Joe Spaulding - Paw's Pantry

Opened because of the statistics in the city showed that there are many who don’t know where their next meal is coming from.

There has been more use this year than we had last year. However, we are running low on some food, specifically boxed goods. We have a wishlist online on our website.

The more we spread the word about Paw’s Pantry the more food we need. So the more people that know of our service the more donations we require.

We need you, USG, to help donate and get donations from others as well as spread the word through social media, classes, list-servs, talk to professors about it.

Consider holding a food drive, bring donations to meetings, encourage contacts to donate at crates around campus.

(get the picture of where crates are for Your Voice)

Educational workshops on cooking, growing own food, and hopefully establish a rooftop Garden.

Paw’s Garden - supplement Paw’s Pantry with fresh produce, nutrition education, gardening workshops, service-learning opportunities, and event space

Why the rooftop? Land is expensive, utilize unused space, many universities have them already, unsafe to plant food in the ground.

DIGS has gardens on campus already, but we want to be a part of that and establish a relationship with them.

The space on the third floor rooftop of the campus center. There are lots of issues standing in the way of this initiative.

There is a lot of interested on campus for this though.

(Get list of departments and organizations)

Tyler White

Stipends have all been sent out except for the Elections Chair. Homecoming funds have also been sent out. These have been reported in the January Statement. Every dollar has been accounted for except for the slush fund, however there is some flexibility to the the budget. It can be moved around.

Kaleb Lantrip - I was looking at the office furniture and it has not been spent. It is remaining.

Tyler - It hasn’t been spent, per say, but it is pledged to the furniture which should be showing up soon. It will be accounted for before the end of the year, hopefully very soon.

Danielle - Everyone in favor of the budget update, please raise your ballot.

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Tyler - It will be up on the website later today.

Danielle - Marketing Update

We hit the next tier for our marketing plan. We will have cake and ice cream at the 2 hour meeting next week as well as a song from the executives. Seeing as we passed this the first meeting, it took action in February. Every committee must have one piece of legislation per month.
Elliot Boyle - From the “supercommittee” would that mean 3 pieces of legislation?
Danielle - Yes. You are still three separate committees, just under one title.

David Paul - Elections and Succession
We mandate a transition document that details a calendar of tentative events, contacts, emails, tasks, goals, and projects that were started. This legislation makes it so that any current position establishes the need for a transition document.

Jaron - Can we get a copy of the legislation?
Danielle - It will be sent out in Your Voice next week.

Christian Hess - President Pro Tempore
Amendment to how the PPT is elected. We had some problems with PPT position during the start of the year until we got Danielle. The Vice President was running the first meeting and early meetings. So there was an issue with PPT being elected and having to learn the position and ParliPro quickly. This legislation makes it so that the PPT is elected during the last meeting of the year so that the PPT can learn ParliPro over the summer and when Senate resumes, we have a PPT that knows what they are doing.

Format of legislation, we use this at the State level. We strikethrough old language and new language is bold.

John Flowers - In essence you are just making the language clearer?
Christian - And changing it. The way it is now the PPT isn’t elected until the start of Senate. This makes it so that there is a full executive team coming into the Fall Semester.

Kaleb - POI - Does that mean Danielle would be PPT in the fall?
Christian - No, she will be PPT until May 14. That is the date that the new executives take over. At that point the other PPT candidates will run with everyone else.

Christian - Vice President Duties
This a change to some of my constitutional duties. The first thing that changed, that I added because of the other amendment, is that the Vice President would preside over the first meeting if no PPT is elected or present. I struck language about increasing Staff Council and similar redudancies. I added an Article 8 and Article 9, that state once per semester the VP and PPT would give a presentation regarding ParliPro and legislation. That allows each leadership of Senate to get a feel for the Senate and to come into it together. Article 9 says that the VP shall regularly meet with the PPT so that there is consistency within the Senate leaders and so that Senate can become a strong organization through solid leadership. I think this will help us act as more of a unit.

Samantha Timmerman - I move to open discussion line 6 regarding appointment of a representative to SAPB.
Dani Woolsey - Regarding line 6, I think it would be better to not strike line 6 because SAPB has
been a part of USG and I think that the relationship could be a valuable thing. I would say that part
should not be stricken from VP responsibilities because of the relationship with that organization.
Christian - It was deemed unnecessary because of the way the relationship was going. Part of
striking line 6 was because I talked to the president of SAPB. We are thinking that we are going
to be less involved with SAPB, not in regards to co-sponsoring, but physically attending. I think
leaving it stricken
Evan Knight - Instead of striking it, we could say “shall preferably” be a part of SAPB.
Samantha - I suggest changing the language from appoint to nominate and add a aspect of
approval by Senate.
Dani Woolsey - Would you change “preferably” as well?
Christian - I will change that and add an openness that allows nomination
Nick Raelander - Why is line 9 struck?
Christian - I am listed as an executive member already so it is just redundant.
David Paul - If the PPT we elect drops out or transfers, does it spell out when the election
happens, like during the first meeting?
Christian - That is already in the elections code.
David - Would it be changed to be different from May 14?
Christian - No, I took that directly from elections code.

**Christian - At Large Members**

This is something our executive cabinet. This makes it so that students don't have to be
part of the organization but can have a vote in Senate. In order to be at large, we demand that
they attend 3 consecutive meetings. However, the number of At-Large-Members cannot exceed
half of the representative members. That would be evaluated each month.
Nick - You said, “cannot number more than half of Senate” does that mean at the meeting or
total senators?
Christian - That would be the total number of Senators registered, not simply present at the
meeting.
Samantha - Does the language include stipulation for how members would be removed if the
amount of total Senators were to decrease.
Christian - Yes. If it were to go down, the total number cannot be reduced. If you are established
as an at-large-member, you do not get your seat and vote taken away, but more
at-large-senators cannot be added until more representative senators are registered. I don’t see
that being an issue where at-large-members are dominating senate.
Jaron - So how would we choose these at-large-members?
Christian - You would not choose.
Jaron - How would they be chosen?
Christian - First come, first serve. How many Senators do we have currently?
Charlie - 40.
Elliot Boyle - In extreme circumstance, if 25 were to show up, how would that be dealt with?
Christian - Well, they would have to be eligible
Kaleb - If an at-large wants to attend can he push for more senators to attend?
Christian - No, because attendance doesn’t determine whether he can
Dani - Why would this legislation be necessary. Technically all of us represent more than 1 student based on how big our organizations are. If you give the opportunity to come in and vote they could vote in their favor rather than in favor of a population. I don’t see how this solves an issue of number of Senators.

Christian - It isn’t to fix the number of Senators. It is to give a voice to non-traditional students. As far as voting power, organizational Senators will always have more power because you have twice the number of votes. There is a large portion of non-traditional students and I don’t want their voices to be lost.

Niki - How are you going to make sure that we get a diverse sample of students instead of similar background, grade level, and values?

Jaron - I think its a good idea, but I don’t think they should have a vote. Only Senators should get a vote because they are the ones putting in the time and effort. How can we regulate the type of student coming into Senate and getting a biased vote. How can we stop the students that have agenda for themselves.

Christian - I do not think we will just get random people through the door. We are a pretty homogenous group. I think the diversity argument doesn’t hold water.

Elliot - So, these are supposed to be debated next week and table it until next week. I move to table this debate until next week when we are supposed to discuss this.

Ryan Comer - Second.

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Christian - Correction to Elections Code

If you make an error during elections, you get a sanction point. The way it is outlined in the Constitution is wrong. This clarifies that. It makes it so that if you give a donation it must be given to your school of choice and bring in a receipt and that will clear you of your sanction point. Volunteer work still stands as a valid way of getting clearance.

Dani - I thought you were supposed to give it to the Scholarship office?

Christian - They cannot receive donations unless it is cash. The process is just made easier through this bill.

Dani - Would you be willing to denote that it can be done digitally?

Christian - If you detail that, then you must add language to set apart cash donations as well. It would just be unnecessary.

Evan - That will be clarified at the All-Candidate Meeting.

Danielle - When will that be?

Evan - Probably next Wednesday.

Open Forum-

Cassie - Sigma Kappa, if you know anyone who is looking to get involved with an organization on campus, my sorority is holding event night. You can contact me if you are interested.

Christian - HJR3 was up for second reading yesterday. It passed without any amendments, the second line was not re-added. It is up for third reading on Monday at 1:30. It must pass the next legislature as well.

Samantha - Committee update: The Honors Program Initiative - I will be meeting with the
associate dean of other schools about having an honors program in each school.
Evan Knight - Elections committee meet in the hallway right after.
Dani Woolsey - Homecoming, we are painting a window in the Campus Center. The window design is awesome. If you want to help with the painting, it will be Friday before Senate. Let me know after Senate.
Danielle - Timmy is having an event in the Ballroom at 6 pm. Polar Plunge is coming up. Sign up for the team.
Jaron - Samstrong Dance tomorrow.
Adjourn - unanimous