

November 8, 2023

**I. Preliminaries**

A. Call to Order- **4:32 p.m.**

B. Prayer- **Senator Garibaldi**

C. Opening Remarks- **President Compaan**

1. Four important announcements were sent out through email. To reiterate, Dr. Henck's presentation is confidential, please do not take any photos, or share any information she shares unless otherwise stated. This confidentiality is due to the current progress of the project.

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**III. Title V Hispanic Serving Institution Grant Presentation led by Dr. Martinez**

A. Dr. Martinez is the Grant coordinator at APU ([rsmartinez@apu.edu](mailto:rsmartinez@apu.edu)).

B. This program awarded our school with 2.7 million dollars from Washington DC's academic fund. We were designated an HSI in 2017 which means over 25% of our students were Hispanic or Latinx. The designation opens the door for funding but does not guarantee it. We have just completed the 1st of a 5-year grant. This grant will benefit all students. Gina Garcia is a premiere HSI researcher. Our grant proposal was written based on her research. We should be about "servingness," how we service the students. In Fall 2021, APU's enrollment was 37% Hispanic,

over 30% White, and 32%

represented race/ethnicity. This grant has allowed for learning assistants, the summer bridge program, and Stellic.

- C. There is work surrounding student success networks that still needs to be done. Dr. Martinez would like SGA's help, ideas, and support for on-campus student resources. One potential option would be to have Kiosks around the university that would give students more information about programs on campus. A potential drawback is stand-alone kiosks may be seen as archaic. It may be better to create an app or partner with APU Now for these resources.

#### **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes led by DIA Buck**

1. Motion to Approve Minutes from the Business Meeting held on 11/1/23.
  - a) Motion- **Senator Airth**
  - b) Second- **Strategist Lang**
    - (1) Aye- 9
    - (2) Nay- 0
    - (3) Abstained- 0

#### **V. Committee Updates**

##### **A. Experience Committee led by Senator Garibaldi**

1. The transition from DoE Vannatta as head of the Experience Committee to Vice President McIntyre has been one of the main areas of focus for the committee. Another focus had been the dining experience. The table will be hosted outside, there will be tents to accommodate for any potential

rainfall, and Pinterest

boards are being made for decor and theme ideas. Shalom has received the first wave of personal care ideas.

**B. PR Committee led by Strategist Lang**

1. The November newsletter was sent out today. Student engagement with the Meet the Team on Instagram has been high. PR is continuing to post student events on campus.

**C. Wellness Committee led by Representative Offhaus**

1. The current focus for the committee is a potential event with the campus pastors for students to ask questions about religion and religious experience on campus. The committee met with Pastor Ta'Tyana and Dalia to talk about how we can support the office regarding chapel. One main area is the disengagement shown by students in chapel and the pastoral staff would like our help with this issue. Senator Garibaldi will be partnering with the committee to work on making RAD (offered through campus safety) more accessible to students.

**D. Belonging Committee led by Senator Airth**

1. The ethnic club fair is taking place on Friday after chapel. They are collecting information on commuter interest in a student sleep space. Parking is being addressed by Representative Rockney and filtering through student responses to move toward action.

**VI. Closing**

**A. Closing Prayer- Representative Rockney**

B. Meeting Adjournment- **5:26 p.m.**