Student Senate
February 14th, 2018
Red River Valley Room
6:00 pm

Minutes

Members
Lucas Knowlton**
Shawn Peterson
David Wischer
Chris Petschen
Ryan Gilbertson
James Yoger
Corey Haller**
Alayna Simpron
Allison Harvey
Maria Wallenhorst
Matthew Ternus**
Theresa Hanley
Abbie Morlock
Kara Kohns
Macy Kopp
Jackie Pinkerton
Danielle Nelson
Mackenzie McMillan

Non-Voting Members
Cole Bachmeier
Erik Hanson
Eric Gefroh
Kaleb Dschaak
Hannah Carlson**
Nick Adams
Izaiah Reynolds
Chase Johnson**
Austin Eminish**
Cassie Gerhardt

Visitors
Kate McBane
Brandon Beyer
Chris Remme
John T. Opland

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Erik Hanson called the February 14th, 2018 meeting of the UND Student Senate to order at 6:00 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION

Senator Peterson moved to approve the consent agenda without objection.

Seconded by Sen. Nelson

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIES

III. GUEST SPEAKERS

No guest speakers.

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Reports
President Bachmeier stated a justice seat is open to serve on judicial committee. Further, he noted to mark calendars for March 1st – Mayor Brown will be seeking student feedback to make Grand Forks more suitable for students. Free food and possible credit for political science majors may be awarded to those who attend.

He then updated the senate regarding the union vote. He stated that, after working with President Kennedy, the current building plan would be too expensive for future students. The original developers, WTW, will be revisiting to discuss alternative plans that are more feasible.

Further, President Bachmeier urged senators to give feedback on the SELFJ evaluations for any potential questions to be added. Eventually the results will be posted onto the university website.

President Bachmeier then spoke on the CAT bus program about potential cost saving opportunities. They are working to implement UND bussing around Grand Forks as well.

Finally, Spirit Week is approaching next week. President Bachmeier will send out campus-wide emails with a list of events. The options for the “1883 fundraising project” has been narrowed to four options. Students have the opportunity to vote on which option they favor. The University of North Dakota Alumni Association & Foundation will be implementing “Funding Fridays.” Student organizations will have the ability to fundraise through various alumni sources. UNDAAF will select one student organization every Friday.

Vice President

VP Hanson noted that although the Memorial Union costs will be reevaluated, the timeline will not change. Further, Mascot committee task force met to discuss a strategic plan to develop a timeline and mascot image. He then noted that next week, he will hold a workshop for the new senators to become acclimated to the student government process.

Pres. Chief of Staff

PCoS Dshaak met to evaluate and discuss the next Fork N’ Festival. Furthermore, Kay Powell, instructor of leadership studies in the college of business, is looking for guest speakers to present to leadership classes – primarily freshman. If interested, contact PCoS Dshaak or Prof. Kay Powell.
VP Chief of Staff

VPCoS Gefroh listed the available senate positions – school of graduate studies and on campus apartments. Applications are available in the student government office.

Next week SG will hold the student senate retreat to work with new senators so they understand the various processes involved.

Treasurer

Absent – VP Hanson stated the financial statements were distributed to senators. There is still discussion regarding the renegotiation of the GF Herald and Dakota Student contracts. If there are any proposals for a budget, please meet with C. Johnson or VP Hanson.

External Affairs

Absent.

Project Coordinator

I. Reynolds met with the Ralph Engelstad arena and SG Advisor Cassie Gerhardt to hold a concert. Once an artist is approved by the REA and University, funding resources will be gathered. I. Reynolds noted he will be meeting with ARH to search for additional funding resources. Questions were posed regarding the potential artists. It was noted that the artists being considered will most likely be touring through the Midwest and Twin Cities area. I. Reynolds noted that the popular opinion expressed interest in EDM artists, as they would be the best option in terms of cost and time.

SOFA Chairman

N. Adams updated the senate on the SOFA meeting. They allocated $3099.62, leaving roughly $4,800 left unallocated. A bill will be introduced to request more funding. It should be noted that this is a regular occurrence in student government.

SG Advisor

C. Gerhardt updated the senate on upcoming programming events.

B. Committees

Judicial

Met and approved Kate McBane for the residence hall senator. Judicial committee also approved the elections committee.

Appropriations

Met and voted to bring SB 1718-12, SB 1718-13, and SB 1718-14 to the floor.

State & Local

Met and moved SR 1718-14 to the floor.

C. Special Reports

Constituent Reports

None
Other Matters Arising

Senator Hanley spoke on the academic policy committee meeting. One topic was the “dead week” proposal and formats. Suggestions included a short academic week. Currently we are on a 16 week schedule, this would bring it to a 15 week schedule. Further, a proposal was made to not allow any assignments to be due during the week. Additionally, the add/drop date is being reconsidered so that students have a better understanding of the course in the event a student is unable to attend.

Senator Hanley then spoke on the Math Active Learning Lab (MALL) that was introduced this year. Many students have given negative feedback regarding the structure.

Additionally, a list is being constructed so that students can see which schools will transfer credits with UND.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. SR 1718-14 – It’s On You, Dan Moore

Senator Petschen stated this resolution is in support of inviting Dan Moore to speak about coping with change and adapting in a workplace environment, as well as career advice. The event is free to students.

MOTION

Sen. Kohns moved to approve SR 1718-14

Seconded to Sen. Wischer

DISCUSSION

No discussion

VOTE

(00:24:32) MOTION CARRIES. SR 1718-14 APPROVED.

B. SB 178-12 – Appreciation lunch for UPD

Senator Hanley stated the intent is to say thank you for all the University Police has done for campus. The lunch will be next Thursday.

MOTION

Senator Simpron moved to approve SB 1718-12

Seconded by Sen. Peterson
DISCUSSION

Senators expressed their approval of the bill and its intent to thank UPD

VOTE

(00:28:47) TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

C. SB 1718-13 Additional Allocation to SOFA

Senator Nelson stated that the budget is almost out for the year and will need to allocate more throughout the semester for larger events. SOFA chairman N. Adams stated that this is a regular occurrence and that SOFA will be requesting roughly $30k.

TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING (see bylaws)

D. SB 1718-17 – Miss America

Senator Simpron stated that this bill is intended as an invitation to Miss America, formerly Miss North Dakota. Miss America will be speaking on various platforms in which she advocates. Per contract, she will be at the Women for Philanthropy luncheon and public speaking at the Memorial Union ballroom. In terms of funding, she has a speaker’s fee as well as travel and hotel accommodation. PHC is offering to pay $5k of the cost.

MOTION

Senator Peterson moved to approve SB 1718-17

Seconded by senator Kopp

DISCUSSION

No discussion

VOTE

TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

E. Approval of Residence Hall Senator

Kate McBane expressed her excitement to work on student government as a residence hall senator.

MOTION

Senator Peterson moved to approve Kate McBane

Seconded by senator Kopp

DISCUSSION

No discussion

VOTE

APPROVED
F. Approval of Elections Committee

The elections committee was approved by judicial committee. The slate was read aloud.

MOTION

Senator Kohns moved to approve the elections committee

Seconded by Senator McMillan

DISCUSSION

No discussion

VOTE

MOTION CARRIES, ELECTIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC COMMENT

C. Gerhardt urged students to take the survey being distributed Monday (2/19) regarding student life

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The February 14th meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erik Hanson
Chair

Darryl Joy
Recording Secretary