Student Senate
April 26th, 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 Kelsoh
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
Peter Johnson
Laurie Betting
Jed Hanson
Victoria Christian

CALL TO ORDER

V.P. Andert called the 4/27/2017 meeting of the UND Student Senate to order at 6:01 PM

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

a. Senate Minutes:
   a. 4-20-17

MOTION

Senator Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda without objection

VOTE

MOTION APPROVED
GUEST SPEAKERS

Victoria Christian, a candidate who tied for the off campus senator position, addressed the senate to state why she is a qualified candidate.

Dr. Laurie Betting visited the senate floor to speak about her transition. She informed the floor that Dr. Cara Halgren will be transitioning into the new role. Dr. Betting will be maintaining her current position until October of 2017.

REPORTS

A. Executive
   a. President Beyer

   Election candidate ties will be addressed at the next student government meeting. President Beyer also gave updates to the tuition model that is being developed.

   NDSU faculty brought forth a draft proposal to the North Dakota University System expressing a “crisis of confidence” in the leadership of North Dakota higher education.

b. VP Andert

   No report.

c. Treasurer Eischens

   The Pick 4 festival has been cancelled. $10,000 has gone back to unallocated funds intended for SOFA to disperse to student organizations.

d. PCoS Bachmeier

   The annual student government banquet is being held Thursday, April 27 at the Gorecki Alumni center.

e. Gov. Affairs- Erik Hanson

   Two bills have been signed and passed through legislation. Governor Burgum has signed both – the first regarding campus jurisdiction for campus police, the second for voter identification restrictions.

   The final task on the agenda will concern budget reform.
f. Student Government Advisor- Cassie Gerhardt

Cassie Gerhardt gave a list of the upcoming programming events for the following week. Press Pause week starts May 4th – 7th before finals.

MOTION

Senator Petschen moved to go into a five minute recess. Seconded by senator Dschaak.

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

VOTE

MOTION APPROVED

Committees

Judicial

Judicial committee did meet to discuss two appeals for the Bjorklund/Owens campaign. Both were unanimously dismissed by the committee.

Appropriations

Did not meet

State and Local

Did not meet

Elections

Did not meet

B. Special Reports

Constituent Reports

None

Other Matters Arising

Senator Erickson stated he is in the process of making a peer mentorship program with student government officials. He inquired if anyone would take interest in mentoring incoming freshman, specifically based upon their majors.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

The nominee for the chief justice position, Jed Hanson, approached the senate floor to speak on his own behalf. He noted his previous experience with senate in 2015, consulting for Hyder/Butler, and is impartial to current campaign candidates. He also noted that he is well-versed and knowledgeable in the elections code process.

MOTION

Senator Carlson motioned to approve the nominees for the judicial branch. Seconded by Senator Adamson.

DISCUSSION

Senator Bjorklund stated that the nominees should not be chosen as a group, but rather individually.

President Beyer stated that there should be no conflict because the nominees are graduating seniors with no political agendas nor ties to student government.

Senator Bjorklund then stated that the Chief Justice nominee, Jed Hanson, had stated he was glad after the Bachmeier/Hanson ticket had won.

Hanson responded to the comment stating his satisfaction was for a ticket had lost, rather than the Bachmeier/Hanson ticket winning. He went on to clarify that none of the judicial nominees have any ties to either of the tickets, they are all graduating seniors, and that they are all experienced student government procedures.

VOTE

(00:28:42) MOTION CARRIES. Judicial branch approved

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

ADJOURNMENT

VP Andert adjourned the 4/28/17 meeting at 6:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Blake Andert
Chair

Recording Secretary