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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

September 12th, 2023

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

Senators Absent: Przymus

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 September 12, 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.

Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff (Noah Shackelford):

- Going forward will be in contact with the University about the conference on September 18th.
 - Is a great opportunity for Student Government.

Secretary of Treasury (Olivia Lawless):

- My two main goals in this position are utmost transparency regarding budgetary and spending updates, as well as sparking awareness of the money we have available to ensure we are being good stewards of the money we have been granted, by a certain portion of student fees, for our budget.
 - It is important that we maximize the value of every dollar from that budget. That is only possible through funding the goals and initiatives we are all working towards.
- We had some minimal spending activity in the months of July and August:

- We spent \$436.70 on ‘gifts’ for the beginning-of-the-year Student Senate tabling events, in which we gave out hand sanitizer. We did go \$36 over our budgeted amount there.
- We spent roughly \$171 on some storage and organization for the Senate office.
- We’ve spent \$574.97 so far on name plates and name tags for the Student Senate, for which we have budgeted \$1000.

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Kimberly Gomez):

- Contacted IFC to get name out there to be in contact later down the road.
 - Starting to look at names so we can start appointing people from numerous different organizations.

Vice President’s Report (Ethan Ciancio):

- 2 weeks ago, Luke and I talked about future goals about plaza area. Looking for input from everyone for that.
- Currently a blood drive going on today (12th) and tomorrow (13th)
 - If able, try and help out by giving blood.
- Alpha Omicron Pi would like to host a tailgate event with us this Saturday.
 - Would like to know if we can help in any way for the event.

President’s Report (Temo Molina):

- Budget concerns: Will be serving on a budgeting committee here on campus to take a deep look into our campus wide budget and the challenges we are facing.
- Going to meet with staff senate next week about student government goals and how staff can help.
- Publicly announce a nominee to secretary of community relations here today.

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Peterworth):

- Sitting at 19% for appeals
 - Has to do with beginning of the year. Will hopefully go down soon.
- Big thing is the old basketball hoop by Mantor/Randall
 - Some are parking there, so trying to fix that problem.

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Hall):

- Hopefully getting constitutions approved soon.

Rules and Ethics (Senator Przymus):

- Approval of Non-Senate Committee member
- Approval of Freshman Election Commissioner

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

- Last week talked about campus adoption project.
 - Waiting to hear back from organizations about that.

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

- Upload picture to photocircle to get the word out about who you are and why you joined Student Government
- Starting to work on posting Joint Senate Meeting Minutes on a story.
- On Committee Senate weeks we will post a senator takeover instead of posting minutes
 - Get an insight to the life of a senator.

Student Programming Board (Senator Torres):

- This Thursday September 14th at 3pm is RSO training.
 - Led by Renae and Tammy

- One RSO has contacted board about budgeting request.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Simpson):

- Talked over initiatives we want to take on this year.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Approval of Chief Justice
 - Braden Peterworth
- Approval of Freshman Election Commissioner
 - Ella Ferguson
- Approval of Senator of the Graduate College
 - Kaylee
- Approval of Non-Senate Committee Members
 - Zoey Jacobson and Olivia Ostdiek
- New Senate Logo introduced.

Speaker's Report (Sam Schroeder)

- International student representation
 - Reaching out and waiting for a response on that
- Working with Braden Peterworth to write a resolution for more communication from administration on our current parking situation.
 - If you would like to be a part of this process, reach out to Sam.
- Luis from EIL emailed about getting members to help at a voter registration drive. Training is here at 1:30pm tomorrow.
- Reached out to Michael Cremers on campus concerning about the caf and the dishwasher.
 - While this is a problem that needs fixes, he assured that they are working on it.
- Budget forum (Thursday 14th)
 - Highly encourage everyone to go: in ponderosa
- This Monday at 4pm is our photo.
 - Mark your calendars!

Secretary's Report (Abby Loeffelholz)

- No report

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Stop in office if anyone ever has any questions!

Senator Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Nolan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.