Student Senate Agenda
Wednesday, November 6th, 2013
Sorrell Center 2010, 5:30pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Guest Speakers
4. Approval of September Minutes
   a. Motion by Senator Wallace, Seconded by Senator Person
5. Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver
   a. Elections starting Monday, open till Nov 15th
   b. Dr. Carver encouraged senators to remind fellow student to vote
   c. Krupa Savalia is running for President unopposed
   d. Alicia Deiner and Joe Marion are running for Vice President
6. News and Reports
   a. Regent’s Meeting Report
      i. College of Pharmacy is going to move from 4 stories to 3 stories. They are
         getting rid of one large lecture room and instead adding small group rooms.
   b. College Reports
      i. AH
         1. Emily Laskowski is the new PA rep
         2. Jaree cannot email PA students
      ii. COM
         1. Road Rally was a very successful event. It is currently Movember, the
            fundraiser for men’s health, prostate and testicular cancer research. 70
            shirts were sold and a sizable donation was made to the cause.
      iii. CON
         1. Blanket day is Nov 26th from 10 am to whenever it is done. Cost is $5 per
            person. The money will go towards next year. Students are welcome to
            come in and out. Senators are encouraged to attend. If people want to
            buy fleece on their own, they have to be careful of pet hair and tobacco
            smoke exposure. Meet in the CNS atrium. This event will count towards
            service hours.
      iv. COP
         1. Caroline Jamison won the clinical skills competition and will be
            represent the college at the Mid year event.
      v. COPH
         1. Austin Person is still in the process of looking for a new dean. The
            American Public Health Association is being held in Boston currently.
            Students and faculty members are presenting there and is a good
            opportunity to recruit.
   vi. GS
      1. GSA participated in Health Career fair for the first time. They are in the
         process of creating an alumni outreach chair to connect current
         students to alumni.
      2. Halloween Havoc went well
3. International Student Passport Activity – more info can be found on UNMC’s website

4. Physiology Understanding Week – will be reaching out to elementary schools and doing science experiments.

c. Committee Reports
   i. Activities Committee
      1. Dancing Event Postponed
         a. SAGH had an even last Sunday that was very similar in idea to the one that was approved for November 15th
         b. We decided to not compete with another UNMC Student Organization on campus
         c. We will be postponing this event for review in the Spring semester
      2. Find a Mentor Proposal
         a. The proposal was read by Senator Marion
         b. Senator Hosein informed Senate that Executive committee reviewed the proposal and had the following recommendations:
            i. Examine which laboratories and PIs would welcome and have opportunities for students in the research projects
            ii. Postpone the date of the event till early next semester in January where more students can be reached and a larger interest would be present
         c. Response to recommendations by Senator Marion
            i. A later event would be difficult for many of the summer scholarships that are present
         d. Senator Priluck asked what exactly the presentation entailed and whether there will be PIs at the event
         e. Senator Marion responded that Linda, a representative for the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research would give the presentation and the plan was not to have any PIs present at the time
         f. Senator Savalia commented that she did not have much exposure to research before attending UNMC. She discovered that PIs were to busy to update the website and that an email might be a better way to communicate the information. She added that it takes a lot of work for labs and PIs to train students and students often want to get published. She recommended that this event should be developed in the interprofessional route. Senator Savalia added that it may be a good idea for graduate students to ask for student help in projects where they might actually ask for help.
         g. Senator Ha suggested that Senate should solicit departments where projects are lined up already so that faculty will be thinking of them as well. He added that a meeting with PIs where they can briefly talk about a project and interact with students who have similar interests would be an idea to consider. He mentioned that this could be a part of this research series.
h. Senator Priluck mentioned that she did not have a difficult time navigating the website at UNMC and was able to contact a PI on her own and find out about research.

i. Senator Homer shared that when he originally was trying to find research projects, he did not know who was trying to recruit students. He said that Internal Medicine and Cellular Physiology reached out to students but not a lot of other ones reached out.

j. Senator Jamison showed Senate the Expert Finder website and how to navigate it by program

k. Senator Deiner said that currently the burden of the work is on the graduate students when another student is brought on. She believes that if the process was initiated by graduate students who are looking for students to help, there would be higher success.

l. Senator Wu added that the student to student process of recruiting students would be a better way to address this issue. This is how the BLTP and the MD/PhD works currently.

m. Senator Wallace asked how the student to student process would work

n. Senator Deiner responded that if the event date was pushed back and interest of graduate students was surveyed there could be a meet and greet event. If graduate students wrote bios, this would be a more accurate representation of what a student interested in research would actually do. She believes that a January date would be reasonable to accomplish this in.

o. Senator Wallace proposed an amendment to move the date to the start of the 2014 Spring Semester, Senator Wergin closed debate, Motion to vote by Senator Deiner, seconded by Senator Wallace. The motion passes unanimously.

p. Senator Savalia asked if the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research could ask if mentors to see if they are willing to take on students

q. Senator Marion responded that this was Linda’s job and she will be working on this issue.

r. Senator Reiner mentioned that the website was out of date based on the researchers and funding that was noted.

s. Senator Hosein asked what Senator Marion was hoping to get out of the event. Senator Marion responded that he was trying to give students a good place to start with Find an Expert.

t. Senator Reiner asked if this event would be better to table this discussion and work on it in December. He added that the Find an Expert tool is out of date and the proposed professional networking portion is basically rewriting the proposal. He motioned to table this discussion till next month.

u. Senator Hosein added that Senate was able to add on an amendment that this would include a professional networking event but that if a budget change was required it would need to be revised at a committee level.
v. Senator Wallace and Senator Deiner commented that this event is changing from connecting PI to Student to a Student to Student model. Senator Deiner added that this would be helpful for graduate students.

w. Senator Wu added that tabling the proposal would be difficult for the planning process and that it takes a long time to contact GS students and see in.

x. Senator Savalia asked how long it would take for the planning process to take.

y. Senator Reiner said

z. Senator Reiner withdrew his proposal to table the discussion to vote

aa. Senator Wallace motioned that the proposal read to include a professional networking opportunity between students to be planned by the Activities Committee. The motion passes unanimously.

bb. Senator Reiner motioned to vote on the proposal as a whole. Senator Hosein

c. Senator Person asked if lunch needed to be provided as the incentive to do research. Senator Homer added that it is a nice service to GS students who will come to the event. Senator Morales said that not having lunch might deter students who otherwise would have wanted to attend.

dd. Senator Deiner motioned to add that we cap 100 lunches or the number of students that RSVP. Motion to vote by Senator Hosein, seconded by Senator Wallace. The motion passes, Senators Opposed: Senator Wergin, Senator Homer and Senator Wallace.

ee. Senator Blake added that it is difficult for scheduling in advance to RSVP since students have unpredictable schedules.

ff. Senator Wu added that $5.50 per person would be expensive and that cheaper lunches could be bought. Senator Deiner added that we could come under budget for the food.

gg. Motion to vote on the proposal by Senator Hosein. Seconded by Senator Wallace. The motion passes, Senator Person abstained.

3. Reuben Pamies Scholarship Fund

a. Senator Marion read the proposal for Senate

b. Senator Reiner asked if there was any intent to distribute funds before the $25,000 mark. Senator Marion responded that there was no intent to distribute the funds before the $25,000 mark. Senator Reiner also asked what would be approved by a quorum of Senate. Senate Marion responded that Student Senate would determine the amount of the scholarship but the 5 individuals would determine the recipient based on the applications.

c. Senator Hosein asked how Activities Committee and Senator Marion was intending on building the initial $25,000 for the scholarship fund. Senator Marion responded that we would be
working with the Office of Study Abroad and the University of Nebraska Foundation. Senator Hosein asked if Senator Marion had it in writing that UN Foundation would help Senate raise these funds. Senator Marion added that this was not established in writing but was working with Sarah at the Foundation to get this in writing.

d. Senator Savalia added that this proposal lines with Dr. Pamies’s goals and mission. She asked if it would be a good idea to get Dr. Pamies’s Family’s permission to rename or inform them of this idea.

e. Senator Ha asked if these scholarships would be going to students already going on the SAGH trips. He suggested that these awards go to students who organize their own trip and are finding ways to fund it. Senator Ha had experiences where students at other schools would go not only with their fellow classmates but with colleagues from other schools.

f. Senator Reiner added that this proposal hangs on getting to this initial $25,000 amount. Senator Blake asked if the Foundation actually gives things in writing such as what is being discussed.

g. Senator Marion agreed that the account needs to be made before we could start raising these funds. Senator Marion said that securing the majority of these funds rest on his shoulders and that he can return to give Senate an update on the fund.

h. Senator Wu asked what happens if we do not reach the $25,000. Senator Marion responded that it would only be an expense account and not an endowed fund at that point.

i. Senator Hosein asked why the evaluation committee would only be 5 people instead of a committee size group. Senator Marion said that the vetting and approval process is efficient at that level. Senator Hosein responded that there are costs and benefits to that size of group. He added that there is more room for influence to sneak in and there is more accountability at the larger group level.

j. Senator Savalia asked if it would be helpful to have Senate’s final saying over the selected candidates after the 5 person group evaluated them. Senator Jamison asked if one person from each college could be in the group so the total would be 6 + the philanthropy chair.

k. Senator Deiner asked if at this time point we could make sure the $25,000 was raised before we decided the exact details of the scholarship distribution.

l. Senator Savalia proposed an amendment that the committee would consist of a 6 members of different colleges plus the philanthropy chair for a total of 7. Pending discussion and approval by the 7 people, the finalists will be presented to Senate. Motion to vote Senator Reiner, Seconded by Senator Wallace. The motion passess. Senator Naciri abstaining.
m. Motion to vote on the proposal as a whole by Senator Reiner, seconded by Senator Blake. The motion passes. Senator Patil abstaining.

ii. Issues Committee
   1. Grant proposals
      a. Senate received 12 proposals, Issues committee decided to fund 4 of them
      b. Bridge to Care – mentors from each college except GS
         i. Their grant has ended so they are hoping to continue their spring events
         ii. Hygiene, Bullying and First Aid events.
         iii. Total budget: $500
      c. GSA Fun Night – put on by graduate students to celebrate diversity at UNMC
         i. 2 recommendations letters
         ii. Holi event funded at $600
      d. SAGH planning a global health conference on Dec 5 and 6th
         i. $500 funded
      e. CON Blanket Project
         i. $400 funded
      f. Total $2,000
      g. Senator Hosein recommended that we open it up for discussion for proposals as a whole or each proposal and we vote on them as a package.
      h. Senator Wu asked how we can tell if these organizations have other sources of funding. Senator Jamison responded that Issues Committee did follow up with individuals that wrote these proposals and that they will include it for the next round of applications.
      i. Senator Jamison explained that we will email all the groups and explain why certain proposals were not funded and recommendations as to reapply next semester.
      j. Senator Jamison explained that we have $1,000 for next semester plus money from food vendors. Senator Hosein clarified that food vendors pay an amount to the bookstore for the opportunity to sell to students and that Senate collects half of these funds for this account.
      k. Senator Wu asked the rationale for choosing not to fund food for these proposals. Senator Jamison said that Issues Committee decided to fund food if it was crucial for the event.
      l. Motion to vote Senator Reiner, seconded by Senator Matya. The motion passes unanimously.
      m. President Hosein commended Issues Committee for the level of discussion on the proposals.

iii. Education Committee
   1. President Hosein shared that Senator Harlow has left as chair of Education Council and that the new chair will be elected in January at the large group meeting.
2. Duy Ha will be acting as interim chair.
3. Outreach/Advocacy Certificate Update by Senator Deiner
   a. There are schools that turn extracurricular programs into certificate based curricula.
   b. This would encourage student participation into activities and put UNMC on the map for this program.
   c. Senator Deiner worked with Dr. Davies to poll graduate faculty and students to see what types of activities were happening and what mentors and students thought about all of this.
   d. Most students are participating in some type of extracurricular outreach activity. Almost every department participates in these events. Most activities are teaching based. Example was the NE Sci Fest that was inaugurated at Durham. Most participated for multiple reasons such as experience, competitiveness for fellowships and for communication/personal skills.
   e. When Senator Deiner brought this to Graduate Council which recommended that this be expanded campus wide and that there be different tracks such as the SHARING clinic and others. The idea was to take one or two classes and work towards this certificate.
   f. Senator Deiner was selected for the Science Policy Trainee position which is 3 years long. She traveled to Washington D.C. three times a year. Her recent trp was from Sept 30 through Oct 1st. She got to talk to Congressional leaders 1 on 1. She thought that it was important to be up to date on policies that affect our career.
   g. Senator Deiner was impressed by the interaction Senate has with Regents and the Student Delegate program. She appreciated the interprofessional approach that she experienced in D.C.

iv. Executive Committee
   1. Student mistreatment policy
      a. President Hosein gave Senate a primer last meeting about student mistreatment on campus. He believes this issue extends beyond GS. We will be discussing this at our December 11th.
      b. President Hosein reported that there is a suppression effect when events happen on campus due to the possibility of it getting out and coming back to students.
      c. President Hosein believes that this has happened at other major medical centers. What is consistently wrong is there are breakdowns in components for reporting or their internal way of dealing with issues. He believes that there is a better way.
   2. IT Email Update
      a. President Hosein learned that IT recently decided on the idea of a student email account that will be moderated by Senate. If organizations wanted to send out messages to students in Omaha, a Senate moderator will approve or deny the message.
This is a compromise from what we originally started out with. Students are still having a hard time to get word out about events.

d. Liaison Reports
   i. Live Green Liaison
   ii. Legislative Liaison – Senator Wergin
      1. UNMC Legislative Group has not met yet. UNMC Student Delegates is looking for new members.
      2. President Hosein reports that currently there are fewer
   iii. Security Liaison – Senator Savalia
      1. Contacted head of security regarding car thefts and was put on a listserve regarding vandalism. There is often suspicious activity or vandalism almost daily occurring across campus. Senator Savalia asked students to call security in case there are any suspicious events on campus.
   iv. IT Liaison – Jaree Price
      1. The UNMC server crashed last weekend. Printer was not functional until Monday afternoon.

7. Inprocess Items
   a. Constitution Revision

8. New Report

9. Shelved Items

10. Officer Reports
    a. President - Jeremy Hosein
    b. Vice President - Caroline Jamison
       i. Senator Jamison asked that Senators not discuss the results of the po
    c. Secretary – Jery Inbarasu
    d. Treasurer – Alicia Deiner
       i. Foundation account – book value $35,000, other cash $6,796.14, total balance: $41,646.72
       ii. Ruben Pamies Outreach: $1,800 + $430
       iii. Cost Center: $56,308.16
       iv. Petty Cash: $710.32
       v. Food budget was decreased and Student senate spent less towards meeting this way
       vi. Future direction: movement of Senate funds to primarily electronic transactions/UNMC
          1. Safe – approximately $216.00 (final total after UNMC discount/shipping)
          2. preparation of a document outlining responsibilities and channels of communication
       vii. President Hosein thanked Alicia for cutting back on meeting expenses and spend more towards student events

11. Adjournment

12. Next Meeting November 20th – Committee meeting

13. Final Meeting December 11th – One meeting in December