Student Senate
January 18th, 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
**Brett Johnson
**Jake Wahlin
Nicholas Young
Laurie Freid
*Roy Roach

** 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
Alice Brekke
Laurie Betting
Tom Diforenzo
Shari Nelson
Lisa Burger
Peter Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

V.P. Andert called the 1/18/2017 meeting of the UND Student Senate to order at 6:00 PM

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION
Senator Kranz moved to approve the consent agenda without objection

VOTE
MOTION APPROVED (00:00:26)
GUEST SPEAKERS

(00:00:48) Group of Vice presidents – Finances, cuts in the budget to be around $25 million. Won’t know about increases tell after April 26th. FY18 is due in June. Budget is cut down to 80-85% level. Every department is to look at what they would reduce at levels of 4,8, and 12% of their budget.

(00:44:23) Starfish managers – Group came to talk about the platform Starfish. They showed how to use it and the many different tasks you can accomplish with it. Looking for recommendations for improvements.

REPORTS

A. Executive

(00:58:30) President Beyer – So far option two of union outlook is the clear favorite. Uber talks are going well. Need to elect and election chair.

(01:02:32) VP Andert – Three open spots on senate, applications are in the SG office, open for two weeks.

(01:04:10) Treasurer Eischens – Unallocated funds of 35,000, SOFA funds of 67,000.

(01:04:48) PCoS Bachmeier – NDSA Friday, if you want to attend let Cole know.

(01:05:22) VPCoS Grounds – No Report

(01:05:23) Governmental Affairs, Erik Hanson – Talks with state leaders, and talked about education budget cuts.

(01:11:30) Stu Gov. Advisory, Cassie Gerhardt – Now located on the 3rd floor 314E, eye of the hawk series is starting up.

Committees

Judicial

Judicial did not meet

Appropriations

Met and decided to bring SB1617-10 and SB1617-11 to the floor.

State and Local

State and Local did not meet

B. Special Reports
CONSTITUENT REPORTS

OTHER MATTERS ARISING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

LINE ITEM A: SB 1617-10 has been tabled indefinitely

LINE ITEM B: SB1617-11 – Open education resource – have saved students 1-1.6 Million a year

MOTION: SB1617-11 to be tabled.

VOTE: (01:25:45) MOTION APPROVED, Tabled until next meeting.

LINE ITEM C: NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Senator Dschaak nominates Senator Opland – he accepts

DISCUSSION: No discussion

VOTE: (01:26:30) SENATOR OPLAND IS ELECTIONS CHAIR

LINE ITEM D: VOTE OF ELECTION DATE

MOTION: Senator Hanson Moves to have election-day April 12th. Senator Opland 2nd the motion.

DISCUSSION: Senator Petschen Discusses if we should move it to a Friday.

VOTE: (01:31:55) MOTION APPROVED Elections date is April 12th.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT: (01:32:07) MOTION CARRIED the 1/18/2017 meeting of the Student Senate was adjourned

Without objection at 7:32 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Blake Andert
Chair

Recording Secretary