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2022-2023 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



Minutes & Proceedings

February 28th, 2023

Senators in Attendance: Bond, Danson, Hall, Howe, Jacobsen, Johansen, Kelly, Koenig, Luebbe, Molina, Orellana, Sanchez, Seibert, Schroeder, Theis, Torres, Uma, Weidner

Senators Absent: Shackelford

Senate Executives: Speaker Larson, Secretary Burklund, Parliamentarian Lawless

Government Executives: President Emily Saadi, Vice President Zach Zavodny, Joseph Hiatt, Luke Sykes, Earlen Guitierrez, and Allie Daro

The joint meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on February 28, 2023, in the Antelope Room of the Nebraskan Student Union and was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Speaker Larson; Quorum was present.

Public Comment:

- FAME talent show is coming up soon! Please apply
- Alpha Omicron Pi pickleball tournament on 3/9- contact Kali to sign up
- Alpha Xi Delta Zingo Bingo on 3/31- contact Jenny to sign up
- Children's book drive going on- bring them to the boxes across campus
- Loper Leader info training is tomorrow and Thursday from 6-7:30pm

Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff (Joseph Hiatt):

- Vote tomorrow and Thursday for Student Government seats
- Career Fair 3/2 in the HSAC

Secretary of Treasury (Luke Sykes):

- Updated the budget

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Earlen Guitierrez):

- Student Organization of the month closes today- 4 nominations for February
- Had a meeting with Japanese Student Association about the liaison with student government

Secretary of Community Relations (Allie Daro):

- Faculty senate attendance policy is still underway.
- Mayor confirmed attendance for the Big Event. Reached out to the news about advertising for more job sites.

Vice President's Report (Zach Zavodny):

- No report.

President's Report (Emily Saadi):

- I Heart NU week is the first week of April. A bus will be taken down Wednesday
- I Heart UNK day will have freebies in the union
- Student fee changes are underway. The proposed fee increase is \$20 per student.
- Student Satisfaction Survey will be sent out again this week. Please participate!

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Butler):

- 17 appeals in 2 weeks. 2 granted.
- Safe Walk is available if you don't feel safe walking at night.

Parliamentarian's Report (Olivia Lawless):

- None

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Koenig):

- **Constitution of Talk About It: Mental Health**
 - Senator Molina moved to approve Constitution of Talk About It: Mental Health. Motion seconded by Senator Orellana.
 - Motion approved.
- **Constitution United Campus Ministry**

- Senator Weidner moved to approve United Campus Ministry, seconded by Senator Schroeder.
- Motion approved.

Rules and Ethics (Senator Molina):

- Working on the attendance policy that will be passed next meeting.

Facilities, Campus Development, and Sustainability (Senator Weidner):

- No report

Student Affairs and Public Relations (Senator Kelly):

- Poll for the senator spotlight.
- She is going to be posting the Student Org. nominees and winners. Please interact with the posts.

Student Programming Board (Senator Torres):

- Senate Bill 2023-02 for the appeal process is completed. It will be sent on for further approval and review.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Johansen):

- Thank you to those that came to the Loper Circles event. The next are March 23 and April 20 at 6:30pm.
- 4 diversity officers have started in their respective colleges.
- Dr. Younes is in the process of getting a \$100k grant for 3 years for student mental health on campus.
- Wendy Schardt is working on an initiative for mental health issues on campus
- International Student Liaison positions will hopefully become a permanent position on the committee- potentially 2 spots.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None.

Speaker's Report (Tristan Larson)

- Thursday is a general studies council meeting at 3:30 in the Chancellor's dining room. Someone will have to take the position once this term is over.

Secretary's Report (Bethany Burklund)

- None

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Quote was received for the union outlet remodels. Around \$40k. About half will be done this fiscal year (before June) and the rest next year
- Inauguration April 18 in the Ponderosa room
- Free screening of Critical Thinking in the food court
- Admitted student day panel- email if you're interested and available to be on a panel.
- Signed off on the agreement for the security cameras and will hopefully be installed this spring.

Senator Johannsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Koenig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.