Liberal Arts Undergraduate Council

Meeting Minutes: 11/10/2016

Start Time: 6:00pm

End Time: 6:55pm

Guest Speaker: Michael Burkman, PSU PoliSci professor

Main points of discussion:

* McCourtney Institute
* Trump as a candidate, Elect
* Supreme Court Justice: decision in upcoming future
* House/Senate – Republican power; policy change; staff change
* Democratic Coalition = comprised of voters who didn’t vote
* Low turnout w/ voters for 2016
* Confirmation bias
* Bloomsburg News article – Trump Data Operation: Analytics Team in Texas
  + Running turnout models
* Polls & the effect of pre-election opinions
  + Risk
* Brexit – confusion with the polls
* 100 Day agenda released for Trump’s upcoming presidency
  + Muslim Ban – needs congressional approval; questionable actions
  + Wall – congress may not even agree to pay for it
* Unpredictable behavior of Trump; Convincability
* Actions of Trump: pleasing his followers without adhering to developed plans?
* Infrastructure/jobs
* Eliminating/creating regulations – politics vs. business
* Religious appeal in future elections: likely to change?
* Power of Pence – socially conservative beliefs
  + Pick people for offices?
* Entertainment has an effect on the election
  + Normalizing Trump
  + Objectivity
* Moderators/Media too easy on Trump?
* Taking over the Republican Party: “Trump Republicans”
  + Remake the party?
* Clinton’s Exposure
  + May die down
* Early voting & Locations : voting ID
* Congressional Term Limits: may not happen

*LAUC Updates:* THON – Penny Wars soon; T-Shirts still on sale; Any ideas for socials (Talk to Dan)