you considered that a leadership team meeting, where your hall director and RAs attend every once in a while. The whole point of being a residence hall senator is trying to stay afloat of what’s going on in your hall and that is what a leadership team does.

n. Vice President Cleary: Just to note, I think it is pretty loosely defined. It would be up to HagTy to what you see is the leadership meeting is at your discretion. Even the after hall mass social would fall within the spirit.

o. Senator Zabinski: I would like to take a straw poll of who’s willing to pass the resolution today? Opposed?

p. Senator Ballard: For those who are unsure or opposed, please voice why?

q. Senator Miller: Also, if you would like to voice and possible amendments. We could also caucus. We would love to pass it and hear your thoughts.

r. Senator Apenyo: I would like to offer a friendly amendment. Honestly, I think everyone is in favor of this except for HagTy. Could we exempt HagTy?

s. Senator Miller: I think it’s already pretty loosely defined already includes the HagTy senator to have her office hour and extend an invitation to the hall director or anything like that.
t. Senator Ballard: As a senator we can hold some type of statement that you must meet, so that we know you are interacting and getting the opinions. That’s why it’s so loosely defines. Hall mass can count. I am not in favor of taking that out.

u. Advisor Koffler: I’m not going to argue one way or the other about this. One thing I have not heard is that we are adding a responsibility to a subset of senators. yet senators for classes or school won’t have any added. I am wondering if there are any inequities there. I would hope there would be discussion about the equitable responsibility should be.

v. Senator Montoya: I don’t completely agree with that assessment. When I was in Christie hall I had a very small constituency. With that come additional responsibilities. Senators must be an accurate liaison. It does not limit or exclude other senators.

w. Senator Miller: Residence halls have clearer cut definition about who their constituency is. We could add different stipulations for other constituency senators. Many other senators do already attend hall council to be more informed.

x. Senator Ng: If we do go with this, are we going to check that these senators are meeting with these people?

y. Senator Rojo: That’s our job requirement, we should be doing it. Otherwise it’s a problem that shows poorly on our part. I know that most hall senators go already. It’s usually unofficially required. This would be officially stating that requirement.

z. Senator Enos: So there is this unofficial responsibility. Some senators already believe that was part of the position. I don’t believe the language of this accurately represents the intent of it. It is forcing someone to go to something even though that is the nature.

aa. Senator Ballard: We looked at resident hall because they have a specific body they can meet together. If there was junior class meeting, I would go to that. But to get all the juniors in one place is a bit difficult. When you already have those meetings there it’s easier to go to. We are just laying it out so it’s explicit and in the constitution. This is just so you attend some event in your dorm.

bb. Vice President Cleary: Can I get a straw poll really fast? It feels like there are two debates going on. Who would support making this part of the by-laws? The other debate is the role of HagTy. If we could hear from Senator Crabtree if the loose interpretation is something that HagTy could comply with?

c. Senator Crabtree: I think it still does go against our mission. I see that I am outnumbered. I am willing to work with Tyler on making something that is once a semester. I will work to incorporate it.

d. Senator Miller: Point of personal privilege.

e. Vice President Cleary: Duration?

f. Senator Miller: Five minutes.

g. Vice President Cleary: Granted.

h. Senator Ng: Can I hear the point of this again?

ii. Senator Ballard: The point is that it has been an unspecified for years now that a residency senator should go to hall council meetings. By including this in the by-laws is to specify that it is necessary and it is part of their responsibilities.

jj. Senator Montoya: Part of the reason we have these by-laws is because we cannot rely on traditions being passed down year to year. By establishing this in the by-laws than we can ensure this will keep happening.

kk. Senator Enos: So the point of this is to force us to be in contact with our halls. Isn’t that the point of our office hours, which is already in the constitution?

ll. Senator Ballard: You can have office hours, but how many students show up? For hall council you already know that students will be there. A leadership meeting would also have people as well. Office hours are determined by senator. Office hours, while beneficial, are different.

mm. Vice President Cleary: I’m going to do a straw poll. How many people would like to vote on this today as it stands?
nn. Senator Zabinski: I move to approve as submitted (seconded). I think we know how we’re going to vote. I think we have proved that it is a worthy cause to add this to the bylaws. All we’re doing is formalizing a tradition.

i. Against: Senator Crabtree: I think this goes against my hall’s mission. I know it is loosely worded. It is still requiring something that is against our values. I think its unfair responsibility for residence hall senators.

ii. For: Senator Ballard: You can meet with the leadership, you are not destroying the independence. It’s making sure you can bring the needs of your constituents to senate.

iii. Against: Senator Ng: I support this except that it has HagTy in it. It’s so loosely worded that she can meet with whoever she wants. I don’t think that’s the intent of this resolution.

iv. For: Senator Bosomworth: If someone chooses to interpret it like that I would say they are failing their constituency as whole. If there is no need for leadership in HagTy, why would they need RAs? You need some sort of leadership in it, no matter how loosely the community is. There already are these after mass socials and being able to talk with these people fulfills the mission.

v. Against: Senator Crabtree: I think the RA comparison is unfair. RAs are a matter of safety. They make sure people are safe on their rounds. That falls outside the view of a senator. I don’t think that this is fair. As far as being in communication every RA has my phone number, the constituents have my email. I don’t think this needs a formalized process. I ran because I wanted to be involved. This doesn’t need to be formalized.

vi. Passed

New Business (II)

1. Resolution 14-03

a. Senator Rojo: This resolution would add a non-discrimination clause to the constitution. Which is something that should have been done a while ago? The first part would be a non-discrimination statement which would go over ethnicity, heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity and more. The second section is how we as ASUP would respond as a governing body to accusations of discrimination. It would consist of giving a recommendation to ASUP and Office of Student Activities.

b. Senator Delucchi: As chair of ASUP awareness I believe it is a great resolution.

c. Senator Ballard: I really like this resolution. There is just a little thing that needs to be fixed so a friendly amendment. In the sponsors for Senator Laanui is says freshmen instead of freshman. Other than that I really like it.

i. Amended by sponsors

b. Senator Bryan Chipman: I really like this, but there is just something in section two. So allegations would be in front of the entire voting body of the students of university of Portland. I was wondering, what would that look like? Just curious.

c. Senator Rojo: For example, within the ASUP Services, if a worker acted discriminatorily and they reported it we would discuss that in an open meeting. We would hear both sides and get all the information first. Then we would make a recommendation. It would maybe be fire the employee, or impeach them. It would be a way to make sure that we are finding a way to be open and inclusive.

d. Senator Ng: This is within ASUP, correct?

e. Vice President Cleary: This is specific to that.

f. Senator Laanui: I believe we should approve this resolution because when the Diversity Committee was doing research, other schools’ student
associations did acknowledge diversity and non-discrimination in their constitutions. I think this is long overdue. It’s something we all believe in we just don’t explicitly say it. I think it would be great to make sure it’s in our constitution for future generations.

g. Vice President Cleary: Just to clarify, we cannot approve today. This is just the introduction.

h. Senator Apenyo: I think this is great, but Senator Chipman brought up a great point. Would it be better if it was a closed meeting? Bringing the issue up in open forum would possible create problems.

i. Senator Montoya: It’s not just tradition; it’s actually in our constitution. Secondly, I think it would be prudent to address these issues privately. In the past, it has become a forum for public shaming. We want it to be a welcoming environment, but serious as well.

j. Senator Bryan Chipman: It would be better behind closed doors. A lot of times managers are told to criticize in private and compliment in public. I understand it being open, but I don’t want to become a hate-fest. I think if that would be amended, it would be great.

k. Senator Crabtree: I would like to propose a friendly amendment to change the resolution should say that allegations of discriminatory activity will be brought before Senate during a closed meeting.

i. Approved by sponsors

l. Senator Apenyo: What would the closed meeting look like?

m. Vice President Cleary: It would look like the senate petitioner process. We would simply close the doors and it would be unrecorded. Then the senate can discuss and make a recommendation. It would only be voting members; it would not open to public.

n. Senator Enos: So with the recommendation process. What does the process look like? So an issue within the services is brought up to us. And we address this issue and make a recommendation to the administration?

o. Vice President Cleary: We, as an executive board, actually hire and fire the service directors. It would be recommending it to us, to the executive board. It would be taken care of through that.

Open Forum

1. Vice President Cleary: To address the oversight concern from the October 27th meeting. I met with oversight, and we made a ruling based on Robert’s Rules that executive privilege with prior notice does allow for suspension of by-laws. Oversight did recommend that going forward that suspending the by-laws should be done through a 2/3 vote of the senate. That is something I will honor for this semester and next. I want to thank them for their diligent work. Going off this note, in examining our constitution and by-laws, we notice that they need some work. I will be convening a special committee, with members that show interest. I will be choosing times and dates once I know who wants to participate. Just shoot me an email if you’re interested. We will be sitting down and really looking at the constitution and by-laws and really making sure it reflects our mission and practices. As well as the Day of Service which is this Saturday. I am working on finalizing a bus. I will let you know about that in my weekly debrief. We’ll meet at 8:15 and get back around 10:15 1:30. If you cannot make it, email me or Senator Delucchi and we will arrange a make-up time. That’s all I have.

2. Senator Osman: Could you explain Day of service?

3. Vice President Cleary: The Molly Hightower Day of Service came about after a UP Alum, Molly Hightower, was killed in the earthquake in Haiti in 2010. She was working in an orphanage in Haiti. The next year ASUP decided to make a day of Service honoring her memory. And that’s why we go and do this. It has become a tradition and is also mandated by our constitution. So Saturday we will be picking up litter in Northwest Portland.
4. Treasurer Robinson: If any of you have questions or concerns about sweatshirts, come see me.
5. Senator Kevin Truong: I would like to say that I just came back from a leadership conference, and a speaker there said that leadership is attained through service. I believe the Molly Hightower Day of service is a good way to show our leadership. And to all of you senators, best of luck with registration.
6. Senator Nguyen: The Villa Man Auction is on Saturday. And there is a Café Procrastine on Thursday.
7. Senator Rojo: With basketball season upon us I wanted to let you all know to remind your constituents to behave and dress appropriately. We do not want a repeat of Latino Night.
8. Senator Enos: A couple Christie thinks. This Thursday Fr. Pat is sharing some of his shorts stores. Also, Christie Pub is on December 4th. Come by, and say hi. If you know anybody who wants to perform, it’s kind of like open mic night.
9. Secretary Wildgen: Hey guys, please don’t pack up during open forum. There are people still speaking.
10. Director Berger: First of all, my apologies about the movie times. CPB moved the movie time to be good neighbors as the School of Business wanted to do a lecture on the driverless car. Additionally, the designer unfortunately sent the ad through before approval. I was able to catch the mistake but that was not forwarded to the appropriate parties. The updated time was posted on our Facebook page. We also had signs on the door. We were aware of the issues; we tried to remedy the situation. Make sure your constituent know we are sorry about the delay of the movie.

Adjournment
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