Student Senate Agenda  
Wednesday, November 7, 2012  
Sorrell Center 2010, 5:30pm

1. Call to Order
   a. President Ahmed called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call
   a. Senator Jamison took attendance. Senate was at quorum.

3. Guest Speakers
   a. Dr. Nancy Woelfl, Library Director
      i. In May, the library was asked to downsize by 20,000 feet (one floor) due to the construction of the new cancer center. Worked to try and convert the 8th floor to office space. Administration decided in September 2012 to table this plan, as cost of renovations was prohibitive.
      ii. Library redevelopment will proceed. The library is replacing print with digital (33% reduction), reducing the collection to the 7th floor only. This is a two year project, from FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14, costing approximately $400,000. Funds will come from student fees (only $8,400), Friends of the Library group, endowment, and administration.
      iv. There will be no subscription cancellations, will be adding Journal of Visualized Experiments (General Section), UpToDate off campus, more e-books.
      v. With the new space due to more digital books, they will use the space for academically related purposes. They are looking into the possibility of online testing center. Looking for student input as to what else we as students want.
      vi. From the 2010 Survey, they have provided computer upgrades, more anatomical models, UpToDate off campus, digital signs, furnishings, and more exam review books. They are working on becoming more/totally electronic, pumping up the lighting, more study rooms, and quiet study space. More windows is not feasible, but are working to improve interior lighting.
      vii. Dr. Woelfl is looking for one or two student representatives to be on the Library Committee.

   b. Cheryl Thompson – Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
      i. Student Affairs is looking to create an International Student Ambassadors Program. The purpose of this would be to pair all incoming international students with a student who has lived in the US for the past 10 years. They will attempting to pair students in the same college/program, not matching students from the same culture and/or same first language if possible. An application would be required of Ambassadors to assess interest and best match. If possible, the ambassadors could pick up their match at the airport upon their arrival. They would ask students to correspond with them a month or so before they move.
      ii. Ambassadors would be expected to meet with their match at least weekly for the first 6 weeks of class. They will receive a certificate and recognition at the college’s honors ceremony.
iii. Service hour credit would be given to individual programs. A formal orientation program will be provided to ambassadors.

iv. Dr. Thompson asked if there were any changes we would want to be made. Senator Tylander suggested not keeping with the same colleges, as many programs don’t have international students and those students may want to be involved.

v. Dr. Davies suggested giving the international students and Ambassadors the International Student Handbook that was recently made. This can be found online.


vi. Senator Tylander asked how advertising would work and how this is moving forward. Dr. Thompson said they are meeting Friday and finish organizing this soon. Orientation for the Ambassadors would be in the spring.

vii. Senator Hosein asked if this would be voluntary for the international students, and Dr. Thompson said it will be.

viii. They are also exploring an International Help Desk. They have worked with security, and they are willing to allow their security number to be considered the International Help Desk. This number is 402-559-5111. Senator Mayne said he agrees that this is a good resource/safety net for those students.

c. Dr. Devin Nickol, Assistant Dean for IPE

i. Throughout the country, there is a huge range of how much campuses are investing in IPE. To remain accredited within the next few years, this will not be an option – all programs will have to have some sort of IPE activities.

ii. Because of the nature of most of us being on the same location, we are at a large advantage. We need to look at a way of improving interaction with clinical experiences, but aren’t really set up as “IPE” days.

iii. Dr. Nickol said they really would like UNMC to be a national leader in this, and there is no reason we can’t do this.

iv. IPE Proposal

1. They are now proposing set funds to improve IPE. Currently, the funds are coming from the Chancellor’s office.

2. The goal is to spread the cost between everyone. The best approach they believe would be a $2 per credit hour fee. This would fund any foreseeable IPE experiences.

3. They are currently making a student IPE subcommittee and are looking for students to take part in this. Some of these students could serve on national committees.

4. They are looking into student scholarships in the area of IPE they want to fund.

5. Due to the fact that Graduate Studies don’t have a role in IPE, they are proposing that GS students do not have this fee. They hope in the future there would be a way to serve GS students.

6. President Ahmed opened the floor for discussion.

   a. Senator Hosein asked how much they are expecting to raise. Dr. Nickol stated we currently have approximately 50,000 hours, but that is with GS.
b. President Ahmed asked Dr. Nickol what specific activities they have planned. Besides the current activities, the others would be based on the clinical experiences that occur now. Most of the efforts will be turning the clinical times in IPE experiences rather than “same place, same time” activities. They are also looking for curriculum development for the students.

c. Senator Villeneuve asked what they are currently spending, and they states approximately $80,000. Senator Malhotra asked where they got the $2 number. Dr. Nickol said this came from looking into the current costs, then sending students to conventions, etc. Dr. Davies said flexibility is also necessary in this for ideas that may come later. Currently the Chancellor’s Office is supporting it, but that will not necessarily always be the case.

d. Senator Malhotra asked what the timeline is. Dr. Davies states that if it is passed here, it will have to go to the Board of Regents. The fee schedule from the Board of Regents begins to coalesce in February.

e. Senator Blake asked if the students that aren’t in Omaha will also have this fee. Dr. Nickol stated that these students do participate in the IPE activities themselves.

f. Senator McKnight stated that the schedules for students in clinical years are hectic and always changing. He asked if it would be possible to exclude fourth years. Dr. Nickol stated that it’s not so much adding rotations/assignments. It is simply adding components to what exists and merging it into the rotations.

g. Dr. Davies stated that this is something we are very soon going to be obligated to do this for accreditation. COP and COM already have this as a requirement for accreditation, so we are going to have to do something.

h. Senator Hosein said that it is difficult right now as it is hard to see where the money is going. Senator King said that the money should be going back to the students. Dr. Nickol said that they would definitely be willing to report back to us what the money is going to.

i. President Ahmed suggested that a Student Senate member should serve on a IPE subcommittee for more direct access to this, and Dr. Nickol agreed with this. President Ahmed suggested a proposal amendment to add this to the proposal.

j. Senator Savalia asked what would happen with the MDPhD programs. She stated that for her, it is an issue that IPE isn’t a part of GS, as she believes the success of her work does rely on interprofessionalism. Dr. Davies wanted to ensure that we weren’t trying to exclude them, and this could change, especially with MDPhDs or PhDs doing clinical research. Senator Haverland suggested an opt-in for GS. Senator Lakamp said that her and Senator Reiner’s main goal was trying to come up with
ideas for GS students, but really couldn’t think of any connections that are used on a daily basis.

k. Senator Hosein moves to take this discussion to the Issues Committee. We still have time to discuss this. President Ahmed requested a budget from Dr. Davies. Dr. Davies made the point that someone has to pay for this in the long run, there is no way around this. The vote cannot be we can’t do this – the vote will have to come up with some way to pay for this. President Ahmed seconded the motion.

4. Approval of September Minutes
   a. Senator Malhotra motioned to approved the September minutes. Senator Nagengast seconded. Motion passes.

5. Advisor’s Report - Dr. David Carver
   a. Student Health
      i. The memo was sent out on the new Student Health appointment hours. Dr. Carver hasn’t received much feedback, but it seems to be working well. No complaints or concerns were made for the flu shot/TB clinic.
      ii. Senator Savalia, Student Health Liaison, reiterated that the hours allotted aren’t taken up by other patients. If clinicians aren’t seeing patients, they are simply catching up on paperwork.
      iii. Senator Nagengast brought up that the flu shot clinics seemed to run much smoother than last year.
   b. Elections
      i. Campaigning is running now and goes through November 15th. Elections begin next Monday 12th through Friday 16th. Any questions, contact Dr. Carver.

6. News and Reports
   a. Regent’s Meeting Report
      i. Presentation about UNMC activities
         1. President Ahmed gave a report to the Board of Regents with activities students do on campus.
      ii. Official last meeting – October
         1. President Ahmed will be attending a retreat at the end of November.
   b. College Reports
      i. AH
         1. Doing a contest for No Shave November for Prostate Cancer Awareness. They post pictures on Facebook group.
      ii. COM
         1. Movember is also going on in the COM.
         2. Hosted Road Rally a few weeks ago for all UNMC.
      iii. CON
         1. They had a huge success with their refugee health fair.
      iv. COP
         1. In October we had our Honors Convocation for students who received scholarships from the College of Pharmacy, UNMC, and other donors.
      v. COPH
         1. No report.
   vi. GS
1. Having a coffee vendor trial in the DRC atrium. They are trying to establish the consumer need. A survey will be sent out to DRC and GS students to determine if this will be permanent or not.
2. GSA meeting will be tomorrow. They will be electing a new International Student Representative.
3. Formed a Student Discrepancy Committee. This will be for pertinent matters above the peer level.
4. Upcoming seminar on Tenure/Promotion Committee.
5. At the end of the GSA meeting, there will be a meeting on sustainability. This invitation is extended to everyone.

   c. Committee Reports
      i. Activities Committee
         1. Bowling Proposal
            a. Senator Jamison
            b. Senator McKnight made a motion to vote. Senator Nagengast seconded the vote. Motion to vote
         2. Bowling Event
         3. Spirit Week Ideas
            a. Broomball will need help from Student Senate. Senators Nagengast, Hansen, Lucht, and Hansen volunteered to help.
      ii. Issues Committee
         1. Security Liaison Update
            a. Senator Purohit discussed with the Security the following issues
               i. Long waiting time for being picked up when walking across campus. No follow up was made when students were waiting. Bryan Scofield, head of security, is planning to discuss this with UNMC dispatch.
               ii. Looking for a protocol for security personnel on duty to deal with students with problems with their ID cards/getting access to buildings. Bryan Scofield is also looking into this and how to make information retrieval regarding students more systematic.
               iii. Suggestions were made to set up special trashcans for smokers in parking area behind DRC-2 to avoid fire hazard from cigarette litter. This matter will be further pursued with Mr. John Hauser from UNMC Campus Safety.
               iv. CON Students requested that they wanted to keep the college open after hours. The security point was that they don’t want students spread out. CON administration also believes that the CON should be closed after hours. Senator Jamison noted that COP recently changed so COP students have access to the building and computer labs. She suggested that if CON would like for this to happen, they could talk to Senator Lucht or other COP representatives.
            b. Senator Purohit said they are working on a form so other Student Senate members can
c. Catalytic Converters – these have been stolen around Omaha, but only one has been reported stolen from UNMC. The e-mail we received has suggested ways to prevent this.

d. Today in Lot 2, a man attempted to steal a car and in the process ran into 7 cars.

2. Senator Zehr is the new IT Liaison. For any issues with IT, please contact him.

iii. Finance Committee

1. Budget – FY July 2012
   a. Social – spent on BBQs and football tickets – have $6,556.46
   b. Office – spent on pens, phone, printing – have $400.07
   c. Food – spent during meetings – have $6,725.59
   d. The Outreach Fund – $2,342.08
   e. Cash fund – $866.02

iv. Executive Committee

1. Proposal Process Amendment November Proposal
   a. President Ahmed read the proposal.
   b. Main points – eliminate Finance Committee, add Education Committee, add Philanthropy Chair from Activities Committee, add Vice Committee Chairs, and add GSA President and Philanthropy Chair to executive committee.
   c. Senator Reiner supported dissolving the finance committee. Senator Reiner and Villeneuve said that the GSA President is voted only by people at their GSA meeting at not Senators. This point was made stating that the GSA President being on the Executive Committee may not be reasonable.
   d. The Education Committee will be designed to become more involved in the IPE process and the Teaching Academy. This Teaching Academy is to aggregate passionate teachers together to share ideas and institutionalize ideas. This can be used strategically with students to see what they have done in the past and what has worked. To be engaged in that, Senate needs an Educational Committee to interact with all of these outside groups.
   e. Senator Jamison makes a motion to move this to the Issues Committee. Senator Haverland seconds the motion. Motion passes.

2. Hurricane Sandy Relief Proposal
   a. President Ahmed read the proposal. $1000 would be given from the outreach fund to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief.
   b. Senator made a motion. Senator seconded the motion.
   c. Senator Nagengast states that there is always people in Omaha that need money. Senator Blake stated that there are service projects in our community. Senator McKnight asked if this money was initially made to send students for relief. President Ahmed stated that $1,000 would be better spent for blankets, rebuilding rather than sending one student/faculty member to
New York. He asked if you are being true to the mission to the 
fund. Senator Schomer asked if we could find someone that is 
already going to fund.

d. Senator Hosein stated that he believes this is a very worthy 
vote. Senator Hosein made a motion to vote. Senator Nagengast 
seconded the motion. Motion passes.
e. Senator Lucht asked if we would be able to do a press release 
over this. President Ahmed said he will work on this.

7. In process Items
   a. Student Workroom
   b. Constitution Revision

8. New Report

9. Shelved Items
   a. Student Apps

10. Officer Reports
    a. President - Faisal Ahmed
        i. November Committee Meeting
           1. Finance Committee and Activities Committee will not be meeting.
           2. Issues Committee will be looking for another date for their meeting.
        ii. Volunteers for UNMC Sustainability plan, 11/8
            1. See above in GSA report.
    b. Vice President - Jeremy Hosein
        i. Alumni Mentoring Program
           1. Creighton has a program like this, which is a program with graduates to 
              see what they are doing now. They connect students with these 
              alumnae to give mentoring advice, especially as they move around the 
              country. This can give students an advantage to that specific job if they 
              have a mentor already there.
           2. Alumni Relations is open to this idea and is working on how they can 
              move this forward. They will start in the Midwest region and hope to 
              move across the nation.
    c. Secretary - Caroline Jamison
        i. Student Senate has a new website – blog.unmc.edu/mcss. Several UNMC 
           websites are in the process of becoming blogs, allowing viewers to comment. 
           Senator Jamison is looking into the potential of this use.
    d. Treasurer - Ben Reiner
        i. No report.

11. Adjournment
    a. President Ahmed adjourned the meeting.