Student Senate Meeting
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Sorrell Center 2018, 5:30pm

I. Call to order
   a. Vice President Hosein called the meeting to order.

II. Guest speaker(s)
   a. Cheryl Thompson – Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
      i. Cheryl Thompson was here to talk about PeopleSoft and extending the time allowed to access this. It is currently restricted after you graduate. If you were to happen, you can access 1098T, see history at UNMC (grades, transcripts), change contact information, etc. The question is whether or not this would have any functionality to students. Senator Malhotra and Reiner stated they believed this would be helpful, mostly for the availability of unofficial transcripts.
      ii. Mrs. Thompson also wanted to discuss immunizations with the Senate. A new immunization form has been created. This is available on the website. They were able to change the requirement – titers are no longer necessary for MMR or chicken pox.
   b. Yvette Holly – Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Services
      i. Mrs. Holly wanted to thank us for our help in this process. She wanted to remind us that Lotus Notes would no longer be available as of June 1st.
      ii. Starting next week, they are starting to shut down Lotus Notes infrastructure (mobile device access, etc.).
      iii. Senator Rosenbaugh wanted to inform the Senate that if you need access to Lotus Notes still, it is available through the Faculty tab.
      iv. President Ahmed asked about the concern with sending out mass e-mails to the class. Mrs. Holly informed Senate that these groups have now been created through the new e-mail system.

III. Roll Call
    a. Senator Jamison took roll call. Quorum was reached.
    b. Welcome
       i. Amanda Lakamp was just selected the new GSA President and will join Student Senate in the fall.
       ii. Jery Inbarasu was just elected as the new M1 President and will join Student Senate in the fall.
    c. Expectations

IV. Approval of April Minutes
    a. Senator Reiner made a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Wallace seconded.

V. Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver
    a. Dr. Carver apologizes for not attending the Luau, as he was in Houston for a conference.

VI. News and Reports
    a. Regent’s Meeting Report
       i. The Regents are going to be visiting UNMC May 17-18.
    b. Clinical Student Workroom
       i. President Ahmed states that the Executive team has been working on this. Chancellor Maurer gave his okay for this workroom. This will be available for
students in the clinical years, and will be planned in amidst of the movement of offices while the Cancer Center is being built. Most likely will not occur for a few years.

ii. Senator Hosein praised President Ahmed for the hard work in getting this started for medical, pharmacy, nursing, and other students. These would have computers for the students and hopefully a relaxing area for the students.

c. Digital Signage
   i. President Ahmed has identified locations for these. He hopes that we will be able to control this material as Senate to put our information. The three above items will be proposals hopefully in the fall.

d. College Reports
   i. AH
      1. Physical Therapy second years will be starting their first full-time clinicals next week.
   
ii. COM
    1. Second years are preparing for their boards.

iii. CON
    1. This week is the last week for the old curriculum – starting in the fall, there will only be students in the new curriculum.

iv. COP
    1. We are all preparing for our summer clinicals.

v. COPH
    1. Many students are doing their service learning – 150 hours of work and 150 hours for their Capstone Project.

vi. GS
    1. With their extra funds in their budget, they are holding an end of the year graduation celebration and a movie night at Aksarben Cinema. Amanda Lakamp was just elected the new GSA President. The other new officers will be elected in August.

e. Committee Reports
   i. Activities Committee
      1. Luau
         a. Senator Jamison reported that the Luau was a great success last April. There were approximately 125 tickets sold. Senator Jamison thanked her committee and other Senate members for their help with the planning and set-up, along with others who helped take tickets at the event.

      2. Back to School BBQ – proposal to be voted on later in the meeting.

ii. Issues Committee
    1. The main issue for the committee at their last meeting was creating a Room Policy for the Sorrell Center. There were issues with some students feeling as if there were unequal distribution of study space. Some students were reserving rooms for a couple months straight every day. The committee is drafting a proposal that will be put in front of Senate in the Fall, hopefully to start the new process in the Fall.

iii. Finance Committee
1. No report.

iv. Executive Committee

1. Macori Insurance
   a. Executive Committee gets together once a year to decide the best option for student insurance. With the Patient Protection Act, there are provisions that affect student health. These are required in June, but with some students starting school in May, we had the option to forego this requirement this year.
   b. The Executive Committee decided to go with this requirement.
      i. Maximum – from $50,000 to $100,000.
      ii. Drug benefit – from $1,500 to $100,000.
      iii. Increase in Emergency Room care and other Preventative Health Services covered at no cost
      iv. Still the option to purchase addendum coverage to move the maximum from $100,000 to $500,000.
      v. $732 vs. $566 it was last year per semester.
   c. Why? – After next year, the maximum will be $500,000, causing a much larger increase in premium. The committee’s thought was to take a step-wise approach to this increase. The committee also believed the $50,000 maximum was too small. Within reason, this would provide additional protection and was well-worth the extra value.
   d. Senator Reiner informed Senate that anything that was already paid for out of Fund B was taken into consideration when making the premium, so we are not double paying for anything.
   e. Dr. Carver stated the high costs of things such as ER, prescriptions, etc., so these changes should ensure patients are much less likely to reach the maximum coverage.
   f. Senator Punt asked if this would still affect the PAs, as they started their summer semester on Monday April 30th. Dr. Carver said that the new fee wouldn’t go into effect until the Fall as they paid the Summer fee during the Spring, but he would double check that.

2. Meeting with Dr. Davies
   a. The Executive Committee met with Dr. Davies Monday April 30th over dinner. Dr. Davies is the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Dean of Graduate Studies, taking over for the late Dr. Ruben Pamies.
   b. Dr. Davies mentioned the idea of getting a mentorship program started for international students, as they don’t seem to be integrated well into the new culture of Omaha. He has proposed starting a mentorship program that would help these students.
   c. Dr. Carver thanked President Ahmed for setting up this dinner meeting.
   d. Senator Jamison also informed Senate

VII. Inprocess Items
   a. Back to School BBQ (SP 12-08a)
i. Senator Jamison read the proposal, regarding a Back to School BBQ that would separate the event between colleges.

ii. Senator Savalia brought up the concern of a graduate studies Welcome Back BBQ that it may interfere. Senator Hosein asked if they would possibly want to integrate the two. Senator Campbell said she would like to keep these events separate, as the PA’s use this time to get to know each other.

iii. Senator McKnight motioned to vote. The motion was seconded.

iv. Senator Hosein led the vote. The motion passed.

VIII. New Report
a. Online Voting Proposal (SP 12-07)
   i. Senator Stone read this proposal, allowing the voting to be moved from paper ballots to online voting.
   
   ii. Dr. Carver said another benefit would be decreased time, especially for him and his assistant who count all the votes. He believes the biggest benefit is easier access for students to vote, especially in regards to those students off-campus on rotations. The lead programmer of UNMC, Lee Trant, will be working on this, and he assured Dr. Carver that any problems he would be able to fix in a matter of hours.
   
   iii. Senator McKnight motioned to vote. Senator Wallace seconded the motion.
   
   iv. Senator Hosein led the vote. The motion passed.

b. Readership Program Proposal (SP 12-06)
   i. Senator Hosein read the proposal. This proposal is to ask for support, but will not include a budget. Senator Hosein hopes to begin a fundraising effort with the Issues Committee to pay for this. They would like to see how much they can raise before bringing a proposal to Senate for partial funding.
   
   ii. Senator Ripperger asked how this would roll into the next year as far as fundraising goes. Senator Hosein stated they hope to get a recurring donation for donors, with the idea of asking different Alumni associations.
   
   iii. Senator McKnight asked about the previous ideas we had of informing the student body with current events, including speakers relating to health care, etc. He asked if there has been any talk about alternative ways to increase awareness such as having speakers instead of the newspapers. Senator Rosenbaugh suggested headlines being shown on monitors as another way to show current events. Senator Hosein said President Ahmed is working to improve the monitors. He also stated President Ahmed and himself are working to start having forums regarding health care.
   
   Dr. Carver stated that a few years ago, Student Senate hosted an event where the Chancellor spoke. President Hosein stated, specific for Grad Studies, the opportunity for Grad Studies to pay for having a speaker at their BBQ in the beginning of the year if Senate was able to pay for it.
   
   iv. Senator Harlow motioned to vote. Senator McKnight seconded the motion.
   
   v. Senator Reiner led the vote. The motion passed.

IX. Shelved Items
X. Officer Reports
   a. President – Faisal Ahmed
      i. Sodexo Incentives – Sodexo wanted to send out a survey with the chance to win gift cards and an iPad. With the change in e-mail systems, there was an issue with sending out the survey to students. President Ahmed has suggested to Sodexo the chance to send out the e-mail again, but they have not yet responded.
   
   b. Vice President – Jeremy Hosein
      i. No report.
   
   c. Secretary – Caroline Jamison
Senator Jamison asked those Senators that won’t be here next year to e-mail her.

Treasurer – Ben Reiner

Senator Reiner gave the budget for Luau. They were under budget $2,151.91.

General Budget expected for next year (fiscal year June to June)

1. Income - $27,000
   a. Food for meetings - $8,100.00
   b. Office Supplies - $800.00
   c. Social - $15,400.00
   d. Savings - $2,700.00 (amount remaining)

Currently, we don’t keep a running fiscal record. Senator Reiner’s hopes for next year are to show the Senate monthly where our money is going.

Office Supply Purchasing Proposal – SP 12-09

1. Senator Reiner read the proposal. This proposal is individually from Senator Reiner, bypassing the Executive Committee per our previous proposal agreement.
2. President Ahmed requested that Senator Reiner report back to Senate in the Fall.
3. Senator Deka asked how much the office was being used, in which Senator Reiner responded that President Ahmed utilizes it a lot, and the rest of us would like to, but it is not very useful at the time being as there is not much there.
4. Dr. Carver said he thinks this is a good use of Senate’s funds. It will encourage use of the Senate Office, which is important, as others notice that the office is not used very much.
5. Senator Harlow motioned to vote. Senator Punt seconded the motion.
6. Senator Hosein led the vote. The motion passed with a 2/3 vote.

Adjournment

Vice President Hosein adjourned the meeting.