Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, March 5th 2014  Sorrell Center 2010, 5:30pm

1. Call to Order
   a. President Savalia called the meeting to order
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
   a. February’s minutes approved
3. Roll Call with Clickers
   a. Roll called taken.
4. Guest Speaker: none
5. Advisor’s Report
6. Executive Council’s Reports:
   a. President
      i. Regent’s Meeting Report, Update on LB1018, Legislative Dinner 2014
         1. Two weeks ago was an emergency meeting. It was unrelated to UNMC. The BoR
            is in the process of finding a search firm for the next President. There will be a
            search committee and an advisory committee. Students are being asked to find a
            profile of a desirable President. LB1018 was killed by vote 5-2. The Legislative
            Dinner took place and the Legislatures were thanked for the tuition freeze.
      ii. UNMC Student Regent Parking Spot – Janelle Sheeran (College of Nursing)
          1. She has gone above and beyond her duties as our Legislative Liaison, she
             deserves it!
      iii. UNMC Student Recruitment & Engagement Services: Top 5 Student Needs
           1. They are making effort to determine out our resources. CV/professional
              development programs are ideas. They are also looking at better ideas for
              recruitment. The goal is to get a more diverse group of students.
              a. Senator Fenster:
              b. Senator Sheeran: Student Life on the website wasn’t so much as a
                 college perspective rather than a hospital.
              c. Senator Savalia: The SRES is excited to get involved and are willing to
                 work with us. Two main resources students may need on our campus are
                 improvements to tutoring services and career development
                 plans/services.
              d. Senator Shaw: To help with recruitment, it might be helpful to be more
                 informative of the various programs on campus. Also, more information
                 on the different branches of the major departments.
      iv. Sports: Interprofessional Senate Volleyball Team, President Milliken’s Marathon Team
          1. The interprofessional society is putting together a free dodge ball tournament
             a. Senator Dahlquist: The idea is to create an IPE experience, ideally
                students would make a group from the various colleges.
             b. Saturday 12:00pm is the event at the Student Life Center.
          2. President Milliken is hosting easy runs at Aksarben Village. There are 3K, 5K,
             and perhaps a half marathon. It might be in April. Contact Senator Savalia for
             more information if you’re interested.
      v. UNO Student Assistance
          1. Executive ideas were hosting a dinner for the students. The immediate needs
             have been met. All in all, money is needed the most. It is being allocated on a
             need-based profile. The proposal we will discuss later in tonight’s meeting is an
             emergency proposal put forth by the core executive team (President, VP, 
             Secretary, Treasurer) to expedite our involvement in assisting those students
             affected by the fire at UNO.
   b. Secretary
   i. Senator Profiles: Please update form and submit.
   c. Treasurer
   i. Budget & Financial Account Information
      1. We are going to try to get rid of the water bottles and get biodegradable plates
         and utensils
2. We are trying to get rid of our petty cash, it is a liability to an organization’s integrity. There is a proposal to get rid of cash in the form of a donation to the UNO Scott Village.

3. Senator Hosein: Historically, the money is useful for creating change and also for funding alcohol at student events.

4. Senator Coburn: We are trying to working on different avenues to create change that lowers the liability.

5. Senator Savalia: The general consensus of Exec was that we should be able to plan ahead. It would help with transparency.

6. Dr. Carver: In the past it was a small amount for office supplies. It wasn’t so much for alcohol as it was for office supplies. It has been growing in the past.

7. Senator Hosein: I agree with the planning concept but it is more practical to have the funds on hand.

7. College Reports:
   a. Allied Health
      i. Senator Price: We are organizing an event to meet with Dr. Garst sp? UNK is putting up a satellite school of SAHP. We are trying to spread the word with an informal meeting at 1200pm Thursday March 6th Sorrell 3001
   b. College of Medicine
      i. Senator Wergin: 3rd years selecting rotations for 4th year
      ii. Senator Hosein: 4th years have match day coming up this month
      iii. Senator Marion: 2nd years have gotten their 3rd year rotation schedule and are focused on Step 1 boards right now
      iv. Senator Morales: We are waiting on M2s to get their schedule so we can get our summer schedules
      v. Senator Zehr: We are planning on collecting donations for the Scott Village Fire as a class (M1).
   c. College of Nursing
      i. Dodge ball tournament. More details later in the meeting.
   d. College of Pharmacy
      i. Senator Jamison: 30 COP students went to Lincoln to take BP and provide information to people about what Pharmacists can do.
      ii. Search for an associate dean of COP continues.
      iii. Match day is coming up soon.
   e. College of Public Health
      i. April is the national PH month.
      ii. More information is to come.
      iii. The Dean search is ongoing.
   f. Graduate Studies
      i. Graduate Studies pledge is being created, it will be like the Hippocratic oath of GS.
      ii. The 1098T forms in 2012 were incorrectly made, the University is creating info sessions with an accountant that will be on hand to assist students who are affected by it.
      iii. A grievance policy is being finalized for GS students to prevent harassment
      iv. Senator Hosein: Would like to commend Senator Savalia for her dedicated work on something that should have been in the process all along. We appreciate all of your work.

8. Committee Reports:
   a. Activities Committee
      i. Reports: February Blood Drive (2/24-2/25), UNO Hockey Night (3/1), ACA Speakers
         1. Blood Drive: 103 spots open, 94 units were donated. The goal was greatly succeeded. The spring blood drive puts us in the running for a gift card($500).
         2. Hockey: It was a good time, quite exciting.
         3. Spring Fling: April 1st 2-4pm , there will be a popcorn bar with popcorn and a root beer float. There is a call for volunteers to man the station.
         4. The ACA Speakers: Dr. Hammelsteen sp? only 4 students showed up, it went well with a good discussion.
b. Issues Committee
   i. BOSS Proposal Update
      1. Senator Matya: Nine proposals came up, two were funded. The overall
discussion was good and the process worked well.

c. Academic Affairs Committee
   i. Mentor Award Update
      1. Senator Wergin: We discussed the winning mentor and determined a selection.
There were 12 nominees in total that were whittled down. We discussed each
one quickly to take to the next decision level. We were looking for a mentor who
really took it upon themselves to mentor on an individual level. The
recommendation by our committee is that the award be given to Dr. Torres-
Russotto.
      2. Senator Savalia: I would like to thank all the Chairs of the committees for all of
the work they have put in to the mentor award determination as well as BOSS
proposals for funding designations.
      3. For the BOSS proposals Senator Schiller has created letters of acceptance and
regrets which will be sent out tonight.
      4. Senator Wergin has created nice letters for the nominators of the Mentor award
as well as a public announcement that will be sent to Dr. Torres-Russotto and the
student body tonight after the vote.

9. Liaison Reports:
   a. IT
      i. IT Meeting with Vice Chancellor for ITS Yvette Holly about Mobile Device Application
         1. The future of UNMC education was discussed. The topic was balancing the
amount of information and how E-learning can be incorporated. So far the
general consensus is that instructors are having difficulty. One idea is that class
meets early in the week and then students work on the material on their own.
            a. Senator Shaw: It’s nice to have a good tie to the realistic application of
the information and then learn it.
            b. Senator Dahlquist: All the classes in the CON are on Mondays and then
there is a clinical wrap up.
            c. Senator Jamison: there is a lab that has 15-30 students who meet with a
facilitator to learn.
         2. The Mobile Device App: The list of desires has been provided. The goal of the
App is to centralize all of the essential information on a mobile app. U Toledo
created an App from scratch and is helping UNMC’s project move forward.
Chancellor Gold is in support of our desire to pursue this project.
         3. ECHO360 can download the files.
      ii. Discussion regarding IT Survey & Services
         1. Get them back to Senator Price. Only 25% returned currently.
         2. Senator Savalia: Remind Senators that these surveys should be a reflection of
their peers and not just their own personal opinion.
   b. Legislative
      i. Delegates Update on Lincoln Trips (Past & Future)
         1. Senator Sheeran: The legislative group has selected the priority bills and the
focus is on Senators who haven’t been talked with yet.
         2. LB887 Wellness in Nebraska Act: Covers 56k Nebraskans who fall in a gap. It
covers preventable deaths, it’s an expansion of Medicaid. Then there will be an
effort to centralize resources. The problem is that the Gov. is completely against
the bill because it is a discussion with Pres. Obama. There is quiet support of the
idea among senators. Participants would have to put in 2% of their own income
with a clause to penalize individuals from using the ED without an emergency.
LB916 RN practitioner: It removed the integrated RN practice act. It would allow
APRNs to work independently to the full extent of their Scope of Practice. There
was still a clause that requires 2000 hours of supervision by a MD, PA, or NP.
There was support by med students which helped it move out of committee.
3. We need to encourage students to get involved because the Senators are very interested in the Student perspective.

c. Live Green
   i. The week of April 21st is live green week.
   ii. Contest of building things with reusable things.
   iii. Thursday is shredding and recycling electronics.
   iv. Friday is a tree-planting event. A band will be present. Please contact Liaison if you have any student/friends that are in bands.
   v. A call for advertising is requested on UNMC.

d. Security
   i. Bike signs will be going up by the bike racks.
   ii. Bike locks at the Bookstore are not feasible.
   iii. The Security Escort Service is being approached. U Toledo has been contacted, Senator Morales is still working on that.
   iv. Gary Svanda couldn’t make it to tonight’s meeting.

e. Student Health Services
   i. Privacy Issue Addressed
      1. Dr. Carver got it taken care of. The practitioner has been spoken to.
   ii. Fund B Coverage Information Availability
      1. It’s under Procedures and Guidelines of the student health page. It’s been updated to be a very clear document, surprising for an insurance document.
   iii. Mid-Year Student Insurance Information Session (3/13 11am-12pm Sorrell Computer Lab)
      1. Main points are insurance, Fund B coverage, and information to be handed out.
      2. Issues committee needs to make a flier.
      3. Senator Mirilami will work on one for the international student info session.
      4. International Orientation will also have this information.
      5. Dental plan update: Pat Oberlander is looking into AIG optional dental. So far no issues or complaints with this current plan. Less than 60 students are currently enrolled in our dental plan through AIG.
      6. Senator Anderson volunteered to help with the flier for the mid-year info session.

e. Dr. Carver: Apparently there is a policy from Business and Finance that we need to get approval from Don Leuenberger sp? (Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance) to get money to entities that are off campus. This involves getting contributions from businesses off campus to campus-side organizations. Dr. Carver has requested a copy of this policy. He hasn’t gotten it yet but will keep us updated.

10. Shelved Items:
   a. Constitution Review & Revision: Alicia and Brian have volunteered to champion this effort

11. Proposals:
   a. BOSS Proposals Recommended for Funding (Issues Committee)
      i. Primary Care Progress: There is a speaker from Denver that we have decided to fund. 
         The speaker would discuss how to collaborative team models. (Proposal Passes: 94% for, 3% against, 3% abstain) **ASK Ahmed for vote as the clicker didn’t function**
         1. Motion Passed
      ii. Interprofessional Dodgeball Tournament: Senator Matya: Partially funded, dodge balls, drinks, and prizes. The gift cards basically force the team to hang out together afterwards. We decided against funding the t-shirts. (Proposal Passes: 94% for, 6% against)
         1. Motion Passed
      iii. Senator Matya: We decided that we would not contact the project authors for further information during our committee session where we discussed the proposals.
      iv. Senator Hanisch: Dr. Sasine from U of CO will be speaking with UNMC.
   b. Distinguished Mentor Award Recommendation Proposal (Academic Affairs Committee)
      1. Dr. Diego Torres-Russotto is the Committee’s Selection
         a. Motion PASSED
      ii. The Criteria was discussed.
iii. Serves as a role model to students.
iv. Maintains high professional and ethical standards within his or her discipline and encourages his or her students to strive for the same.
v. Shares a good rapport with students both inside and outside a classroom setting.
vi. Promotes and helps students learn by networking with other students, clients, and colleagues.
vii. Is approachable and shares his or her valuable time to meet with students.
viii. Helps students to identify goals and encourages them to work towards such goals.
ix. Works with students to overcome problems.
x. Takes keen interest in student development and progress not only as a student but also a professional.
xi. Lends informed advice to students in areas such as academics, research, or post-graduation career choices and overall development of students.

c. Distinguished Mentor Award Reception Proposal (Activities Committee)
i. Motion to vote on all amendments made by Executive Committee, 2nd
ii. Motion PASSED unanimously
iii. The proposal is for the Award Reception with the date to be determined.
   1. The word “Tax” was removed from the proposal
      a. No discussion
      b. Motion to vote, 2nd
      c. Motion passed unanimously
iv. Senator Marion: This will not be included in the convocation.
v. Senator Blake: We decided that it would be mentioned at the respective College’s convocation
vi. Dr. Carver was thanked for his generous donation to the reception fees.
vii. All amendments were discussed.
   1. Call to question, 2nd, motion PASSED unanimously
viii. Dr. Carver: Typically this event was done in the Spring. This allows everyone to settle in and work the event into their schedule.
ix. Senator Jamison: This award reception is not an annual proposal, it needs to be updated annually.
d. Emergency Proposal: UNO Fire Relief
i. The Student Senate petty cash fund would be used.
   1. Senator Jamison: This is a great idea, it shows strong support to our other campus.
   2. Senator Inbarasu: How much would be left in petty cash. Response: Coburn about $150
   3. Senator Hosein: Why use $430 as the amount?
   4. Senator Savalia: We have ~$500 in petty cash, this would keep it around $100 and evenly distribute the funds among the students affected.
   5. Senator Hosein: Discussing the logistics of the bill, it seems like a small amount of money. However, the people of UNO will have a good idea who will most benefit from our donation.
   6. Senator Fenster: I would offer up $10 of my own money to Student Senate.
   7. Senator Wergin: Would this conflict with our Fund A requirements?
      a. Answer: no (Coburn)
   8. Senator Hosein: What are the other Student Regents doing?
      a. Senator Savalia: Money donations and UNL donated toiletries right after the fire occurred.
   9. Senator Jamison: Could we have someone sit out in Sorrell and collect money?
10. Senator Savalia: That is a great idea, but it might be good to discuss later and not as a part of this proposal.
11. Senator Hosein: Motion to strike out language of $10/student and add that it will be distributed on an as needed basis as determined by an UNO Official. Also, language of the NUfoundation is removed.
12. Senator Blake: I would like to equally donate to the students involved because it’s a small amount of money to begin with and every student suffered from this traumatic event.
13. Senator Hosein: Some students have renter’s insurance that helps them out. He would like to keep the language flexible so that the proposal can be more beneficial.
14. Motion to accept amendments, 2nd
   a. 29 for 6 opposed
   b. Motion Passed
15. Senator Wu: We need to follow up on how the money is spent. Senator Savalia responded: We absolutely will.
16. Senator Hosein: Would like to make another amendment that would include “additional funding in the amount of $570 shall come from the Foundation account or cost center account as determined by the treasurer.”
17. Senator Coburn: I would like to get rid of cost center, as money in the cost center is from student fees.
   a. Motion to vote on the amendment. 2nd
   b. Motion PASSED unanimously
18. Motion to vote on proposal as is. 2nd
   a. Motion passed 91% (plus Senator Wergin) for 3% against 6% abstain

12. Next Meeting:
   a. March 2014 Committee Meeting: March 19th 5:30pm (Sorrell 2010)
13. Adjournment

Scribed by:
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