Student Senate Agenda
Wednesday, April 24, 2013
Sorrell Center 2010, 5:30pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
   a. Meeting was called to order by President Hosein
3. Guest Speakers
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver
6. News and Reports
   b. President Hosein thanked the senators for their service
   c. Duy Ha will succeed Senator Lakamp as GSA President and will be returning to Senate
   d. Regent’s Meeting Report
      i. University Health Center at Lincoln – there are talks to privatize it to Bryan Health
         1. UNL wanted to manage it
      ii. Appropriations subcommittee gave UN a 4% increase above the baseline from their original reduction to 2%
         1. UN officials said that this increase could be used to freeze in-state tuition for state residents
         2. President Hosein thanked Senator Wergin and Senator Homer for their work on behalf of the UNMC Student Senate and Student Delegates
      iii. There has been $11 million dollars in savings to help support a new Nursing building in Lincoln
7. Liaison Reports
   a. Live Green – Senator Mayne
      i. Last week was Live Green
      ii. Earth Day was last Saturday
   b. Legislative Liaison - Senator Wergin
      i. 2 weeks ago, Senator Homer, Tomlinson and Wergin went to Lincoln to meet with the Appropriations subcommittee
         1. Senators seemed open to making sure the budget was at least raised to 4%
      ii. Last week other UNMC students went to Lincoln to talk about Medicaid expansion, tobacco tax bill and other legislation
         1. The Medicaid expansion bill will be delayed till the next session
   c. Security Liaison – Senator Savalia
      i. No complaints from any students regarding security issues
      ii. Senator Savalia spoke with Cheryl Thompson
         1. Ms. Thompson wanted to gauge student interest to see how we can inform students through the following event
         2. National Safety Awareness Month (September) – “Safe Campus, Strong Voices”
            a. Cleary Center for security on campus issues
               i. high risk drinking
               ii. illegal drug use
               iii. stalking
               iv. fire safety
               v. hate crimes
   d. IT Liaison – Senator Zehr
i. Off-campus e-mail
   1. talked to Larry Walker (head of internet division of ITS) regarding slow connectivity of off-campus internet – it is working according to design
   2. Senator Harlow mentioned how the off-campus internet has timed out on her after 3 minutes
   3. Senator Manzel noted that sometimes after the system asks you to relogin, it enters a cycle that continuously asks you to relogin
   4. Senator Passarelli has commonly entered the “Bad Request” screen when it comes in
   5. Senator Patil has had issues with the system shortening the link

ii. Incompatibility with certain phones
   1. have not gotten incompatibility issues fixed still

iii. President Hosein encouraged students to call ITS (559-7700) and send complaints

8. College Reports
   a. AH
      i. Held the forum about the Health Science Building in UNK last Monday
      ii. Some programs will now be distance learning and students have had concerns about how quality of education will be maintained
      iii. Students also expressed concerns about how the new building will affect their tuition costs - students here will not feel any increase in tuition due to the new building
      iv. Senator Harlow visited the building last week and she enjoyed the visit and thinks it will be a great opportunity for students to learn
      v. The new building is focused on a “flipped classroom” environment with virtual dissection table
      vi. SAH is reaching out to students to design the building
   b. CON
      i. No new updates
      ii. Commencement next Friday at Joslyn Art Museum
   c. COP
   d. COM
      i. Bike for Sight – SAGH Philanthropic focus
         1. Fundraiser for International Division of Ophthalmology at UNMC
         2. Registration fee is $20, $20 will fund one cataract surgery
         3. The event is this Saturday at 9 am
      ii. Med Prom
         1. Held at Tip Top Ballroom
   e. COPH
      i. No new updates
   f. GS
      i. Getting coffee vendor in DRC 1 atrium
         1. Coffee cart will be running by May 1st
         2. Starbucks coffee – pushing for 10% discount for students
         3. They are hoping the discount carries through to all of campus
         4. GSA elections will be held next week
      ii. Bringing in another Godfather’s group to replace the prior Godfather’s group

9. Committee Reports
   a. Activities Committee
      i. Zoo Day – will be more information coming this Fall
   b. Issues Committee
      i. Proposal for Funds
1. The proposal was read by Senator Schomer
2. Senator Jamison reminded senators that Treasurer Diener that there were no conflicts in funding things through Fund A fees as long as it is something that Senate could normally fund
3. Senator Wergin asked if Senate has the ability to allocate less than the requested amount for each organization; Senator Jamison responded that it was possible
4. Senator Anchan asked if there was any benefit in putting a maximum award for any particular organization
5. Senator Wallace asked if this proposal was just to discuss the funding for the BOSS proposal or altering the original BOSS proposal in anyway; Senator Jamison responded that this proposal determines how BOSS is funded
6. Senator Reiner asked if it was more beneficial to split the $3000 into two separate amounts to be handed out in fall and spring
7. Senator Inbarasu proposed an amendment to the proposal to remove the clause that said that “the proposals would be reviewed during the months of September and February for their respective semesters”
   a. All for 7
   b. All against 24
   c. The motion failed
8. Senator Lucht agreed that splitting the amount for two semesters would be easier
9. Senator Savalia added that money from the vendors would not all be collected in the first month
10. Senator Harlow added that the BOSS proposal has already been passed with the rolling basis wording
11. Senator Homer added that all the proposals would add to the amount of work at each meeting
12. Senator Savalia added that the BOSS proposal was based on the idea that proposals would initially come to the Issues Committee
13. Senator Reiner added that the money would only be earmarked so there is not an issue with not having collected the entire
14. Senator Villenvue added that the proposal would have to go to full Senate once it passed Issues Committee
15. Senator Schomer added that
16. President Hosein added that having the deadline at the very end of September would be better than having at the beginning of September
17. Senator Savalia asked whether it would be better to keep $3000 at the beginning of each year so amend it to reading as “the full amount of the BOSS funds”
   a. Senator Wallace motioned to end discussion and motioned to vote; seconded by Senator Reiner
   b. The motion passed
   c. Senator Wallace and Senator Lucht opposed
   d. Two senators abstained from the vote
18. Senator Schomer proposed an amendment that the $3000 be split between the Fall and Spring semester
   a. Senator Schomer withdrew her amendment
19. Senator Wergin asked what will happen if the full amount was not awarded in the period of a year and whether it was possible for the amount to roll over the next year
20. Senator Wallace and Senator Zehr mentioned that since this was a one time proposal for funds for one year, all discussions about long term spending of the money should be saved for when the BOSS proposal is revisited
21. Senator Jamison added that the rollover would affect next year
22. Senator Lakamp wanted to leave it to the Issues committee to budget how much is awarded each semester
23. Senator Marion asked whether student organizations could apply for the proposal in the form of a reimbursement for an event that happens after the deadline for the award
24. Senator Reiner added that from a financial point of view, it was not easy to transfer money from University Cost Center account to another one
25. President Hosein made a motion to vote; seconded by Senator Priluck
26. The proposal passes unanimously

c. Education Committee
i. Student Senate Mentor Award Proposal
1. The proposal was read by Senator Harlow
2. Senator Wallace moved to change the word “Outstanding” to “Distinguished”
   a. Seconded by Senator Reiner; Motion passed unanimously
3. Senator Wallace moved to remove “2014” and replace it with “that year” at all points
   a. Seconded by Senator Savalia; Motion passed unanimously
4. Senator Reiner asked whether a student that graduates in the fall can still nominate a mentor for the Spring; Senator Harlow replied that the nomination form just requires that the student be a full-time student at the time of the nomination
5. Senator Reiner motion to change “Dr. Carver” to “Student Senate Advisor”
6. President Hosein proposed to rename the award to the “Harold M. Maurer Distinguished Mentor Award” since the Earle family had not been contacted for permission to keep the namesake
   a. Executive committee though that it would be a fitting way to honor the Chancellor
   b. The Chancellor inaugurates the Student Senators every year
   c. He holds the Student Senate theater night
   d. He gives Student Senate the opportunity to have access to many events
   e. He has pushed for the Student Plaza, he hosts monthly meetings with Student Senators as well
7. Senator Anchan mentioned that although we know the Chancellor, future students may not know him in the role as the Chancellor
8. Senator Patil added that he would rather have the award be named after a known mentor to students rather than the Chancellor
9. Senator Reiner mentioned whether it was better to have it named as the “Student Senate Distinguished Mentor Award” and not have a namesake attached to the award
10. President Hosein replied that the Chancellor has been a mentor to him and other student regents in the past, he has been a mentor to petition for the Sorrell Center
11. Senator Blake mentioned how the education committee had worked on the proposal for the past few months and this had not been mentioned in discussion so far
12. Senator Ahmed added that the Chancellor had mentored only two of the many senators in the room.

13. Senator Ahmed added that the committee can create something completely different in the end. The most prestigious award in the University system.

14. Senator Hosein added that you don’t need a namesake but a namesake brings honor to an advocate of Student Senate.

15. Senator Wallace motioned to end discussion and vote
   a. motion passed

16. Motion to vote to change the name to be “Harold M. Maurer”
   a. 10 for the proposal
   b. 18 opposed
   c. 2 abstaining
   d. Motion fails

17. Senator Reiner motion to change the name to read “UNMC Student Senate”
   a. Motion to vote
      i. 23 for
      ii. 5 against
      iii. 4 abstaining
      iv. The motion passes

18. Senator Wergin thinks it’s better to have it read the “UNMC Student Distinguished Mentor Award”

19. Senator Marion and President Hosein mentioned that it would give students a clear backer for the award.

20. Senator Reiner asked whether there was enough money in the Student Senate budget to cover the

21. Motion to vote on the proposal
   a. the motion passed unanimously

   d. Executive Committee
      i. Will be coming up to motion to evacuate a Senate seat from GNS (Jennifer Dornbush)
      ii. Requires a simple majority vote to vacate the seat
      iii. The new GNS member will join Senate this fall
      iv. President Hosein motioned to vacate the GNS seat; seconded by VP Jamison
         1. the motion passed unanimously
      v. Senator Reiner voted that Senator Wilshusen’s GS seat be vacated as she has not been in attendance for the past semester’s Senate meetings
         1. 26 for the vote
         2. None against
         3. 6 abstain
         4. The motion passes

10. Inprocess Items
   a. Email Guidelines Update
      i. Education council received the Senate letter
      ii. There will be talks with IT to figure out a separate website for selling books and rent
   b. Constitution Revision – no new updates

11. New Reports

12. Shelved Items

13. Officer Reports
   a. President – Senator Hosein
      i. Collegiate Readership program
1. Senator Ahmed mentioned that although the money that was donated toward the Readership program, it may be student funds that was diverted from other ideas
2. Senator Jamison mentioned that Cheryl Thompson committed the money toward this purpose since she wanted to support the Readership program and believed it to be worthwhile
3. Senator Ahmed wanted to point out that Senate had come to Cheryl Thompson with this idea but maybe another idea would not get funded because of the finite amount of funds
   ii. CFHL survey went out to students this week
      1. Feel free to email Senator Schomer, Senator Hosein or Senator Patil with any questions
   b. Vice President – Caroline Jamison
      i. Attended the University of Nebraska wide award presentation
         1. UNMC won 3 out of the 5 awards
   c. Treasurer – Alicia Diener
14. Next meeting – Tentatively scheduled for September 4th
15. Adjournment