

USA Meeting- June 9, 2019

Action Items for September Meeting:

- Address the potential barriers of civic engagement on your campus (3-5)
- Collect data
- Assess what is happening on your campus
- Measurable goals for the year
- Prepare your own deliverable
- Read the USA House Rules and Constitution

Opened the meeting reading the rules of the election process. Each nominee was given 1:30 to pitch themselves to the board, and questions allowed.

- Nominations for President:
 - Mary- SLCC
 - Taylor- UVU
 - Bret- Weber State
 - Anna- U

- **President of the USA 2019-2020: Mary Flanagan**

- Nominations for Executive Vice President
 - Jeff- SUU
 - Anna - U
 - Taylor- Dixie (didn't accept the nomination)
 - Taylor- UVU
 - Bret- Weber (didn't accept the nomination)

- **Executive VP of the USA 2019-2020: Taylor Bell**

- Nominations for Legislative Vice President
 - Bret- Weber
 - Sami- USU (didn't accept the nomination)
 - Anna- U
 - Jeff- SUU (didn't accept the nomination)

- **Legislative Vice President 2019-2020: Annamarie Barnes**

- Initiative Discussion
 - Title IV: rules have changed slightly and would like to push to have institutions regulate and fill in the gaps
 - Resources for victim advocates

- Gender equity
 - Counseling Services
 - Pushing the definition of consent
 - If a student sees a councilor the school has to tell the parent
 - Campus Safety
 - Safe Utah App underutilized on each campus
 - Proposing an app that asks you how you are feeling helps prevent suicidal thoughts allows students to track how they are feeling
 - Change the policy- look at why the regents mandated the Safe Utah app and suggest how we can make it better
 - Local help for students
 - Advocate to help change the app to make it better
 - Looking at Utah's definition of consent
 - Mental health
 - Should we focus on laying a foundation for future USA boards?
 - Civic Engagement:
 - Get our students involved in voter registration
 - Push for having students register to vote at class registration
 - Same day registration across the state – Simplify the process
 - Automatic Registration when you turn 18
 - Institutional Registration
 - How do you make sure that the students from out of state are engaged- create a sense of urgency of where people call home
 - Accessible voting for students of Utah Strategic Plan
 - Identify the barrios
 - Create commitments
 - Measure goals
 - Lay the foundations for following boards
 - Equity in ability to vote for all parties
 - Health Behavior Model
 - Proposed to make sure the goal is measurable, and specific
 - **Civic Engagement was unanimously voted as the initiative for the year**
- SLACK was proposed as a communication tool: it was passed
 - The channel was created and link was put in the groupme
- Student Regent asked for each platform of the presidents
- Future meeting Suggestions:
 - First Friday of every month Noon
 - April 8th and 9th for the new student regent interviews
 - Rotating campuses
 - Interested in hosting presidents can opt in via slack channel

- September 7th at the U
 - Westminster or SLCC for April
 - Eastern during football season to save on hotels
- Budget/ Fees
 - Food and meeting costs where already voted on
 - Institution hosting pays for lunch?
 - Chief of Staff helps to arrange everything
- Constitution
 - Have the power to change it
- PLS: was it a good experience?
 - Good for bonding
 - Conference lacked substance and meaning
 - Some breakout sessions were okay
 - Speakers didn't address questions and was very one sided
 - Experience on the Hill was disappointing
 - Want to have an opportunity gain experience, direction, and have an opportunity to bond
 - Experience was good for Westminster and changed her opinion of student government
 - Networking opportunity was great
 - Bonding great
 - Breakout sessions okay
 - Last day was what left a bad taste in everyone's mouth
 - Even if it wasn't a great experience we did get a lot out of it. Is there something better than that?
 - Politically driven conference
 - Would ASGA be better?
 - NCLC
 - Good Social Experience
- Presentation Tomorrow:
 - Intro SBP
 - Student Regent Presentation
 - Intro Initiative
- Chief of Staff
 - Will get appointed by Mary and approved by the board and is a vital role on the board
 - Encouraged by Linda to find someone that can update the website, and good at taking minutes



USA Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2020 9:00 am | Dixie State University

In Attendance: Anna Barnes, Ben Scheffner, Bret Alexander, Bryce Gingery, Jeff Carr, Rob Borden, Sami Ahmed, Sheva Mozafari, Taylor Bell, Taylor Godfrey, Brylee Bromley,

Absent: Maggie Regier, Mason Bancroft

Campus Updates:

Most schools are preparing for an exciting upcoming campus election. Focus is being put towards that and the upcoming census.

SUU: Just made massive changes to their constitution; reorganization, gender neutral language. Commencement speaker just confirmed, super exciting keep on the DL...

BYU: Campus expansion additional 4,000 students beginning Fall 2020 in planning process.

USU: Scholarships just moved to canvas for a better accessibility for students.

UVU: Student Fee Hearings begin Thursday Jan 23, whole council sits on hearing board, foreseeing an overall increase.

Student Regent: Regents wanting to push a graduation requirement for HS students to take the FAFSA in the next legislative session.

Ratified the new Chief of Staff: Brylee Bromley

Higher Education Day:

Anna led an activity and conversation that helped the body learn more about the legislative process, definitions, lobbying and how to read a bill.

Reminder: On Higher Ed Day legislators want to hear from you as students and those you bring with you so make sure you introduce them but know what you want to talk about.

Discussion Question: What does the body want to do while at higher ed day?

- Jeff: focus on legislation and relationship building

Action Items:

- Meet with person on campus who conducts lobbying on behalf of institution
- Contact your legislators and try to schedule a meeting or a phone call with them before higher ed day
- Have 5-7 students (recommended) join you at higher ed day

The finalized agenda will be discussed and sent out at the next USA meeting on Feb 7th and further conversations will be had on SLACK and email. **Please participate.**

USA Assessment: The USA presidency reviewed and led a discussion how to improve the USA board. Evaluated what the board should be used for and feedback from the recommendations what should be done in the future.

Below is the three main issues that were identified as an issue within the board and the ideas from the council of how to address them and improve them:

- **Accountability** : how do we hold each other accountable
 - Ideas from the council:
 - Ben: 1;1 call once a month from someone in presidency
 - Taylor G: we have decided a goal/initiative for the year but we don't have a plan so there is nothing to be accountable for – ideas; more time for a meeting to actually talk and improve through others experiences. More time in meetings to talk
 - Brett: Idea moving forward is having an overnigher each month so it increases bonding and increases that time to mingle. Will need advisor by in to come in on a Saturday
 - Rob: our two roles 1. Pick the student regent 2. Higher ed day – what do we do? What are we accomplishing? Potentially this body could function meeting initially at the beginning of the year, a mid-year meeting, and an on-boarding/pass off. Instead of our constituents paying for us, governing bodies should be lean.
 - Action Plan: Presidency has divided up the group and they will be following up more frequently in between meetings to help hold each other

accountable. The presidency wants the council to know that they are a resource that can help.

- **Actionable items** : each meeting there should be action items
 - Action Plan: something will be assigned each meeting and followed up in the following meeting.
 - Sami: Direct action items asked of him to do and check off.
Increased delegation to support the initiative
- **Unified Vision** : what does this board do and what does it look like moving forward
 - Anna: Not running an initiative as a board but instead being a board that discusses the need for the students. Personally would like to see the board as a stakeholder board not an initiative board by being more visible to legislative stakeholders.
 - Rob: His understanding of board and run down of potential costs; 1. Regent selection: two day overnight 2. take asks from governor: doesn't need to be monthly set meeting 3. Communication-ongoing and free 4. Bonding: DC trip or bonding in Utah 5. ULA -dependent on institution.

In general ideas were made but it was discussed that this current board can give suggestions to predecessors but ultimately it is up to them with what they want out of their year. Below are general ideas that were discussed on improvement;

- Inform those who are interested in running for president throughout the schools about this board and their potential role a part of it

- Sheva: “I would be in the dark if this board didn’t exist.” Would be helpful to give regent an idea of an action item to accomplish for the year.
- In the onboarding training with the new presidents have a meeting that will help set them up for success not just get to know you leadership games.
- Do an overnight trip every other month. Do we need to be funding this board? Pay from personal school budgets.
- **Brett:** Idea to look into seeing how the body has spent funds this year and the past couple years to see how much in a total we have spent and then divide throughout the group
- Idea to have this discussion as an onboarding with presidential successors
- Potential issue of cutting funding due to possibly holding back future presidents
- Let’s use personal budget within schools to support group instead of a USA fund

Motion to vote if the DC trip is affective for the future:

Yes: 2 No: 7 Abstain: 2

Logistics:

Next meeting will be held on Feb 7th at UVU from 12-2pm