Senate Minutes
January 27, 2014

Opening
Call to Order: Vice President Gaona
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Secretary Thomas
Reading and Approval of Minutes: Senator Zabinski (seconded)

Communications:
1. Guest Speaker: Bethany Sills, Assistant Director for Multicultural Programming: I know this is a young group. I was talking with Jeromy and Elvia and you should feel empowered to do good work on campus and Senate. I encourage you to serve more terms. Senate is powerful on campus even if you don’t always feel that way. I ran over here and don’t exercise regularly. I do multicultural programming on campus in Student Activities. Want to talk about what we do, touch on recent serious stories at UP, empower Senate to get involved, and then hear questions from you. Multiple pieces to what we do in multicultural programming. I’ll sum it up: welcoming and mentorship, accommodation for educational and celebratory. How many programs have you seen to? So many you can’t recall? Some big ones are diversity dialogue weeks, Feb 24th-28th. Also co-advised Dio De Los Muertos committee, the day of the dead, every November usually around Thursday. Advising student diversity coordinators, Sam Lee, Yuri Hernandez, Michelle Wilcox. If not, you can always contact me and help you contact them. They are key coordinators and help the clubs with diversity dialogue week. Developing the Ohana program for first year students, and peer mentorship programs. I love it when senators are involved in Ohana. It is a retreat program in August for first-years. We support efforts of multi-cultural clubs. A lot of clubs don’t realize this but they can always come to me and ask about co-sponsoring. If anyone is a part of multi-cultural clubs you can get involved. Thursday, February 6th is the co-sponsored with the English department. People read from their favorite African American poetry or story. Usually bring a featured speaker from the community and are still discovering who that is so stay tuned. Again, diversity dialogue week, and Senate has not been involved in a very key way. We are initially in the planning stages of that. Sam Lee is the head coordinator and Yuri is part of that as well. We empower Senate to get involved in that. Do something to honor diversity during diversity dialogue week. It has never happened before so think about what you can do. You can be the first to start that. I was invited to speak to you last week and on Thursday’s game there was an incident. It raised some questions. I don’t want to debate it but I want to talk about cultural appropriation. The diversity coordinators, they wrote an article about it in October during Halloween. Does anyone know what Cultural appropriation is?
2. President Chadwick: people use very selective pieces of their culture that don’t actually represent their culture.
3. Bethany Sills: the reason I want to bring it up is because, first of all I want to address certain things. I wrote down some questions you can ponder. What makes you want to wear it? What makes it fun? Where did the idea come from? Do you feel it is authentic? Are you thinking that as celebrating your culture or making light of another culture? Would you wear it if you were from a different background? What are the best and worst reactions people will have to what you are doing? Reflecting to what mission this is serving? What is our goal and intention? I did see some faces; I know it is a current
event. I work in multicultural programs I want to empower Senate to think about this. I know this is an issue that will come up and Senate should think about what they want to do when cultural mishap occurs. What will Senate do? How do you think about that? What is your purpose around those issues? You have the ASUP Awareness Committee. Why haven’t I seen your faces? Please come visit me and talk with me more and give you guidance on different avenues. Who’s the chair of the committee? Senator Delucchi. Email me; let’s chat and get ideas. There are two different sub-committees: diversity and service & leadership. Subcommittee on diversity should talk more about specific incident. I can’t speak for those who were there but the timing happens to be that I am guest speaking after that incident. I talk about it to empower you to think about it and what senate wants to do around that issue. What’s your response? You don’t have all the facts right now but once you do, think about how to address it. Alright, I am opening it up to questions.

4. **Senator Kenneally:** Could you talk more about the clothing that was disrespectful? I don’t know what article of clothing. What’s offensive? Slogans?

5. **Bethany Sills:** Cultural appropriation can happen in different forms. We see it at Halloween often. For instance, someone may dress in Native American attire when they aren’t from that culture and seeing it as a costume even when it is someone else’s identity.

6. **Dr. Santana:** You’re asking specifics as to what people were wearing?

7. **Senator Kenneally:** Not just like every day t-shirts, but taking someone’s culture into a costume? Is that right?

8. **Dr. Santana:** Yes. Or were you asking what people were wearing that incident?

9. **Senator Kenneally:** I don’t know what happened there

10. **Bethany Sills:** I can only speak for things I’ve read. I encourage you to do your own research as well. Taking someone’s culture and putting it as your own and saying it is a costume to wear may poke fun at it. Those questions I asked about intent, that could be a form of cultural appropriation.

11. **Yuri Hernandez:** A very specific example, has anyone heard of the TV show Orange is the New Black? Around Halloween, an actress dressed up black. That is a prime example. It wasn’t ill intention, it was coming out of this is cool show and I want to be that character but just be aware.

12. **Bethany Sills:** There is a sense of ignorance. Someone may think they are poking fun and being disrespectful towards a culture.

13. **Senator Cleary:** What’s your opinion of the Villa Maria Drum Squad wearing kilts? Is that along the same lines? Through your eyes what is your opinion of that?

14. **Bethany Sills:** I don’t know, I would have to talk with them about their intent. I can’t share an opinion without a conversation.

15. **Senator Holmes:** so you want to have Senators be more involved. If you could control everything, what would you envision our involvement be?

16. **Bethany Sills:** I have a couple of thoughts. One thing I think that would be cool is if Senate was more involved in diversity dialogues week. I already mentioned that though. Another thing is that you have an international senator. We had a heavy year last year considering diversity conclusion. We have addressed that but given the space and reflecting on the past and moving towards the future, this is speaking from me, a senator on diversity and inclusion. Having a senator that represents the diversity side. You have someone representing the international constituency so perhaps one representing the diverse population. That is something senate has looked at before and something I think Senate can look at again.

17. **Senator Holmes:** so let’s say we wanted to co-sponsor an event. Would we be able to work with you to get it done depending on the context of the event?

18. **Bethany Sills:** Yes, context of event

19. **Dr. Santana:** to answer your question about kilts, it is important to bear in mind context. The question that Bethany was asking about with the intention and what is going on with the wearing of a kilt. In this instance at the basketball game, people were wearing sombreros and had maracas and they had a T-shirt saying “Los Pilots.” All at the same
time uttering profanities and misusing slogans that when you look at the whole picture, you say it is really offensive. It is a gross-over simplification of a group of people. It is not one specific thing but the whole context of where it is and what the backdrop is. Look at it all together. With this incidence, I wasn’t there, but based on those who were there, it seemed like it was a real stereotypical offensive way of representing a culture. You have a broaden the picture away from one specific thing

20. Senator Cleary: I as at the game, and unofficially within the students it was Latin night. The NBA actually incorporates that in basketball, like there will be shirts with Los Lakers and in the NBA it encourages discussion and diversity within basketball. The kids were trying to do something similar and get them pumped up for the student section. Obviously it was offensive and came across wrong, but I don’t think there was any intention to insult anyone. Overall, it is an education opportunity to talk with them and tell them why it would be offensive. In the end it was the end result that the cultural was portrayed in a very stereotypical way. If they wanted to do it again it could go in a different direction.

21. Dr. Santana: Your point is right. This is an opportunity for everyone to grow and learn because there is a lot of confusion about the issue. It is not entirely clear about what is right and wrong. Mistakes are made. This is an opportunity to point it out to Senate so that they know what happened and we can talk and engage in a dialogue. I don’t know how the NBA does it but I think what they do is actually engage and outreach to the community people and bring them in. Which all intentions in mind, all good intentions, the outreach to the Latino people didn’t seem to happen. It was reduced to these kinds of stereotypes, which is not what the NBA does.

22. Senator Cleary: Exactly, it is just where the idea came from. They are teaching outreach to the Latin community but there were missteps along the way with the student body.

23. Dr. Santana: How did these missteps happen? As opposed to why and how we are doing this? Should we engage in dialogue with other people? Engage in that dialogue in the future.

24. Senator Kenneally: is it ever appropriate to have cultural themed nights like Latin night? Or is that something we shouldn’t be doing at all?

25. Bethany Sills: I think that is appropriate with context and intent. For everything you are going to do representing a culture and identity. What is the point of what we are doing? Point to celebrate? Raise awareness? Ask the hard questions. Get ahead of mishaps so you don’t hurt people. Doesn’t need to be black and white way if it is appropriate or not but needs to be conversational. For instance, if I had someone say to me that we are doing a night at a basketball game I would have said okay but need to talk about goals and purpose. All those questions should be in the air before making decisions. Not a yes and no but an and way. We have this issue and want to raise awareness, how will we do that?

26. Dr. Santana: We have Dios De Los Muertos that is cultural with sugar skulls and Mexican food and that is a cultural event done the right way or the best way we can. Be mindful of doing it the right way.

27. Senator Ballard: have you noticed these events being a consistent problem on campus? Are they rare, out of the blew?

28. Bethany Sills: I have had students talk to me about similar incidents. It happens everywhere. I’ve heard stories. It is common that cultural insensitivity happens everywhere. We can’t just zero in at UP and say it only happens here. How do we address it? I can only speak for myself. The best way to address these mishaps is engage in dialogue and address it in a serious way. How can we make sure no one gets hurt again and no one feels their identity was hurt?

29. Yuri Hernandez: I would add, challenge yourself and think, am I creating a safe place for someone to open up to me? Whether it be at UP or down the block, hear their life story and here where they are coming from. I would challenge you to do that and make yourself a safe person and open yourself up to those experiences. They are everywhere, not just as UP and not just one minority.

30. Dr. Santana: Asked if it happens a lot? Based on my experience in those who I’ve talked about, it happens with enough frequency that those in underrepresented groups of color
feel that UP is not a welcoming place for them. I can’t put an actual frequency or quantity, but it happens enough that people aren’t entirely comfortable.

31. Bethany Sills: it happens enough that Senate should warrant it and address it always. I like what Yuri said because inclusion starts with yourself. By inclusion, I mean paying attention and caring about the identity of the other person, it starts with me. Harm to me is harm to someone else. How does Senate want to address it? It is not like, somebody else take care of diversity inclusion. Of course we do, but also as unique groups we need to address it so that every group can be empowered to say when cultural insensitivity happens, we have a plan and thought it through. That’s why I say Senate should participate in more things and empower Senator Delucchi to get the subcommittee involved because it a unique opportunity. Senate has lot to give in own group and student body

32. Senator Holmes: Understanding the significance of the dialogue, is there going to be a way to incorporate that in Diversity Dialogues week?

33. Bethany Sills: I have to talk to the planners. I automatically want to say yes. We will have conversations about it whether or not that is official in diversity dialogues week. Currently we a group of us is talking about that certain incident. If anyone is interested in being a part of it we are starting to meet and I will go ahead and if you want to be involved please write your name on this piece of paper.

34. Director Castro: As Bethany said, this is a great opportunity for you to get involved. You are representing every single person on student. You’re representing those of color and you’re representing me. Personally, I’ve not felt welcome on campus many times. Especially when we do Hawaiian night because I know it doesn’t represent my culture. I don’t have anyone besides me to say that’s not right or cool and that we shouldn’t do that. That’s what you’re here for, to represent your constituencies, and I want to remind you of that.

35. Senator Leuda: As the international Senator and also from the boys from the hall, I was part of that group. I want to apologize to those who were affected and offended. It wasn’t our intent to offend anyone or poke fun at a certain future. We did follow the NBA and their Latin night for most of their times. It wasn’t in our intention, and I know our intentions and context didn’t look like that. On behalf of those in Vila Maria, I apologize. I agree is not because we are mean but a lack of educating people about culturally insensitive things. Personally I didn’t view this as something that would hurt another culture but after hearing what we have, it gives you a new perspective on that. If the guys I was with were here they would agree that some of the things we do could be taken out of context. I look forward to meeting with you and bridging that together as an international student and as a resident of Villa Maria hall

36. Bethany Sills: I just want to say thank you for acknowledging. I’d like to ask, what would you like to do in Villa so maybe something like this doesn’t happen again in this way?

37. President Chadwick: As a resident of that dorm, I think it would be very beneficial for you or someone who did feel degraded and felt like their culture was being mocked to come and talk to us. That is what the residents need. Someone to be honest and straightforward and point out where it happened. We as a dorm need to be educated as a whole. It could be beneficial for all residence halls to have either you or someone who has experience in this come and speak about it and really bring it to light for each of us.

38. Senator Montoya: I would caution against that. Not that it is not a good idea to be educated but I remember last year when we discussed the non-discrimination policy. We asked those who had been discriminated against to share their personal stories and that ended up being somewhat hurtful in Senate. So if there were volunteers who wanted to go to dorms that would be fine. I don’t want someone getting hurt if they aren’t comfortable with that.

39. Senator Dillard: I was unaware this was a problem. I’m never in the loop of these problems. I would love to help but can’t fight something I don’t know about

40. Senator Knepler: Going off of President Chadwick, we can make this a learning experience to make sure something like this doesn’t happen again. In Villa we have hall meetings once a week and we can do something like that to educate people.
41. Senator Garrison: as the Villa Maria hall senator I would like to express my apologizes again and to you or anyone you know who was offended that night. To help in the future perhaps if Villa wants to do something like it to speak to the multicultural department here and come up with a way to do it in a respectful and proper manner would help quite a bit. I’m sorry.

42. Senator Cleary: I used to live in Villa and know when I was part of drum squad we gave honor to Latino sports groups. We are educating students on where that line is and it shows great aspect. Show the love for sport where it doesn’t cross the line with cultural sensitivity. Let them know where the line is. Just wearing sombrero doesn’t show much. Singing a song about supporting your team in Spanish does show off. Draw the line and let them know how they can use cultural things and not bashing our campus. Knowing where the line is and being respectful and getting people involved. Educate about other cultures so we can have a multicultural campus where people aren’t getting offended and we can honor other cultures.

43. President Chadwick: I just want to clarify I didn’t mean having students coming to speak about their personal experiences unless they wanted to do that in a professional way. I was thinking you or Dr. Santana wanted to educate the individuals on that. I want to value the safety and comfortability of the students. The fact is that education needs to happen and no better way to do that than people who are professionally trained and well-aware of the context.

44. Bethany Sills: I think students could be a part of that if they felt comfortable.

45. Dr. Santana: I didn’t introduce myself, I am Alejandro Santana and am a philosophy professor here. I like what the Senator. I would like to follow up and say here is where we need to start reaching out and talk to those in other clubs and reach out to faculty. Say we would like to do something like this and talk for an hour about it to have a discussion so we are building those bridges to have a conversation. It takes professors stepping up and students stepping up and making connections. Call your professor and say hey we want to do this. Call a club, reach out, and build bridges.

46. Senator Ballard: going off of that, an educational talk would be a good idea, however I don’t think you can ever accurately depict a culture that isn’t your own. To keep from being insensitive, you just really should not try to depict a culture that isn’t yours. If we are showing up to a basketball game and we are the Pilots, then we need to be more Piloted up and depict who we are and not try to be someone else.

47. Yuri Hernandez: before the conversation takes a whole turn, I want to bring your attention to the bigger picture of going back to the roots of be an inclusive and welcoming campus. Within this weeks the story comes out to light, instead of wanting to choose sides of who is right and wrong, go beyond that. I was personally affected by it and if you have further questions please contact me. Think of it that it was one incident of many and you should want to continue education to everyone. There were no ill intentions, it is a case of where did it go wrong and how can we fix it? How can we build community? How do we make progress? We hit the highest number of diversity members of all time and what are we doing to support students and make this a welcoming campus? Don’t choose sides, there is no side. We are all students, faculty, UP.,

48. Senator Holmes: all of us have been receptive to this message. It would be helpful if we took a more public stance through the Beacon and have an open dialogue so we can learn. I don’t know if anyone wants to do that, just an idea.

49. Senator Li: can you expand on what diversity dialogues week is?

50. Bethany Sills: started about 5-6 years ago. Basically, the model was started with the intent that different clubs would talk about something diversity related. Then it grew from that, any clubs not just multicultural, departments, faculty, to raise awareness to an issue about diversity. I can give you an example of that. We don’t have the current schedule and people are still signing up but this is last years schedule. Gives you are idea of what we have talked about. Precious Knowledge was a film show, Many shades of black, faith and sexual identity, transgenders, understanding racism workshop, deep conversation on racial micro aggressions. We had some fun stuff like a local hip hop group come. That gives you a general idea, we do different things every year. I do appreciate your
comment, Senator Holmes about you said having ASUP make a statement. It is really thoughtful. Obviously the Beacon is here and present but it is something to consider. Maybe a committee could be formed to address and consider that. 52:00

51. Visitor's Open Forum

52. Open Senate Positions: 1 Non-traditional; 3 Senior; 1 CAS, 1 Junior, 1 Fields, 1 Shipstad

Reports

1. Executive Board: ASUP President Chadwick: Information services will be hosting 3 events in the up coming weeks regarding mobile technology. 2 sessions for mobile app platforms. Sessions will be held on January 30th, and February 5th. Sessions will be at 2:00pm, and 5:00pm in BC 163 both days. Pizza will be included in the evening sessions. These sessions will be used to decide which mobile app platform that the University will be using. February 19th will be Celly Day; sessions on the social networking app will be given throughout the day. Pizza will be provided. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date. A special congratulation to Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C who was named the new President of the University of Portland this past Saturday. Sen. Andrew Bosomworth was nominated by the ASUP Executive Board to be a Student Representative on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Health and Safety. He will be filling the spot left by former Sen. Brenagh Sanford. Thank you to, Sen. Rojo, Sen. Dellucchini, Sen. Miller, Sen. Sutherland, Sen. Montoya, Treasurer Robinson, Vice President Gaona, and Secretary Thomas for joining us in Evening Hospitality at the Downtown Chapel.

2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robinson: 12% of budget has been spent. Reallocation: Robotics Club. Move $50 from LunaBin and $50 from Roofing paper to VEX Robots. More work has to be done by PPlant before they can begin building their facility so they will not be needing these line items this semester.

3. Campus Program Board: Director Castro: This past weekend we had Rush playing at 9:00 in BC Auditorium. On Friday night we had 50 and on Saturday night we had 20, which was expected because of the dance of Friday. On Friday we had two people that came in at 10:00, but everyone else showed up at 9:00. This week we have About Time playing at 9:00 in BC Aud. We’ve heard excitement about the movie so far. At the alcohol education speaker we had 631 students attend, which we were not expecting. We only printed out 500 pamphlets. I’d like to make a shoutout to Joel Lara, CPB’s Assistant Director for Dances for making such a successful event. He also organized Dance of the Decades, where we recording 1069 students in attendance, not including guests. Thank you.

4. Elections: Secretary Thomas: Happy belated birthday to Senator Holmes and Senator Kenneally. For all new Senators, please send me a note with your birthday. Also, the Elections Committee application due date has been changed to February 14th at 5pm. I will attach a copy of the E-Board application to the Minutes later this week. Next Monday is the last day for petitioners so please recruit!

5. Senate Standing Committees:
   a. Infrastructure: Senator Halcomb: On the topic of faculty being able to use the health center: stopped using because of student complaints wanting more availability. They do allow priests to use it and faculty can get flu shots
   b. Community Relations: Senator Montoya: UPNA meeting tonight at 7pm in the Hall of Fame room in Chiles. I will be there.
   c. Club Recognition: Senator van den Berg: nothing new to report
   d. Campus Affairs: Senator Cortez: Taqueria is back this week. It is a rotating station. The prices for the fruit should be the same. Two different sizes, should either be a dollar or fifty cents but he will check in with them. Fresh produce at Macks market- they can try it. They have tried it before and the produce rotted because nobody bought it. A top 5 produce option would be good. The Commons trash won’t be moving at all. The cookie prices went up because they were losing money. They will try to compensate so that if you buy six it will be cheaper or
something. He wanted to address the problem of theft. It is really big. Taking beverages and the grab and go foods. They are starting to track it now and just while we were in there they caught someone and it is getting serious. It is big problem because they are losing money and the prices will go up and may involve PSafe. Chinese New Years so they will have specials in the Commons. Will try to send out a campus survey on hours of operation. So if they want the cove to be a late night place all week and how long the anchor should stay open for and what kinds of food will be offered there.

e. Campus Security and Maintenance: Senator Ballard: Mehling elevators- it is an outside contractors and physical plant can’t do anything but the contractor has been contacted about the complaints. In Franz hall, they will look into putting in a refill station but it would only be on one of the floors. The handicap button at Franz hall wasn’t working last week but should be now

f. ASUP Awareness: Senator Delucchi: Had our meeting and starting to design t-shirts that are more casual to wear to games and raise awareness. Thanks for those to came to the basketball game and helping pass out beanies. Stay tuned for the updates on the day of service. The possibility of doing an ASUP outreach week where we sit at tables and talk to those about problems during dinner. Also don’t forget to grab food and meet in Saint Marys for our senate dinner

6. University Committees
7. Constituency Reports
a. Senator Cleary: Complaints about the Moodle stalking. They don’t like their information such as schedules being on there. They share stories of ex boyfriends where they are literally stalked thanks to the information that the University provides and they don’t feel safe because of the information that is accessible. The second is, the international house not being on campus next year because of Residence Life’s decision. Lets talk about that and figure out how to proceed.

b. Senator Chipman: Shiley door near the Commons is locked during the school hours. The food at the grill is tainted and hasn’t been cleaned and it affects quality. People have allergies

c. Senator Dillard: I got complaints that Taqueria is not as good as it used to be

d. Senator Teramoto: previously stated

e. Senator Knepler: constituents complained that smoking areas aren’t being enforced

f. Senator van den Berg: friend got food posioning an hour after eating the taqueria

 g. Senator Holmes: So I just figured out yesterday that there are a lot of birds outside the library. They are hitting the window. First of all, it is a safety concern. I don’t know how to help the birds from not flying into the window, I’d love to help the birds

h. Senator Bosomworth: In the Cove the cups aren’t being washed properly or there is an issue with the pipes. There is a film in the water and stays around with bubbles. Non-electric cars that park in the one-electric charging parking space.

i. Senator Lemon: To the birds hitting the windows, that can be fixed by having a bird cut out so other birds think it’s a predator

j. Senator Holmes: the water tasted like I was drinking chemicals. It was warm and white.

Old Business

New Business
1. CAS Petitioner: Krizchelle Magtoto: Freshman bio major.
2. Senator Wildgen: you are involved in a lot of clubs. It is great to be involved. How do you plan on balancing everything out to have enough time to meet all your duties?
3. Krizchelle: For most of the clubs I am participating in, they don’t have enough meetings to interfere with me being a Senator. I was more involved last semester in
CPB but workshop prevents me from attending all the meetings. Bio club and pre-med club don’t have enough meetings to affect me being a Senator. So far, Hawaii club will be the most involvement but it will be on Sundays.

4. Senator Li: if you were to be accepted you would be representing the entire CAS, How, as a freshman, will you reach out to upperclassmen?

5. Krizchelle: I have a lot of different upperclassmen in my classes. So I will possibly reach out to them through class time. Also if we have any meetings for bio club or pre-med I can reach out to them through that since a lot of upperclassmen are in them.

6. Senator Holmes: Say you want to increase student awareness of activities? Thoughts of specific ways to do that?

7. Krizchelle: I was thinking about what we were doing far with Facebook and Instagram and in CPB I was there for planning. We have a Tumblr, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Doing more and integrating them with other activities will raise awareness for whole student body.

8. Senator Wildgen: you say you want to build a partnership between the school and community service? What are you thinking of? Service projects?

9. Krizchelle: I was thinking in the lines that this past weekend, helped with tree planting. That was outside that an SJC did. Maybe we can coordinate with them more and get suggestions and share more so that is given out to student body. More than just the Pilots page. I would have done it if I saw it but it was on that single page. Incorporating our use and getting out to student body with more coordination will help reach out to the school.

10. Senator Dillard: What do you feel, is there anything wrong with Senate and how can you improve it? Room for improvement? Criticize us.

11. Krizchelle: I don’t see any. I think it is a good way to go back and forth with a person representing as well as having Senate open up ideas. It is efficient with connecting everyone’s ideas together to help improve student body.

12. Senator Cortez: what leadership experience do you bring?

13. Krizchelle: Lots from high school. I’ve been VP for class and treasurer for student body. Outside club president and a secretary. Diversity in leadership history so I can bring insights from thinking as a secretary as well as a treasurer. I’ve been though a lot of issues and done a lot of projects. I can bring in different ideas I’ve picked up along the way.

14. Senator Ballard: I move to close the meeting

15. Krizchelle Magtoto is approved as the College of Arts and Sciences Senator

Open Forum

VP Gaona: committee chairs meeting tomorrow at 4pm in the ASUP office. Shout out to Senator Rojo. I got an email from the CAS letting me know he was my Senator and there was a little bio about him.

Senator Delucchi: don’t forget to grab dinner and come to St. Marys

Senator Erhart: so along with the idea of having a fresh air college campus about no smoking, please email myself or Senator Ng if you are interested in that. I would like to hear any feedback if you have talked with constituents who are smokers

Director Castro: reminder our CPB meetings are in at 4pm in Shiley 206 on Thursdays

Senator Sutherland: I was asked by Curt Pederson and Michelle Sunderland to see if we can promote the training discussed last week amongst our peers.

President Chadwick: Senator Cleary brought up a great point. Residence Life has moved the International house as well as all themed housing off campus. Open the floor to those who want to discuss that matter. This decision is new to all of us.

VP Gaona: want to let you know that I have forwarded on the constituency reports to the Senators who represent them. They already that that info

Senator Sutherland: heads up, I am the Hag/Ty Senator. Our deadline for returners is the 30th for housing selections and we want to talk about it and get it moving quickly

Senator Kenneally: I don’t know what any of that means as a freshman
President Chadwick: So they have had a variety of themed houses. They had themes such as service and leadership to International. Hag/Ty apartments have a community representing those specific interests. In regards it is a collection of international students who live together. For service and leadership it is those interested in that area. They had an environmental house and variety of other themed houses. UP got rid of them this last semester.

Senator Holmes: personally, I think it is stupid. First we want to incorporate leaders. Then we eliminate themed housing. Then we put them off campus so its hard for them to engage with freshman and sophomores. Why can’t we keep them in Hag/Ty? How is that supposed to happen off campus?

Senator Clearly: Are the moving to a UP owned house off campus? That’s the idea?

VP Gaona: yes

Senator Leduc: as an international student and Senator, I have received a lot of feedback that they want to stay on campus because as international students is more accessible on campus. We don’t have means of transport for cars and having it on campus is a great place for them to chill. It is a home away from home. Off campus makes it more difficult in terms of accessibility.

President Knepler: did Residence Life ever give a reason?

President Chadwick: I’m going to ask for more, but to my understanding is that those houses go unfilled and there is not enough interest within that. They could have students fill the houses entirely

Director Castro: so I met with Chris Huag about moving students out of themed houses and why they are being banned. First, they say they want to keep student leaders on campus. Trying to keep those student leaders in different residence halls instead of bunching them in one unit. Want to keep more upperclassmen in the residence halls for student leadership.

Senator Cleary: as an off campus student, I can see how it would be difficult. It is hard to on campus things with you are off-campus. I spend my time on campus for school and there is that divide. It would hurt the International community. How are they doing at getting students back into the dorms? Most kids can’t wait to get off campus. Are the in touch with reality? The are pushing kids off campus and then say they want leaders on campus and then exclude leaders on campus. I’m not seeing the logic in our system

Senator Dillard: I feel like there is no draw to the dorms once you reach junior or senior year. You are basically ostracized for staying the dorms. It is almost like a move from the natural cycle. I don’t seen any problems in the dorm. The RA’s and struggling seniors and juniors that remain

Senator Zabinski: personally, I live in Christie Hall and our HD has talked about me staying on campus. He is almost begging me to stay on campus and other students as well. They are actively trying to get students to stay on campus.

Senator Holmes: it is my understanding that the capacity will be a lot smaller on campus. The honors house is an option but there are only 6 spots as a result. It is limiting the number of kids welcome. It is a home to them. Limited capacity may be problematic when converting.

Senator Cleary: I’m not saying they are not trying, but look at their success rates. Villa and Christie have high rates, but lets look at their numbers and see the data. Where is their reasoning? The idea is that somehow when people are associated with student affairs they are the bad apples. They say they want everyone on campus and so I think it is interesting they push these leaders off campus. We need to get straightforward answers.

Senator Sutherland: last year I lived in the faith and leadership house. Last year we were at the far end of Tyson and so it was hard to be leaders on campus on the far end. I don’t see how themed housing can improve. We are trying to reach out to other dorms. Moving off campus makes it 10x harder.

Senator Miller: as previously stated, they are trying to incorporating leaderships back into the dorm. Creating a service and leadership position in the dorm and environmental coordinator. They are trying to move it back into the dorm so all students can access them

Director Castro: reiterate they are getting rid of all themed housing. There won’t be that leadership role in any house in Hag/Ty unless you do something about it

Senator Sutherland: being in a leadership role is hard to do by yourself. Being in a community makes it a little easier to reach our.

Senator Dillard: what do we want to do about this as a Senate? We have an opinion, what will we do?
Senator Cleary: They will bring it to each dorm. There will be a faith coordinator, etc. One thing I read from the international house was that is the only place on campus she didn’t feel like she had to be an ambassador for her culture. Being the only one in the dorm as an international coordinator, that is just one culture represented. That is the mantle of diversity on their shoulders. That is a little ridiculous for one person to be the diversity person. We need a multicultural campus led by a multicultural team.

VP Gaona: I have passed on the constituency report with an email from students who lived in the international house with 5 pages of student testimonials. Sent to Senator Cleary, Senator Hogan and Senator Sutherland because those who reported to me, they will be addressing that concern. If you want to get involved contact those Senators

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