Student Senate
March 29th, 2017
River Valley Room
6:00 pm

Minutes

Members
John Opland
Nicolas Hanson
Jonathan Schlitz
Chris Petschen
Eric Souvannascad
**Eric Gefroh
**Matthew Adamson
Daniel Frank
Conrad Kranz
**Kaleb Dschaak
Michael Kelsch
John Bjorklund
**Taylor Bovee
Layton Ericson
Hannah Carlson
**Tucker Haffner
Ryan Bjerke
**Jake Wahlin
Laurie Freid
Theresa Hanley
Roy Roach
**Austin Ricklefs

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

Non-Voting Members
Brandon Beyer
Blake Andert
Cole Bachmeier
Ben Grounds
Jake Eischens
Erik Hanson
Nate Schroeder
**Abigail Christiansen
Cassie Gerhardt

Visitors
Pete Haga
Stephanie Erickson
Bret Weber
Sam Criswell
Anna Rand
Emily Boone
Whitney Maine
Michael Come
Peter Johnson
Laurie Betting
Cara Halgren
Madhavi Marasinghe

CALL TO ORDER
V.P. Andert called the 3/29/2017 meeting of the UND Student Senate to order at 6:07 PM

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

a. Senate Minutes:
   a. 3-22-17

MOTION
Senator Hanson moved to approve the consent agenda without objection

VOTE
MOTION APPROVED
GUEST SPEAKERS

(00:00:36) The Social Work study abroad group returned from their visit to Sweden. They thanked the student senate for sponsoring the trip. For two weeks in February, 10 Social Work students went to Malmo, Sweden to study social welfare and policy systems. A brown bag luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 5, 12-1:00 PM in Nursing 210 to hear more about their experiences.

(00:08:07) The new Chief Information Officer, Madhavi Marasinghe, introduced herself to the senate floor as she takes on her new role. Marasinghe, who currently holds the position of Director, Enterprise Services at North Dakota University System Core Technology Services (CTS), has more than 17 years of experience in higher education. She will assume her new role on Feb. 22. Her office is located in Twamley Hall rm. 403.

(00:09:20) Pete Haga from the Mayor’s office gave updates regarding transit in the Grand Forks community. He stated that they had conducted a survey concerning Uber and the student’s feedback. Grant funding was given to fund the survey. He stated the idea is that transportation will better connect students with the Grand Forks community. It was stated that the bike share program is currently being developed. Stations will be located on campus, downtown Grand Forks, and near south Columbia Rd. The B Cycle model was chosen because of its positive feedback in the Fargo community. He stated the next step is to partner with private sector companies in the community. Private sectors will provide the bulk of the funding. 95% of bike riders in the Fargo area were students, leading to the belief that there is a large market for a bike share program. Students will be able to purchase access to the bikes for as little as $4. He also stated that the redevelopment of Arbor park downtown is currently in the voting process; scheduled for June 20th of 2017. Furthermore, public transit for student ID access was approved Monday, March 27th.

REPORTS

A. Executive

(00:24:10) President Beyer

- City council approved the student ID access for the Cities Area Transit (CAT) and will be implemented summer 2017.
- Wednesday, April 5th is the Grill & Chill held from 7pm-8:30pm
“It’s On Us” week is kicking off Sunday, April 2nd at 7 pm in the memorial union lecture bowl. Guest speaker will be former NFL player Don McPherson. There is a presentation scheduled for April 3rd at 9am reserved primarily for a male audience.

(00:28:46) VP Andert

- If any faculty would be considered as good recommendations for OER’s, pass along to VP Andert.
- Kaleb Dschaak was elected as NDSA President.
- WTW Architecture will be presenting regarding the memorial union redesign.

(00:31:05) Treasurer Eischens

- $25,000 allocated to SOFA has been depleted along with an extra $5000.
- Senate has $34,000 left to allocate

(00:31:45) PCoS Bachmeier

- NDSA turnout was positive with high attendance
- April 27th is the student government banquet

(00:32:36) Gov. Affairs Hanson

- The bill regarding jurisdiction for campus police was brought to the floor and passed after amendments were made- it is in the finalization process

(00:33:50) Student Government Advisor Cassie Gerhardt

- Updates for programming: Spicy pie day is Saturday, April 1st. Sushi day is being held Monday, April 3rd.

Committees

Judicial

Judicial did not meet

Appropriations

SB 1617-16 was voted to be brought to the senate floor.

State and Local
Did not meet.

Elections

Election packets have been reviewed. Voting will take place April 12th. Tuesday, at 7 pm in the loading dock, will be a public forum with the student body presidents and vice president candidates.

B. Special Reports

Constituent Reports

- (00:37:30) Senator Petschen discussed tenure track positions for new hires regarding the betting process whether a tenure process should be up for approval. He stated that with the current financial status, professors must decide if they wish to fill tenured positions.

Other Matters Arising

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

a. SB 1617-16

This bill discusses funding for a campus art project as an investment in school pride and campus attractiveness.

MOTION

Senator Opland moved to go into a recess. Seconded by Senator Carlson.

DISCUSSION

It was stated that a recess should be held for the WTW architect presentation.

VOTE

(00:42:07) MOTION CARRIES.

END OF RECESS
DISCUSSION

It was noted that student government will not be the single source of funding. The target goal is $125k-$150k.

PCoS Bachmeier stated that three areas are under consideration to display the project: the grass yard north of Montgomery Hall, the Chester Fritz Quad, and the grassy area immediately south of Hancock Hall.

SB 1617-16 TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

ADJOURNMENT

(00:47:11) VP Andert adjourned the 3/29/17 meeting at 7:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Blake Andert  
Chair

Recording Secretary