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Joint Senate Meeting Minutes

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2022-2023 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



Minutes & Proceedings

December 6th, 2022

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

Senators Absent: None

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 March 21, 2023, in the Antelope Room of the Nebraskan Student Union and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Speaker Pro Tempore, Joseph Hiatt; Quorum was present.

Elect Speaker Pro Tempore:

- Motion by Senator Kelly to approve Joseph Hiatt as the Speaker Pro Tempore, seconded by Senator Orellana. Motion passes.

Public Comment:

- Throw your Lopes pictures with marketing

Guest Speaker (Beth Hinga):

- UNK accreditation is up this year, 2023. We have been accredited since 1916. 5 peer reviewers will be coming to campus in October for 2 days and will be meeting with different student and faculty groups.
- April 3 a student survey will be sent out from the Higher Learning Commission. Participation is vital- the survey will be open until April 12.
- If you have any questions or concerns or ideas about how to increase student engagement in the survey, please reach out to Beth Hinga at hingabd@unk.edu.

Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff (Joseph Hiatt):

- Out of Darkness walk is this Saturday.
- Campus Safe Walk with the campus safety team is happening this week to reevaluate progress.
- I Heart NU day Signup is out.

Secretary of Treasury (Luke Sykes):

- Student activity budget board is meeting next week to discuss the budget for next year.

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Earlen Guitierrez):

- Student org of the month for February will be decided next week.
- Charging stations will be put next to sitting areas in the Union soon.
- International student liason project is in progress.

Secretary of Community Relations (Allie Daro):

- Both the Chancellor and the Mayor will be at the Big Event. Sodexo has been contacted about catering. 23 job sites have registered. There's only a little bit over 240 people signed up for the Big Event. Please please please sign up and encourage your organizations to sign up. Sign ups are due this Saturday.

Vice President's Report (Zach Zavodny):

- None

President's Report (Emily Saadi):

- None

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Butler):

- 4 tickets this week
- Student Court did not previously have bylaws. Tanner drafted them over break. They will be reviewed and edited. No changes will be made to the current constitution.

Parliamentarian's Report (Olivia Lawless):

- None

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Koenig):

- **Constitution UNK Equestrian Club**
 - Senator Molina moved to approve Constitution of UNK Equestrian Club. Motion seconded by Senator Kelley.
 - Motion approved.
- **Constitution UNK Powerlifting Team**
 - Senator Shackelford moved to approve UNK Powerlifting Team, seconded by Senator Schroeder.
 - Motion approved.
- **Constitution Psi Chi**
 - Senator Johansen moved to approve Psi Chi, seconded by Senator Hall.
 - Motion approved.
- **Constitution Psychology Club**
 - Senator Johansen moved to approve Psychology Club, seconded by Senator Hall.
 - Motion approved.
- **Constitution UNK Chemistry Club**
 - Senator Sanchez moved to approve UNK Chemistry Club, seconded by Senator Torres.
 - Motion approved.

Rules and Ethics (Senator Theis):

- No report.

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

- April 22-28 will be sustainability week on campus. Recyclefest and discussion tables will occur.
- Dorm room cleanout project is underway to donate items to in-need groups.
- Campus adoption project has 3 organizations signed up currently.

Student Affairs and Public Relations (Senator Kelly):

- Will continue posting senator spotlights and student organization of the month.

Student Programming Board (Senator Torres):

- Approved the Young Americans for Freedom speaker budget request of \$1500.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Johansen):

- None.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Senate Bill 2023-02
 - Integration of International Students into Student Government.
 - Senator Molina moved to approve Senate Bill 2023-02, seconded by Senator Hall, motion passes.
- Senate Bill 2023-03
 - Update the Student Senate Constitution with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement.
 - Senator Shackelford moved to approve Senate Bill 2023-03, seconded by Senator Howe, motion passes.
- Senate Bill 2023-04
 - Update Student Senate Constitution to line up with the Board of Regents policies regarding the Student Programming Board, including appeal of speakers/campus events.
 - Senator Johansen moved to approve Senate Bill 2023-04, seconded by Senator Bond, motion passes.

Speaker's Report (Tristan Larson)

- No Report

Secretary's Report (Bethany Burklund)

- None

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Inauguration is April 18 at 5:30 in the Ponderosa.
- Arbor Day event is being planned with Student Government. April 28 at noon, location TBA.
- Student Organization leaders are being sent information about funding available through UPFF.
- 700 Yung Gravy tickets are left.

Senator Jacobsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Schroeder seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.