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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 26th, 2023

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

Senators Absent: Hiatt

Senate Executives: Speaker Schroeder, Secretary Loeffelholz

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

The joint meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on September 26, 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:

- Raven Stuart—senior here at UNK
 - Concerned about budget cuts on campus and believe they will hurt education.
 - To do away with these is a problem.
 - Gathering student voices to make a point.
 - If a public forum does not occur, students will protest.
- Alex Hammeke
 - Also concerned about this topic being distributed on social media.

Guest Speaker (Beth Hinga, UNK Accreditation Process):

- UNK has been accredited since 1916.
 - Every 10 years UNK is up for reaccreditation (1 year to get through process)
- Assurance Argument is complete.
 - Available on UNK website
- On site visit October 23, 5-6pm
 - Meeting with students in the Antelope room
 - Bring people!! Is an open meeting for all students.

- Wanting to know what UNK is doing well and what UNK is not doing well.
- Contact Beth with any questions!
 - hingabd@unk.edu

Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff (Noah Shackelford):

- Communication with student body
 - Working on getting QR code surveys put up around campus so they can share their thoughts with us.
- Student Leadership Conference November 17-18
 - Keep an eye out for future sign ups.

Secretary of Treasury (Olivia Lawless):

- Only recent expenditure we have is \$692.80 for cookies, water, and chips for the student organization fair.
- Total budget for Play-It-Forward
 - Subtotal of around \$950

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Kimberly Gomez):

- Continuing to meet with student organizations.
- Attended an International Student Association meeting last week.
 - Looking for members
 - Needing help with international food festival held every year.

Secretary of Public Relations (Tanner Jonas):

- Play-It-Forward coming up Oct 19
 - Need help with set up and tear down.
 - Sending a sign-up genius out to get signed up.
 - Loper dollar prize for first, second, and third place
 - T-shirts for winning team

Vice President's Report (Ethan Ciancio):

- No report.

President's Report (Temo Molina):

- Do continue to be involved in conversations about budgets on campus.
- Administration and academic affairs put together a draft based on enrollment and majors.
 - This is a starting point of conversation for students and faculty.
 - Hearing most students being opposed to the draft.
 - Looking at options on where to go from here.
- If anyone has specific questions and concerns about budgeting, let Temo know.
- Initiative to communicate with the student body.
 - Targeted questions and direct communication

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Peterworth):

- Student court has held 6 meetings.
 - Currently sitting at 82 appeals
 - Have granted 12 of those appeals.
 - Leveling out to usual number of appeals.
 - Majority of issues are coming from lack of residential parking which has led to an increase of ticketing issues.
- Will continue to hold meetings to fill the other Chief Justice position.

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Hall):

- Approval of UNK Climbing Club Constitution
 - There is a lot of interest with the rock wall currently.
 - Have 40 people, and two advisors interested in this club.
 - Charging \$10 dues for the club
 - Have the hopes to eventually start a sports team from this.
- Approval of Order of Omega Constitution
 - Greek Honors Society for juniors and seniors on campus
 - Put on BANG and campus adoption project.
 - Have over 40 members currently.

Rules and Ethics (Senator Przymus):

- Approval of more positions

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

- Gotten a few people to sign up for campus adoption project!
- Discussing lack of white board tables in Bruner
 - Think having these in Bruner will be very beneficial to students on campus.
 - Reached out to people and have seen some interest.
- Student on campus reached out about an entrepreneurship class going on.
 - Student from this group would like to use their profits and put it towards more lighting on campus.
 - Potentially partner with this organization (put our name on it)

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

- Please, please, please add photos to photo-circle!
 - Fill out survey on group-me.
- Posted first senate meeting minutes on Instagram story.

Student Programming Board (Senator Torres):

- Sept-14 had RSO training.
 - Since then, haven't had any budget reports submitted.
 - Currently just keeping the website up to date.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Simpson):

- Dr. Maha Younes suggested some changes to committee last week.
 - Possibly changing the name of DEI committee to Committee of Inclusive Excellence

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Approval of the Secretary of Public Relations
 - Tanner Jonas
- Approval of Student Court Justice
 - Austin Dubas
- Approval of senator nominee for the College of Education
 - Jon Burklund
- Approval of senator nominee for the College of Arts and Sciences
 - Jonathan Schardt
- SR 2023-02
 - Campus parking issues

Speaker's Report (Sam Schroeder)

- Wanting help with One Day for UNK parade float if possible
 - Can get a t-shirt for helping.
 - Great way to represent the University.
- Discussion about where to put QR codes on campus for feedback.
 - Getting more input from students this way
- Created a new folder on SharePoint.
 - Where the updated Student Government logo is at
 - Transfer Student Week
 - Occurring during fall break so will be celebrating the week before
 - Presence on campus should be known and celebrated.
- Email from Hunter giving word he is resigning from position in the College of Education
 - Reach out to people about filling the open spot in College of Education
- Improving leadership and mental health counseling
 - Keeping in contact with Jason about next steps if interested.

Secretary's Report (Abby Loeffelholz)

- No report

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Happy Homecoming Week
 - Celebrating 100 years of homecoming at UNK!
- If able to walk in parade, let Rena know.
- Play-It-Forward
 - Close to getting graphics ready to go for that.
- QR code discussion
 - What are we going to do with feedback once we get it.
- Starting to get quotes for tables in Bruner Hall

Senator Przymus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Torres seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.