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Joint Senate Meeting Minutes

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2023-2024 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



Minutes & Proceedings

August 29th, 2023

Senators in Attendance: Sanchez, Dittmer, Przymus, Manning, Nolan, Seibert, Howe, Wiseman Hiatt, Hall, Torres, Simpson

Senators Absent: Burklund

Senate Executives: Speaker Schroeder, Secretary Loeffelholz

Government Executives: President Temo Molina, Vice President Ethan Ciancio, Olivia Lawless, Noah Shackelford, and Kimberly Gomez.

The joint meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on August 29, 2023, in the Antelope Room of the Nebraskan Student Union and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Speaker Schroeder; Quorum was present.

Public Comment:

- Alex with KLPR (News Director)
 - Looking forward to working with everyone

Guest Speaker (Kristi Pease, NU Foundation):

- One Day for UNK
 - 24-hour day of giving to raise money for all kinds of areas around campus
 - October 5-6, noon to noon
 - Can sign up using link found on the website
 - Goal is 1,905 gifts
 - New tagline: “Be Blue and Gold. Give Boldly”
- Best ways to get student organizations involved?
 - Share more information about One Day for UNK
 - RSO fair (Aug 31)
 - Walk around to organizations and inform them how they can raise money for this event.
 - Sept 14th presentation in Student Engagement Office—use to promote this event.

- Day of the event activities going on
 - Oct 5 9:30 to 11:30
 - Coffee, donuts, raffle prizes—Brewed Awakening, Health and Sports Center, and Brunar Hall
 - Oct 5 Noon to 2:30
 - Snacks, games and a sidewalk chalk contest—green space by Cope fountain
- Good opportunity to support all the organizations we are involved in
- Spread the word!!

Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff (Noah Shackelford):

- No report

Secretary of Treasury (Olivia Lawless):

- No report

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Kimberly Gomez):

- No report

Vice President's Report (Ethan Ciancio):

- There is campus development going on this semester as well as a new plaza

President's Report (Temo Molina):

- Summer recap
 - Board meeting that dealt with University budgets this summer
 - Out budget isn't as great as we would like but is something we will work with.
 - Rural health building will be starting up soon—full satellite campus of the medical center
 - Emergency meeting last week—Ted Carter announced his intent to leave in effect in January
- General plans and initiatives
 - Student engagement—getting to know the students and organizations
 - Using our budget in ways that affect students positively
- Current issues
 - Budget cuts—incoming communication from administration
- Important dates
 - General Civic Engagements—Sept 13 at 1:30
 - Voter Registration Day—Sept 19
 - Constitution Day—Sept 18
 - Nov 17-18—Leadership conference in Lincoln from 8-4pm
 - Great networking opportunity between campuses

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Peterworth):

- UNK Student Court
 - Have cleaned up parking tickets given out from summer and the first week of school
 - Many students are having trouble with parking due to a lack of passes and being put on a waiting list
- Parking has been an issue every single year
 - Could possibly be a bigger issue into spring semester as well
- Talking to campus leadership about a future plan for parking

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Hall):

- None

Rules and Ethics (Senator Przymus):

- Approval of positions
- There are more vacancies that need filled
 - Tell students to apply—Get the word out by mouth (reaching out to classes)

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

- No report

Student Affairs and Public Relations (Senator Howe and Seibert):

- Student Organization Fair this Thursday
 - Need help tabling as well as setting up and tearing down

Student Programming Board (Senator Torres):

- Sept 14—having an RSO presentation

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Simpson):

- Working with a fraternity right now testing a new initiative

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Approval of Secretary
- Approval of Executive Cabinet Members

Speaker's Report (Sam Schroeder)

- Looking to fill the rest of positions
- This Thursday is Student Organization Fair!!
- Increasing communication between the student body but also with faculty is important
- Think about the people you serve, how you serve, and how you represent them

Secretary's Report (Abby Loeffelholz)

- No report

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Congratulations to the new cabinet!
- Door is always open if you need anything
- If you need name tags or plates reach out to Rena and let her know
- Constitution Day—Sept 18—tabling opportunities to come

Senator Torres made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Hyatt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.