Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, December 11th, 2013

Sorrell Center 2014, 5:00pm

1. Call to Order
   i. The meeting was called to order by President Hosein

2. Roll Call
   i. Roll call was taken by Secretary Inbarasu

3. Guest Speakers
   i. J.B. Milliken, President of the University of Nebraska was invited to talk about the integration of leadership structure between the University of Nebraska, TNMC and UNMC.
   ii. President Milliken was introduced by Senator Hosein
   iii. President Milliken asked how many senators were undergraduate students at the University of Nebraska. Many senators raised their hands. He added that UNMC is a big portion of the campus structure of the University of Nebraska.
   iv. A large amount of the support for UNMC comes from the University of Nebraska.
   v. The recession caused massive cuts to other medical campuses across the nation but the State of Nebraska continued to provide funds to the University of Nebraska. This funding allowed tuition costs to be kept down across the University of Nebraska Colleges.
   vi. UNMC has outperformed the fundraising goals set forward by it.
   vii. President Milliken describes the impact of the ACA and the merger of the leadership system in the University of Nebraska has caused a "perfect storm" with the cut in GME funding. President Milliken added that we need to find ways to secure funds for GME and research opportunities. President Milliken also commented on the new healthcare entity in Omaha formed by the Alegent-Creighton Initiative.
   viii. There is now a focus on cost among academic medical centers. To sustain the strongest competitive posture and to grow, we might not be organized in the right way. To be nimble in the marketplace and grow in patient revenues, administrators started considering a joint venture in uniting Clarkson, TNMC and UNMCP.
   ix. Dean Brad Britigan will be acting as interim leader of the new structure and will serve on the board along with the Chancellor and other administrators across the campuses. This means more clinical opportunities if we expand and it also means a
stronger UNMC. President Milliken considers this a necessary step for survival in the marketplace.

x. President Milliken considers Dr. Jeff Gold a great hire for the Chancellor position and says that we "got the man we wanted". President Milliken described how Dr. Gold ran a similar integrated clinical enterprise, albeit smaller, at the University of Toledo.

xi. President Milliken opened the floor to questions from senators.

xii. Senator Homer asked how expanding the clinical options for students impacts each college and its students. President Milliken responded that it can't help but help expand opportunities for students. He added that this will also support the "Build a Healthier Nebraska" goal by facilitating more training spots for allied health and physical therapy such as the facility in Kearney.

xiii. Senator Reiner asked how President Milliken saw this integration affecting non-clinical integration such as Ph.D, Masters and other programs. President Milliken responded that he does not know how the integration will affect non-clinical students but added that improving the revenue base for the system will only improve the opportunity for non-clinical students as well.

xiv. Senator Hosein commented that there was always a tension between clinical activities and revenue generating activities for faculty. President Milliken added that there is always a balance between educational and patient care functions but there may be an increase in non-traditional faculty that may come from private practice backgrounds and may add to the mix of faculty here today and add to the educational opportunities. President Milliken added that with the creation of the regional network, there will be more opportunities for education. President Milliken believes that clinical revenue may become even more important in the future as state funds will likely not increase.

xv. Incoming Senator Coburn asked if the integration will take funding away from research to prioritize the clinical side of the system. President Milliken commented on how a majority of the research dollars coming into research comes due to cancer research and that it is a joint clinical and research enterprise.

xvi. Senator Naciri asked if TNMC and UNMC were one entity in the past and split? President Milliken responded that Clarksen was once separate from TNMC but is now affiliated with the institution.

xvii. Senator Hosein commented on how he has observed on his time on the Board of Regents all of the things that President Milliken has done for UNMC and how he has advocated for the tuition freeze among other initiatives for students. President Milliken commented how there are new opportunities for students abroad and to be on the lookout for new affiliations between UNMC and global partners.
4. Approval of November Minutes - motion by Senator Reiner, seconded by Senator Jamison, approved unanimously

5. Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver
   i. Dr. Carver saved comments for later on in the meeting.

6. News and Reports
   i. Regent’s Meeting Report
      i. approval of Dr. Jeff Gold as Chancellor.
   ii. College Reports
   iii. AH
      i. no new updates
   iv. COM
      i. no new updates
   v. CON
      i. Linus project - goal was 150, reached 160. Blankets have gone to CSI, Lydia house, and embrace donations.
      ii. CON had a bake sale to raise money for a flag given to family of a fallen troop member. One was given to the mother of Trisha Jamison, the college raised enough money to buy two flags and they also awarded one to Senator Blake and her family.
   vi. COP
      i. Senator Jamison represented UNMC in a national conference and made it to the finals and won an iPad mini. She was the only P3 student to make it into the final round of competition.
   vii. COPH
      i. The committee is working on finding a new Dean for the COPH.
   viii. GS
      i. Winter celebration held recently with hot chocolates and cookies. Students could also send cards and nominate others for Vital Thank U’s through the UNMC system. Also, recently had a meeting on the grievance issues that have come up in GS.
ii. Senator Savalia motioned to go into closed session regarding discussion of grievance issues across campus. The motion was seconded by Senator Reiner and approved unanimously.

ix. Committee Reports

7. Activities Committee

i. Motion to introduce a proposal by Senator Wu regarding the Chinese New Year Event by Senator Inbarasu.

ii. Senator Wu would like Senate to consider this proposal even though Executive Committee did not vote to have it on the agenda due to it not being sponsored by a student organization but a group of students.

iii. Senator Reiner asked if Senate could even support events that were not sponsored by an official UNMC group.

iv. Senator Savalia asked if there was anything in the constitution regarding how to distribute Student Senate funds? Dr. Carver explained that even though there was no specific language dictating how funds could be distributed, Student Senate has not typically funded non-student organizations in the past.

v. Senator Hosein explained that Executive Committee chose not to approve this event because of its previous consideration during the Boss Proposal Review.

vi. Senator Wallace asked to close debate. Motion was seconded by Senator Reiner.

vii. The motion did not pass with a vote of 8 for, 12 against and 3 abstaining.

8. ii. Issues Committee

i. Senator Jamison read the Electronic Clickers Proposal to Senate.

ii. Senator Inbarasu proposed that the Student Senate Secretary will be in charge of distributing and maintaining the electronic Response Cards - seconded by Senator Reiner and the motion passed unanimously 24-0-0.

iii. Motion to vote on the proposal as a whole by Senator Hosein, seconded by Senator Buck, the proposal passed unanimously 24-0-0.

9. iii. Education Committee

i. Liaison Reports

ii. Legislative Liaison – Senator Wergin

i. Legislative meetings have started on campus and current issues being discussed include Medicaid expansion.
iii. Security Liaison – Senator Savalia

iv. IT Liaison – Jaree Price

10. Inprocess Items
   
i. Constitution Revision
      
i. Senator Savlia expects it to be done by January

11. New Report

12. Shelved Items

13. Officer Reports
   
i. President - Jeremy Hosein

ii. Vice President - Caroline Jamison
   
i. Readership program in October shows usage of 90-100 papers a day
   
ii. Senator Jamison thanked Senator Hosein for his service as President and Regent

iii. Secretary – Jery Inbarasu
   
i. Finals week study event next Tuesday, December 17th from 3-5pm. There will be snacks and a visit from The Pancake Man. There will also be stationary to make cards for those in the hospital and military personnel stationed overseas.

   iv. Treasurer – Alicia Deiner
      
i. $52,974 in the cost center account

14. Adjournment

15. Next Meeting - January 15th, 2014