UND Student Senate
Sunday, February 23rd, 2014
River Valley Room
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Guest Speakers
   A. Emily O’Brien – Financial Wellness

III. Approval of Consent Agenda
   A. Minutes 02/09/14

IV. Reports
   A. Executive
      1. President
      2. Vice President
      3. Chief of Staff
      4. Treasurer
      5. Public Relations Coordinator
      6. State Governmental Affairs Commissioner
      7. Director of Internal Affairs
      8. Committees
         a. Judicial: Senator Tschosik
         b. Appropriations: Senator Johnson
         c. State and Local: Senator Oberg
      9. Standing Committees
         a. SOFA: Senator Johnson
         b. UPC: Senator Haugesag
         c. Elections: Senator Oberg
   B. Special Reports
      1. Constituent Reports
      2. Other Matters Arising

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business
   A. SB 1314-25 DeStress Fest Funding
   B. SB 1314-26 Senator Mentorship Program
   C. SR 1314-12 Student Support of the Program and Support Service Prioritization Project

VII. Announcements/Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

**********All are Welcome to Attend**********
# Student Senate Attendance Record

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STUDENT SENATE VOTING RECORD

Title of Motion: Passage of 1314-12

Date: 2-23-14

Motion: It was moved by Sen. McClain, seconded by Sen. Labrie, "to approve 1314-12."

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Mara Stornaghi
Student Senate
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Minutes

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Non-Voting Members
Nick Creamer
Lexi Hanson
*Ryan Brown
Abi Nadeau
John Mitzel
Ryan Frase
Joe Kalka
Cassie Gerhardt

Visitors
Chase Johnson
Shannah Henk
Meghan Olson
Megan Hoffman

* Absent
** Arrived after call to order
*** Left before adjournment

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Hanson called the 02/23/14 meeting of the UND Student Senate to order at 6:00 PM.

GUEST SPEAKERS

A. Emily O'Brien – Financial Wellness

Emily O'Brien introduced herself as a representative from Financial Wellness which is located in McCannel Hall on the 4th floor. Financial Wellness is used to help students with managing their money. They work with local business to get discounts for UND students. This summer, Kyle Thorson and she worked with the Chamber of Commerce this summer and sent out a letter to over 2,000 businesses. Their biggest challenge was working with corporate offices. They currently have about 30 businesses a part of the discount program and are always looking for new ways to advertise this to students. They currently have window clings in the front windows of businesses that already provide a discount.

Senator Thorson asked how students react to the student discount program.
Emily O’Brien stated that they are very excited and want to know how they can get more information about it. There is a full list of all of the discounts at und.edu/financialwellness as well as on their Facebook page.

Senator Oberg asked if it would be possible to get that information to the Public Relations Coordinator and get that on the Student Government Facebook page as well.

Emily O’Brien stated yes, she can work with Joe on that.

Senator Johnson stated that while it’s hard to work with corporate businesses he has heard complaints about places, specifically Qdoba, dropping their student discounts. Will they continue to work with these businesses to try and get discounts.

Emily O’Brien stated that it is a very complicated process, their managers are very interested but it’s difficult to get to the corporation itself.

Senator Thorson stated that as a person who works in Financial Wellness, he is very appreciative of all the help and financial support given by Student Government. They are hoping to be able to continue to expand.

**APPROVALS**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Senator Johnson moved to approve the 2/09/14 meeting minutes without objection.

(00:06:45) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORTS**

Executive Reports

President

President Creamer stated that he sent out his report and asked if there are any questions.

Senator Emmons stated that his report says the headliner has accepted an offer and asked who the headliner was.

President Creamer stated that there is no contract yet.

Senator Emmons stated that it says in his report under Spring Jam that the headliner has accepted an offer.

President Creamer stated that he has accepted an offer but there is no contract yet.
Senator Emmons asked if he can tell us who the artist is.

President Creamer stated that no, they cannot.

Vice President

Vice President Hanson stated that there are student forums for the AVP of Diversity and Inclusion this week. The first one is Monday, February 24th 2:30-3:30 and 3:30-4:30 and the second is Thursday, February 27th 2:30-3:30 and 3:30-4:30 in the Lecture Bowl. The second two haven’t been scheduled yet but they will be here sometime in March. This is a new position so it is important that we give our input, please try and attend. In addition, she thanked all of the individual senators that have approached her. The Committee on Sexual Violence has now been changed to Committee on Sexual Violence Prevention. She is going to get in contact with a lady from CVSC to discuss how we can make those connections better. The Essential Studies Committee met this week and the curriculum guide was made, languages are no longer considered a diversity course. She is continuing her work with the Ombuds Committee; the survey closes this week so please take it, regardless of whether or not you have used their services. If anybody wants any more information on the presentations last week on prioritization come talk to somebody on the executive team.

Chief of Staff

C.O.S. Brown was not present.

Treasurer

Treasurer Nadeau stated that she crossed out the statements; one is the general statement that is posted on the Student Government website, please disregard the fact that it is set about 90 years in the future, it was a typo and her spreadsheets don’t allow her to fix it. That is reflecting what we spent and allocated at the end of last semester. The second page is the Student Government general account statement, which is where we receive all of our fees and where the bills allocation comes out of. This is to date as of today; the two numbers at the bottom are the number she gives every week, the Allowable Unallocated FY14 Receivables & Investments is $84,886.66 and the Unallocated FY14 Receivables is $26,512.87.

Governmental Affairs Commissioner

G.A.C. Mitzel stated that he sent out his report via email so he won’t be reading off all of the Tuesday Two’s results unless anybody had any questions. He was very happy about the number of responses, they have been gradually increasing. Higher Education Day is still on for March 26th from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Gorecki Alumni Center, invites have been sent out and the itinerary is being finalized but there will be two speakers giving updates on the Medical and Law School projects that are locked in. He has also invited Chief Plummer who was interested in coming but has not heard back from him as he is out of town. Invites to senators will be sent out soon and to other students
closer to the event date. In regards to the IP Policy Update, there
are a few changes to the policy in which he thinks are important,
his copies of them if anybody is interested.

Senator Emmons stated that she has heard good feedback on his
work with the IP Policy, thank you for doing that.

Director of Internal Affairs

D.I.A. Fraase stated that he sent out his report via email,
however, the phone number on there is wrong. The directory is
not up to date; Becky Lamboley’s number is 701-328-4109, if
you have any questions about student health insurance.

Public Relations Coordinator

P.R.C. Kalka stated that he sent out his report via email and will
stand for any questions.

Senator Lawrence stated that she noticed the signs on the
bathroom doors are a little busy.

P.R.C. Kalka asked if she had heard that from any constituents.

Senator Lawrence stated no, it was just something she had
noticed.

P.R.C. Kalka stated that he will talk to Bridget about it. The
reason they use that model is to stray away from the basic
Microsoft publisher format. They have gotten really good
feedback, but a new update will be finalized on Tuesday so he
will make sure to take that into consideration.

Subcommittees

Judicial

Vice President Hanson yielded to Senator Tschosik, Chair of the
Judicial Committee.

Senator Tschosik stated that they heard discussion on SB1314-
26.

Appropriations

Vice President Hanson yielded to Senator Johnson, Chair of the
Appropriations Committee.

Senator Johnson stated that they heard initial discussion on
SB1314-25, the DeStress Fest Funding.

State & Local

Vice President Hanson yielded to Senator Oberg, Chair of the
State and Local subcommittee.

Senator Oberg stated that they welcomed Senator Storhaug to
their committee and approved SB1314-12 with two minor
grammatical amendments.
Standing Committees

SOFA

Vice President Hanson yielded to the senate liaison of SOFA, Senator Johnson.

Senator Johnson stated that they heard numerous organizations in the past two weeks; there was a little discussion on a couple of them based on travel funding and whether or not the trips they were planning matched with their organizations statement.

UPC

Senator Haugesag was not present, Vice President Hanson yielded to Advisor, Cassie Gerhardt.

C.Gerhardt stated that they have acceptance from one of the acts and are waiting for the other one; contracts will be started this week. There were late cancellations from Friday’s event due to the weather; it will be rescheduled in the near future.

Elections Committee

Vice President Hanson yielded to the Chair of Elections Committee, Senator Oberg.

Senator Oberg stated that two executive packets have been checked out, Collin Hanson and Hayley Hamilton, and Tanner Franklin and Brett Johnson. There are over 30 Senate packets checked out, many on this body are running for reelection. Packets are due Wednesday, February 26th at 5pm, contact him with any questions. They are working on doing some advertising through the Dakota Student, the Student Government Facebook account, and hopefully will be working with University Relations on using their Facebook account.

Senator Burke asked if he is the one who created the “your school your vote” twitter account.

Senator Oberg stated that Bridget created it, but it is our account.

Special Reports

Constituent Reports

Senator McClain stated that people are still upset about how tall the snow is at the intersections.

Senator Oberg stated that he has two reports. He has heard from a number of students that the area behind McCannel and O’Kelly is very icy and many people are falling. Second, he heard from a student who was very outraged about the deficit the library will be facing.

Senator Tschosik yielded to President Creamer.
President Creamer asked Senator Oberg if he informed them that no decisions have been made yet, as there may be some miscommunication.

Senator Oberg stated yes, and he is sure that he has seen the email that provost sent out.

Senator McClain yielded to Cassie Gerhardt.

C. Gerhardt stated that she made a comment about the snow to Chief Plummer and he said that students should report them as they see them to UPD and they will take care of them.

Senator Oberg asked for the UPD number.

Gerhardt stated that the number is 777-3491.

Senator Thorson stated that he heard a good amount of feedback from several people in the counseling program about the recent Student Government email about the recent sex offender that moved to Grand Forks. They were really concerned about how it was communicated and the lack of resources available to students. If it would be possible, could you make sure that information to the counseling center, the University Police and other resources are included in those emails in the future.

Other Matters Arising

No other matters arising.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SB11314-12

Vice President Hanson yielded to President Creamer, the author of the bill.

President Creamer stated that he just wanted to point out a couple of the important things in the bill. The first is that there’s going to be a Coordinating Committee that is going to help guide and oversee the efforts of the Program and Support Service Prioritization test course. Right now the Coordinating Committee consists of the University Senate Chair, University Senate Vice Chair, Vice President of Finance and Operations, and the Provost. There has been a recommendation to include the Student Body President as well as the Staff Senate President on that committee. The recommendation has been made and they are just waiting for approval. The main task of the Coordinating Committee will be to select individuals to individuals to participate on the test courses.
Senator Tschosik stated asked what the changes on the bill were.

Senator Oberg stated that both are on the second page.

President Creamer stated that one is on line 48, changing the word to university’s and the other is in line 42, after the word that, it includes “this body requests that the”.

Senator Oberg stated that university’s should be capitalized.

Senator McClain moved to approve SB1314-12.

Senator LaBrie seconded the motion.

Senator Emmons asked if there was talk of who the student representative would be on the Coordinating Committee.

President Creamer stated that the recommendation was that it would be the Student Body President, himself.

Senator Johnson stated that this is a very important process for the university and it’s important to have student representation.

(00:31:20) MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Oberg moved to approve the Election date of April 16th, 2014 without objection.

(00:32:02) MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Oberg stated that if there are any Senators who are not running for reelection or working on a campaign, it would be very helpful if you could help manning the polls on the day of elections.

Senator Emmons asked if that is the Wednesday before Easter and if he foresees there being any problems with that.

Senator Oberg stated that yes it is, and most people don’t leave until Wednesday night or Thursday morning, so most students will be there. They can also vote online if they are off campus.

Senator LaBrie stated that he was at NDSA at Minot State this past weekend; they passed one resolution regarding increased lobbying for reduction in or removal of the ConnectND fee. They started making constitution bylaw changes which were not completed and will be returned to in March. They also made nominations for different officer positions.
P.R.C. stated that he just wanted to make it clear, how many polling locations are there going to be this year.

Senator Oberg stated that there will be at least 3, at the main floor of the union, Gamble, and Wilkerson. They are looking at possibly putting one out a little farther west.

Vice President Hanson asked if when they are voting from an off campus location, are they still logging in online.

Senator Oberg stated that yes, they are still using the involvement website and logging in with their UND login and password. They can do it on computers or a mobile device. The posters that they put up will have a QR code that will take you straight to the voting website.

G.A.C. Mitzel stated asked if there’s a form that candidates need to fill out and turn in the day after elections.

Senator Oberg stated that the financial disclosure statements are due the day after regardless of whether they win or lose.

G.A.C. Mitzel asked if they could change the date for write in candidates so that they have a better amount of time to get the forms and fill them out.

Senator Oberg stated that they could but he believes that there is somewhere in the clause that states write in candidates have 3 school days to do so. For those who aren’t write in candidates, they can turn them in any time before that date.

Senator Lawrence asked how much time they would have to help at the polling booths.

Senator Oberg stated that whenever they can, they can also use it as service hours.

Senator Burke asked if in the future the Chief of Staff could collect their reports earlier so that they get one email and can read them all over at the same time.

Vice President Hanson stated that he usually does so, but he is out of town. Also, if she knows anybody that is an undeclared major that could be in Senate for a couple months, it is a short period of time but is a meaningful experience and we would have a full Senate.

The 02/23/14 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned without objection at 6:48pm.
Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Hanson  
Lexi Hanson  
Chair


Taylor Nelson  
Recording Secretary