Student Senate Agenda
Wednesday, April 3, 2013
Sorrell Center 2010, 5:30pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
   a. Attendance was taken by Senator Inbarasu; Quorum was met.
3. Guest Speakers
   a. Regent Hal Daub
      i. President Hosein provided an introduction to Regent Hal Daub
      ii. Regent Daub was elected to congress and as Mayor of Omaha
      iii. Regent Daub thanked Senator Hosein for the introduction; Regent Daub was approached a few years ago about becoming a Regent
      iv. Regent Daub has accounting background, experience with big projects and intergovernmental connections
      v. “Healthcare is the biggest economic driver in the country, it has helped develop Omaha
      vi. “1.7 is the multiplier for the payroll for healthcare employees”
      vii. “Nebraska Medical Center is the second largest business in Nebraska”
   viii. Regents see UNMC as a huge, yet, unfinished campus
   ix. Great students attract great teachers
   x. Board of Regents look to continuing in support for UNMC
   xi. Regent Daub told a story of how UNMC had wanted to close Saddle Creek Road and how they had
   xii. Affordability Compact - “there is a interesting debate underway”; tuition has stayed relatively stable of recent years but tuition has accelerated from 2000 to 2010
      1. Governor Heinemann and President Milken worked out a deal to get a one time reappropriation deal to not increase tuition for two years.
      2. Reappropriation committee revised the number to $32.5 million
      3. Board of Regents has to renegotiate 6.1% of tuition with the reduced amount
      4. Regent Daub is confident that the legislature will put back in $10-20 million but not back to $62.5 million
      5. The other concern is the funding for Medicaid, which may be one of the reasons the legislation reduced the amount towards the affordability compact
      6. Tuition may not stay the same but possibly only go up by 1-2%
      7. Regent Daub encouraged senators and any voting residents of Nebraska to call their senators and share their input on these issues
   xiii. Student regents have a voice in the education that they are receiving
      1. Regent Daub urged students to be active in their community and participate in the political process as a professional responsibility and duty
      2. Regent Daub recalled that historical texts had a consistent theme of encouraging citizens to leave their cities better than they had found them
   xiv. Senator Homer asked as far as tightening costs as an alternative way to reduce tuition, is there a way to do that with out relying on government funding
      1. Regent Daub quoted that NU as an institution has had its budget increase by 5% each year which ranks in in the top 9 of educational institutions in the nation; Regent Daub does not think that this is reasonable
      2. Regent Daub mentioned that St. Louis College of Medicine costs $70,000 per year and that it is less but still great here
3. 45% of students do not graduate in the NU system after 6 years; improving graduation rates and retention
4. Increasing student enrollment at UNL and UNK requires reaching beyond Nebraska for students, both internationally and across state lines
5. Families worry about personal finances and costs now more than before the Lehman crash

xv. Competition ought to drive prices down, but university systems have ignored this influence
xvi. At $2.5 billion, Regent Daubt believes that there is a lot of tightening that ought to be done
xvii. Senator Hosein asked what the implications of sequestration are for UNMC
   1. Regent Daubt believes research will be hurt a little bit
   2. The lack of vote, he believes is a way to avoid public voting
   3. If the national debt continues to increase, that will be more concerning than sequestration
      a. mainly due to Social Security ABCD and Medicare
      b. this drives unemployment and causes hyperinflation
      c. if the interest rate would go to 3% it would be larger that Congress’s entire budget for a year
4. Regent Daubt believes that we will all have to make changes and adjust for at least one year
5. Regent Daubt believes a few solutions are to increase term limits of Congress to 18 years, ban C-SPAN from reporting from inside Congress and require every member of the House and Senate to live in Washington, DC.

xviii. Regent Daubt welcomed any input from senators; President Hosein mentioned that student delegates will be going to Lincoln next week to support the Affordability Compact
xix. President Hosein presented Regent Daubt with a Student Senate pen

4. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. Motion to approve minutes by Senator Reiner, seconded by Senator Lakamp
5. Parliamentary Procedure Update – Senator Jamison
   a. In order to facilitate discussion, Senator Jamison will precede as Parliamentarian and prevent interruptions while a senator is speaking
6. Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver
7. News and Reports
   a. Regent’s Meeting Report
      i. Kearny campus was approved
      ii. SAH and College of Nursing was highlighted at the last meeting
8. Liaison Reports
   a. Live Green – Senator Mayne
      i. Earth week is April 15th through the 19th
         1. Tuesday – Lunch and Learn
         2. Thursday – Culture Fest, eyeglasses and battery collection; information about recycling with catered events
         3. Friday – personal document shredding and recycling
   b. Legislative Liaison- Senator Wergin & Homer
      i. On Monday, April 7th, Student Delegates will send students to Lincoln to represent UNMC on the budget issue; there is currently only 4 students going; other senators are welcome; there will be a meeting on Sunday to organize and plan
      ii. The bill will go to the floor at the end of this week or early next week
      iii. UNL, UNO and UNK will send down students on Tuesday, April 16th, of next week
iv. Freedom of Conscience bill – Nebraska right to life is a big proponent of the bill, there are many scenarios which take away rights from the patient and put the emphasis on the provider; it is held up in committee but unlikely to get out of committee in this session; the second group of Student Delegates will represent UNMC on this issue
v. Medicare expansion – Laila Gharzai, M2 from UNMC testified for the bill; there probably will be debate on the floor; Governor Heineman is opposed to the bill

c. Security Liaison – Senator Savalia
   i. Nothing specific to report; if there are any concerns, please contact Senator Savalia
d. IT Liaison – Senator Zehr
   i. The off-campus web email is slow; Senator Zehr talked to Larry Walker and is waiting to hear back on how to fix the email issues

9. College Reports
   a. AH
      i. SAH will be holding a forum regarding the new UNK building; it is for all students to come and ask questions and receive feedback from the Deans
   b. CON
      i. No specific updates; there will be a talent show to raise funds for the American Heart Association; Senator Tylander will be performing
   c. COP
      i. No specific updates; Match Day – pharmacy students matched all across the country
   d. COM
      i. Medical school prom – April 13th
      ii. Residency Symposium – April 20th
         1. Students will be coming from Creighton and other universities
      iii. Empower – organization that focuses on women’s issues
         1. fundraiser at Jimi D’s, raffle
   e. COPH
      i. National Public Health week is underway, it is going well
      ii. PHree PHruit and Coffee was well attended
      iii. Today there was a talk on survival for a zombie apocalypse
      iv. Tomorrow – video on public transportation
      v. Friday – PHamily PHeud
      vi. Long sleeve T-shirts are on sale for $25 each
   f. GS
      i. GSA organized Pie Day on March 14th; fundraiser which raised $155 towards future GSA events; will do it again
      ii. Industrial representatives from across Nebraska met with GS students
         1. Speaker next Tuesday will talk about transition from academia into industry and how the industrial market is changing; this will help GS students better prepare for life after graduation

10. Committee Reports
    a. Activities Committee
       i. Luau proposal
          1. Kenda motion to vote, Seconded by Senator Reiner
          2. Opposed - Senator Savalia
          3. Abstain – Senator Wergin
    b. Issues Committee
       i. Readership program – Cheryl Thompson has agreed to support the Readership program into the coming year
    c. Education Committee
d. Executive Committee
   i. Email Guidelines
      1. Education Council brought up the concern about emails going across campus that do not pertain to education but are sales related
      2. Concerns about abuse of the group lists to distribute non-educational emails
      3. Exec committee will be responding to the Education Council
      4. Senator Reiner asked if Exec Committee intends to present their findings to all of Senate before going to the Education Council
      5. President Hosein replied that Exec Committee will present their findings to all of Senate but that this will not be in the traditional proposal format
      6. Senator Manzel says that there is less junk email now than a few years ago; she has not noticed a lot of emails that are spam/non-educational in nature
      7. Senator Jamison mentioned that there are a lot of legitimate reasons that every student needs access to entire class listserves
         a. There was a suggestion to Issues committee to use an alternative media to distribute non-educational email
         b. There are currently existing guidelines but they do not limit the use of emails to solicit other students
         c. There was suggestions of doing a Blackboard competency to inform students on acceptable email use
         d. Organizations could have a recruitment period to collect members and then only use their distribution list after that point; would not apply to SARH, residency rountable
         e. Suggestions were to limit student access to only their college’s class lists
         f. IT was willing to update class leaders so that they have access to class lists
      8. President Hosein informed Senate that the Education Council wanted to limit access to class leaders and Student Senate to serve as a filter
         a. A potential problem to this situation is that student leaders will have to say no to a lot of requests
         b. Senator Ahmed had proposed the idea of a student app as it is a different way to reach the student body
            i. Students can subscribe to different organizations and groups
            ii. Dr. Davies is in support of the student app
      9. Senator Harlow informed Senate that the Education Council did not make any specific recommendations but wanted to limit access to specific students and organizations to a specific point
         a. The Education Council is soliciting input from Senators and students but ultimately the Education Council will decide what happen with
      10. Senator Passarelli claimed to find the soliciting emails sometimes helpful and has replied to them in the past
      11. Senator Matya believes the app would pose the same problems as email in respect to flooding students with information and suggests that there be a policy in place for acceptable use
      12. Senator Shomer believes that most students are responsible and may not even know about what is acceptable for email distribution
      13. Senator Savalia believes as members of a graduate student body, her right to communicate with members of the student body would be taken away and supports Senator Zehr’s solution to create a Blackboard competency; she believes that soliciting emails are not a huge concern
14. Senator Wergin believes that there are a lot of interdisciplinary organizations that would benefit from having access to all colleges especially for fundraisers
15. Senator Lakamp supports use of Blackboard competency and using an alternate site such as the UNMC classified
16. Senator Priluck says that she finds it easy to sort out important emails from groups and she also finds
17. Senator Blake believes that small changes are necessary and maybe an opt-in option for students would allow groups to send emails without bothering students that do not want these emails
18. Senator Wergin suggests using Blackboard to distribute academic emails instead of radically changing the way groups distribute emails
19. Senator Harlow wanted to clarify that this was a proposal originally so that this issue can be heard at Senate
20. Senator Marion believes that organizations can pass down an organization email account

11. Inprocess Items
   a. Constitution Revision

12. New Reports

13. Shelved Items

14. Officer Reports
   a. President – Senator Hosein
      i. Exec Committee met today with the Macori Insurance providers and will present the information to Senate
   b. Vice President – Caroline Jamison
   c. Treasurer – Alicia Diener

15. Next meeting – April 17th Committee Meeting

16. Adjournment