



Meeting called by:	Mark Cannon	Type of meeting:	General Meeting
Secretary:	Vicki Marone		
Attendees:	Andrew Karasik		

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenter	Time (min.)
<p>1. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call Meeting called to order at 8:06. Moment of Silence for Jon Quigley</p>		
<p>2. Swearing in of Hillary Gupta Gavin: Recites the swearing in statement. Gupta: Also recites swearing in statement.</p>		
<p>3. Adoption of the Agenda Gupta: Any objection to adoption of the agenda? None. Adopted.</p>		
<p>4. Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes (5-1-09) Objections to adoption of past general meeting minutes? None. Adopted.</p>		
<p>5. Open Student Forum Daniel Lersch: Hey I'm sure many of you wondering why I'm not sitting with you tonight. I'm not wearing the right clothes because I left them in Altoona, answer to why I'm not sitting with you is that yesterday I resigned from UPUA, I had several opportunities presented to me over the summer allowing me to grow not only as a student but as a leader. Unfortunately they take a lot of time and commitment, so what was best for me and my future, so I just wanted to say that I thank everybody here especially people I worked with on last assembly for the experiences here and I also like to say that this decision, that it will benefit not only me but also the assembly because someone else can take this position and represent the students that I previously represented. I'd like to thank all of you and let you know that if exec board or assembly need any help with activities or events that you can always feel free to call or e-mail me and I'll be available to help out, unfortunate I just can't help as an official rep for assembly. Questions? Gavin: I'd like to thank you for the year you spent here, we all appreciate the contribution that you made, we understand that you have other commitments, it's important that you'll still look for ways to help out. I think you made a mature decision and I'd like to thank you for time spent here. Thank you Daniel. Gupta: other students? Dan Levy: (ATLAS): my names Dan Levy I'm president of atlas thon, this is Slater and Jamie, we'd like to propose and idea for a fundraiser. We don't have dates and times figured out but we did that on purpose so that our organization could figure it out together. Our idea is to have a benefit concert for THON. We know you had Asher Roth concert last year and we're trying to do a large sale fundraiser that will bring student body together, so we thought it'd be good to propose it you guys. Slater: Your concert was successful last year, and people got excited last year, we think expanding off that if we bring in our organization we can increase the scope of this event. Jamie: as far of logistics we haven't t set a date or artist because we want to leave it as open as possible, we feel that with your resources and our man power we'd be able to promote this and bring community together Dan: we think it'd be a good meshing of our organizations. We really want to have a concert and you do too. We have a lot of manpower and we both have a lot of enthusiasm, so I think it'd be a good meshing of our organizations. Questions? Gavin: Thanks Dan we got your e-mail over the summer we think your being really proactive. We have discussed that idea and we're tossing that around. Mike's programming committee has been talking about this. We think we'll be in contact in the near future and we're definitely receptive to the idea. Mike: basically because we the programming committee we actually just spoke about this and actually during steering committee we thought about having it in Jon's memory. We want to get moving with it I don't know if you'd be willing to sit down with UPAC. We want to get the ball rolling I don't know what you were thinking about middle of November. We have to get cracking and find out from UPAC how we can go about getting fundraising. Dan: yeah exactly. That sounds good we are not sure how to do this so that sounds good. I think it has potential. Cannon: about how many people does atlas thon have to help out Dan: last year we had about 350 members we just got done the involvement fair and we have 611 new recruits, we have out first meeting Monday so we'll see how many people actually come, but that's almost 1000 so we have a lot of people.</p>		

Gupta: thanks guys

6. **Report by the President**

Gavin: I want to talk about something I just came from. It was a great opportunity to work with some borough officials. That the line walk. This year I got to go to 25 houses, it was exciting. It was interesting to get to talk to a lot of different people in community. I want to talk about some of main initiative we're focusing on this year, last year we started legal service. We have the funding that is accumulating the next step is that we'll convene a search committee chaired by myself and we'll also fill it out with members of upua and other student affairs folk to get that moving along. We're also looking to appoint a director, which Matt will talk about alter in his report. We'll make sure we have externship credit to make it a running program this year. I'm pleased to establish that but to go to 0 last august to where we are today may not be as rapid as we wanted but it's a big victory for upua. The medical amnesty policy I started working on last year. Chris smith is vp for ifc standards. We're trying to make this a reality thru meeting with police university health services. We're in a place where I think we can do this by the end of this year. Next thing is want to move into the highlands loop last spring we all had the pleaser of listening to Andrew, it has not moved as fast was we might have wanted but I've had some meetings with people and learned a lot about concerns that they had so I think we're in a position to open the lines of communication with them. We didn't do as much outreach as necessary last year as important as borough is so we've realized to rectify that so we're going to see that thru. Another this is facilities fee, last year it was 50 a semester we accumulated 4 million dollars and this year its 100 a semester and that will continue to be duplicated each semester so in the near future of upua we have major opportunity to have large amounts of money and this could effect students in a positive way we've heard many proposals and in near future we'll be able to share those with you and open lines of communication on how to spend those funds. Last year we started students having a great say in how that money is spent. That exciting about us getting our hands on that and using it in the correct fashion. The student activity fee board has Justin and I sitting it. The exec board is coming together. I'm pleased with some of the people we've assemble I don't think it's possible that I could have gotten the same people last year we have new faces that will enhance upua overall. Questions?

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Nock: you briefly touched upon concern borough had about highlands loop, could you expand on that?

Gavin: well, Liz G will put us in contact with highlands civic group. To be in discussions with them, the office of student affairs hopefully will be able to facilitate some of these meetings. From Teresa L's standpoint she has a no vote for sure, but others are more open to the idea. We know that there will be people like Teresa L. our there and a lot of people within the borough will see this as a major improve as far as safety and transportation. I talked to Liz today. We were in the in the same group in the line walk. But last time we talked was the end of July and that's definitely something we want to focus on.

Gupta: other questions? None

7. **Special Presentations (none)**

o **ATBS – Summary and Report**

Karasik: Nick and I had wonderful fortune. First off hello everyone I'm Andrew Karasik a former assembly member. I was invited by president Gavin to make a return trip to association of big 10-school conference. It seemed a good idea to take someone who hadn't been there before. I was last winter in Illinois. So Mr. Mance and I went and compiled a presentation done on our plane ride home about what happened there and our different thoughts about that. The back ground is this is a council in organization of big 10 student gov'ts. It rotates leadership annually there's always a discussion. It provides legitimacy to organization to have all 11 schools gov't invited and to have the amount that show up show up. It provided a good opportunity from collaboration. The attendees at this conference. We only had 6-school show up. What did we tell them, we talked about tenant landlord mediation center, our new budget, student organization conduct committee merger, online book exchange, highlands loop, PA tuition coalition, state wide public university consortium, and the streamlining of elections, and increasing student input into university processes.

Mance: among that list that was most impressive, was the online book exchange in many of my discussions with them.

Karasik: I sat in on budgets, and we discussed different budget from different schools, they ranged in budget across big 10. Ohio state gets 200K and they are not a programming organization. Illinois is around 40K, Iowa is 100K, we fall now since we got to 140K on the higher end of spectrum . Mich state has 1.3Million but they also take form of upac as well so it's actually not so much. Purdue is the least amount. Student activity fees are significantly lower at other big 10 institutions. There's no other big 10 school more than 40 per semester. Those lower funds are for school wide programming. They were amazing we had all this money from student activity fees, but at the same time they felt that the fee was on the pricy side. They also have facility fees but do not have advances facility fee. Ohio state about to open new union, as soon as it opens, students who use that union will have fee charged to them for that service. They only pay it if they use the service. They pay it for 15 years, but then it will stop. And then Ohio state was surprised that our fee goes to debt service because they told us that only student activity could be funded at their schools. Also, there's no student activity fee board at other places. Governance of their fees is a lot less bureaucratic; they're a lot less strict. Student life: we talked about police presence on campus, they actually purchased a police car with their budget, an Ohio state university police officer and a city of Columbus police officer riding around every weekend serving as a liaison between students and police force. Iowa university police recently got guns. Illinois has multiple municipalities from tow cities, first year student at all universities live on campus. Schools have lessened their welcome weeks and I found that amazing but a lot of school are going away from that. And all schools are in the same condition with the swine flu

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Andrew Karasik

Gov't affairs: kind of like what we want to do Mich state is doing with. Illinois various campuses do not work together even though they're one system, they see themselves as different campuses. OSU has extremely densely populated campus, they have a 9 dollar fee to allow them to ride on Columbus bus system for free. We've looked into that with cata but cata is already at capacity so that would not really work here.

Mance: Sally Mason university of Iowa president, she said student gov't have positive relations with administrators. I thought Penn state lagged behind in that department, I think we've improved greatly

in that department so that now we're in the middle.

Karasik: that's an improvement we've seen against other schools over time because our relationship with administrators has improved greatly.

Communication: newspaper readership program, Penn state was the first program, but other schools are taking that up. The Collegian might not be the best way to get info out, but it's important to use a variety of mediums and you have to know your medium's audience if you wasn't to talk to a service group, you might want to choose a specific medium. Something I found interesting was when talking about figures when something is going to cost, don't phrase it in terms of the total amount, and just say the cost in terms of student numbers, not total cost. University budget: we're all feeling budget crunching, we're not the only state with the problems we have with fees. Elections: campaign caps, on all other campuses, they run campaigns extremely differently at other schools. Illinois runs internal elections not voted on by students so they have chairmen of each of their assemblies. They campaign with parties and slates kind of like we do putting candidates together running. Their caps though, they can pool them together and have a bunch of money to use with campaigning. Otherwise it comes from each of our respective caps. Iowa issues a 100 bond per candidate meaning each student pays up front 100 to run in election and that's where they pull money out of if they break elections code. University of Iowa campus, we always like to report on campus that we visit, one of things that make ATBS worth going to, it's very spread out, a lot different than our campus, separated by a river, their union has a hotel in it, it's a decentralized union, I personally to have limited functionality it doesn't see the amount of usage that our union sees, the entire campus had huge flood in 2008 that took out the basement of their union and their performing arts center, so they're rebuilding those things. Iowa city is a lot larger than state college their downtown district borders campus like ours. UISG offices the student government, has electron access into office, they have little scanner things, they have a window front opening into public areas, only student organizations don't have offices like they do. We should feel fortunate here because we have two floors for student offices. We have much more space for our student organization than other universities have. They have a conference room, etc, they have a student secretary, the president has unlimited access to student wide listserv, it's a welcoming reception, with a Wii.

Mance: picture like a slight nicer version of an office downstairs.

Karasik: new abts leadership. Jamie S. is the new exec director, from Purdue. Ashley is from Ohio state, the new VP direction. Tentative conference locations are Mich state this winter and we'll host it again two summers from now. Final thoughts: it's beneficial to send at least one new student to the conferences so that they can get a feel for abts, I think you should always send one person so we can communicate with other universities. We don't really need an entire delegation because it's a good way to keep ideas coming back. I'll show some pictures from Iowa's campus: Assembly workstation. Exec board workstation. Conference room. It opens out into the beautiful union. The secretary's desk. Private office for the president and VP. Questions?

Ragland: I was wondering if this summer as assistant VP invited us to big 10 sportsmanship conference, did they talk anything about that there

Karasik: Nope. Not a thing. Valerie Russell had been very involved with that. The one issue with abts is kind of that it's its own little entity it doesn't really connect with other organizations that meet. Abts is separate from other things, which is something we should try to do in the future

Mance: they briefly mentioned that it's a very expansive program and I think they said 60 or 70 ambassadors that go throughout the stadium or tailgate areas and check to make sure everyone's getting along.

Gupta: any more questions? None.

8. **Old Business (none)**

9. **New Business (none)**

Gupta: we'd like to confirm our new web master, Mike Walsh.

Walsh: Hi everyone I'm the new webmaster up for confirmation. Briefly I'm a junior double majoring in math and physics, from Bethel Park PA I've taken a look at your website, I was approached by Mark Cannon, and after reviewing your site I decided to put my name in and try to help you guys out. My plans going forward are two fold. Number one is to make it more accessible to student body, making it easier for committees and other officers to get their information out on the site. Hopefully each committee could have their own area of the website where they could have their own page where they could report on what they're working on. The idea goal would be that each committee chairs could take that on along with their committee and my job would be to make sure everything would run smoothly and train new people. The other issue is that the site is very slow right now.

People get aggravated when they have to stare at a plank screen for a while. I met with Tom Shakely who designed the site and I've looked into different ways to speed that up. It's partly due to Penn state servers, but I'm looking in to ways to make it easier for people to find what they need. Any questions?

Gavin: I just wanted to say that he came highly recommended by Mark Cannon and has a strong background and seems up to the challenge for moving our web presence into the next step

Loewner: What's your timeline, saying you got approved; do you have a time frame?

Walsh: the speed issue is partially constrained by Penn state, there are rumors that they are upgrading the web space, but as far as the other stuff I'd hope to get that done with in the next month

Nock: how many hours a week do you think you can provide to upua

Walsh: right now the only major time commitment I have is Penn state mock trial so that just 6-8 hours, so I have a great deal of time to put in whatever's necessary to get this off the ground, once it's off the ground, my role will be greatly reduced to maybe a couple hours a week for maintenance and making sure everything runs smoothly.

Bello: are there any website that you've created recently that we can take a look at

Walsh: we'll I've never actually designed a website myself, I've inherited a website before and simply maintained it.

The last one was two years ago with nation honors society but that's no longer on the net.

Gupta: NO more questions. Mr. Walsh could you please leave for a few minutes.

Now we're in discussion.

Dove: he passed through my committee last night and he passed 4.0 thru our committee we were very impressed. He also said cu he's a junior right now he'd be interested in doing this also next year. So that's a big deal, so I highly recommend that we confirm him

Loewner: I'll start by saying that the website was update pretty significantly over the summer, but I was really upset with how the website looks now, I don't think its anywhere near how it should be. I complained about it pretty heartily. I met Mark Walsh briefly the other day and I was impressed by his composure and I think his answer s to my question about timeline satisfied me because I think the sooner the better with this.

Bello: am I allowed to ask Mark a questions? Mark, we are really excited that you're trying hard to help us with this website, what were your criteria with this.

Mark: I've known Mark for a while, he's a smart kid and really, really good with computers. He more the excelled in it. t. I know he can program at a number of things. I worked on possibilities for websites with him before, but I've seen what he can do with computers before so that's why I recommended him.

Lombard: motion to end debate.

Gupta: objections? None.

Passes 34-0-0. Congratulations Mark.

Is there any other new business? None.

10. Liaison Reports

o **GSA –**

Olsen: On behalf of Ta's and RA's we'd like to extend opportunity to continue working together. Gas met for first meeting 2 hours ago. One of our big goals this year is to make grad student get to know what we're doing.

Gupta: any questions? None.

o **ARHS –**

Goldsmith: HI everyone. I hope everyone's having a good start to new year. We had first meeting this money. It was successful there's wasn't really much discussed hopefully ext week I'll have something more to report.

Gupta: questions? None.

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11. Report by the Association Directors and Staff

10 total

o **Chief of Staff**

Smith: Sorry I don't have an exec report in front of you, unfortunately while its not a valid excuse, I have a class right before upua this semester. Starting off, I'll read off how I have it set up from last year. You all know what going on from our side, the exec board we met Tuesday, it was very productive. It was just Hilary, Gavin and treasurer. We've since tried to bring on as many people as possible. This year we're trying to make sure that here's a high quality restructuring of board of directors. To improve that we'll do some consolidation and reframing of the board as the catalyst for what you're trying to do in the administration. After pullouts of some people, we still have one seat not filled, but for those of you who haven't heard, University service's Chris Smith from ifc will become involved working on medical amnesty. Internal affairs, you guys have heard of auditor general, that's what the position would be. I'm firmly committed to having a firm watchdog on our own behaviors. We've asked matt s. and invited him to speak in form of you. For external affairs, we're having Deadra B. I'm excited to get to work with her. She'll be focused on building connections with the borough. Encampment, Greg Tomin, a great presence around campus, he will comes on for that. Finally, for assembly services, which is means of bring to fruition programs that you've developed not necessarily from university side but your means for improving things Samantha Miller agreed to come back and I'm excited to have her on board. She's a fighter and hopefully I can look forward to your approval. Opportunities, the ascc. we're working on to relive the external friction there and move beyond any problem with the ascc. I'm creating a program to orient all officers to the assembly. I believe strongly that history is a big part of being successful. I plan to have internship program this semester Today after receiving Penn state marketing approached us and we're considering using their service and I think they can help up overcome some image problems we've had in the past. If you have any questions I can take them.

Gupta: Questions?

Dove: I was wondering when are you and the exec planning to submit official list of all exec to ID

Matt: plan was to do that tonight after the meeting.

Gupta: other questions?

Dove: you said you talked to marketing ascc. Anything specific that we'd use them for?

Matt: they talked to us in order to do an audit of our presence on campus, the suggestions she brought to me were about website, and I was really impressed by that. They haven't given a formal proposal for fee they might ask for their services but I walked them thru our organization and I think she has a lot of solutions that were very original.

Colleen: would having g the marketing asc involved with upua, would that take the place of a pr director? Or would we have both?

Matt: We haven't actually committed anything to them; they just gave a presentation. I just wanted to let you guys know we were considering it.

Gupta: other questions? None.

o **Treasurer**

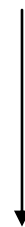
Weiner: Welcome back guys, sorry I don't have formal report in front of you. We did receive the 140K into our asa account. We don't have a formal budget, dispersal of those funds within upua. I understand the individual committee chairs are working on that, and once I get that I will work on creating a concrete document showing a breakdown of the funds.

Gupta: questions? None.

o **Media**

o **Women's Affairs**

Matt Smith
Justin Weiner
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- **Multicultural Affairs**
- **Legislative Affairs**
- **UPUA Legal Affairs**
- **Off Campus Student Affairs**
- **Community Service**
- **Religious Affairs**
- **Directors Greek Life**

12. Committee Reports

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- **Steering**

Cannon: my report is in front of you. Does anyone have any questions about it?
 Boyer: what sort of expenses were those?
 Cannon: a lot were late things that came into Mary's office. She was just telling me them as coming thru.

- **Internal Development**

Dove: y report is in front of you also, I have a piece of legislation up for you guys in the next couple weeks involving attendance policies, we haven't nailed down a time to meet. That's it.
 Gupta: questions? None.

- **Programming**

Mike: Sorry I don't have a report in front of you, I'll e-mail it to you, but programming met earlier today, we're talking in getting the ball rolling of fall festival we want to team up with atlas and possibly the lion, do a THON benefit concert and also memorialize Jon Quigley, my hope is in the next couple of days to sit down with atlas, Mary, UPAC and find out how we can go about collecting donations, because upac is pretty strict about that, so we'll have to find ways to do that. We have some other great ideas for other events throughout the year. You'll be hearing about them in the near future. Questions? None.

- **Facilities**

Mance: You guys have my reports in front of you. Something I worked on over the summer is trying to get legal affairs their own office outside of our office. I've talked to some people from housing to meet about this issue, most likely Mark Cannon will be attending that meeting. There's an article in collegian yesterday about glad bottles being prohibited now at tailgating. I've been keeping my eye on that to see if we can do something about that. Questions? None.

- **Academic Affairs**

Loewner: You have my report in front of you. I want to add that I've been working off and on with office of student aid, about money in the future for student grants. I'll keep you updated. Other that that it's all on there. Questions? None.

- **Governmental Affairs**

Smith: Hi everyone. Out report is in front of you. I want to touch on that I heard from CDT and Collegian about letter to editor my committee wrote regarding budget impasse PA is facing that these letters will be published within the next week. And also we're hoping to put together a piece of legislation this Friday regarding the off campus student center and it's uses having a set of guideline so tit adds legitimacy to the center. If everything goes well, we'll have a piece f legislation regarding that next wed.

- **Diversity Campus Life**

Ragland: Everything is all there. We're having our third diversity round table. Damon Sims will be there. Also, the university ID theft protection services presentation is done. Josh approached me today and I met him, he is student affair for CCSG, they are diversity chairs and we'll team up this year and that's be great. Questions? None.

Mark Cannon
 Dustin Dove
 Michael Wallace
 Nick Mance
 Sam Loewner
 Colleen Smith
 Christian Ragland

13. Comments for the Good of the Order

Caswell: I have a little report; I'm looking forward to an exciting year. I'm director of Greek life; formal recruitment will soon begin for our council. We're looking for motivated students. Encourage other student you know to explore opportunities in Greek life. There are opportunities for everyone. This is important for our school. We also have a tremendous network of alumni in the US. IF you have any questions about Greek life, terminology, processes, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to serving this organization and cultivating a culture of leadership on campus this year. Questions? None.

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Cannon: I have three sheets up here so starting Monday everyone has to do office hours. These sign up sheets you need to sign up tonight for when you want to do it. It counts as a half absence every time you don't make an office hour.

14. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Vicki Marone

OTHER INFORMATION

Advisors: Mary Edgington, Sr. Director for Union and Student Activities