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# 2023-2024 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



## Minutes & Proceedings

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

**Senators Absent:**

**Senate Executives:** Speaker Schroeder, Secretary Loeffelholz

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

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*The joint meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on October 10, 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:**

- None

### **Guest Speaker (Vice Chancellor of Finance Jon Watts):**

- Process of budget cuts is ongoing and difficult on campus.
  - Looking at reductions in places on campus.
- Fighting for a balanced budget
  - Long history of challenges
- October 25—faculty will start looking at feedback and comments given to make sure the best decision is made in the end.
- Question—What are roles of financial committees on campus:
  - They are charged to help faculty make better decisions and ask questions.
  - Don't make final decisions, but bring ideas to individuals who can look over those ideas and make plans.
- Question—What is the timeline for this to be enacted:

- Working draft was not a set plan.
- Committed to honor the students we have right now.
- Question—How will budget cuts affect admission of UNK:
  - In general, believe UNK will come out of this stronger.
  - Admission is much broader than a few academic programs, but that doesn't mean they are less important.

## **Cabinet Reports**

### **Chief of Staff (Noah Shackelford):**

- Leadership retreat coming up Nov 17-18
  - Still waiting on a sign-up for that
- Communication survey with student body up and running.
- Sign up for Play-It-Forward

### **Secretary of Treasury (Olivia Lawless):**

- Hi everyone- I wanted to disclose the prizes for the Play-It Forward volleyball tournament.
  - As I mentioned previously, the budget we have set aside for prizes is \$450.
  - We've decided to give t-shirts to the winning team. The cost for these shirts is estimated to be \$120.
    - Therefore, \$330 is left to distribute as our traditional "dining dollar" prizes. This is the current breakdown we have planned out:
      - First place: \$150
      - Second place: \$100
      - Third place: \$80

### **Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Kimberly Gomez):**

- Working on Student Organization of the Month
  - So far there are 10 nominations.
  - Thinking the executive team should choose winners.

### **Secretary of Community Relations (Tanner Jonas):**

- Oct 19—Play It Forward
  - Need all hands-on deck to help with that.
  - As of yesterday, there was only one team signed up.
    - Reach out to others to sign up for event.

### **Vice President's Report (Ethan Ciancio):**

- Next Tuesday at 7:15 is the safety walk outside of the union.
  - Welcome to go and bring others that are interested!

### **President's Report (Temo Molina):**

- Communication is still a top priority with executive team.
- Working with cabinet on upcoming initiatives and events.
- Budget Advisory Committee
  - Listening to library about how we pay for subscriptions that are not used.
  - Listened to athletics today.
  - Also hearing from other various organizations.
- New University President job description meeting.
  - New core leadership pillars for that position passed.
- Faculty Senate has several standing committees to be a part of.
  - Looking for student government individuals interested in specific committees.

### **Student Court Report (Chief Justice Peterworth):**

- Sitting at 16% approval rating

- Down a little bit but still high.

## Committee Reports

### **Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Hall):**

- Approval of Association of Gamers
  - Social organization that meets once a week
  - Goal is to give students a place to hang out with friends and play video games.
  - Form of relaxation and something fun to do.
  - Do not take dues, just want a comfortable place for students to go.
  - Hoping to continue to grow membership within the group.
    - Recruiting through word of mouth and organization fair.
- Upsilon Eta Upsilon
  - Newer organization on campus, but already have a full executive team.
  - Goal is to promote academic excellence for black students.
  - Having an informational meeting for students that are interested.
  - Scholarship, leadership, and service are pillars.
  - Do not take dues but would like to have that celebrated safe space for students.

### **Rules and Ethics (Senator Przymus):**

- Have another opening in the college of education.
- Looking at refresh of bylaws

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

- Campus Adoption Project in full swing
- Senator Dittmer on whiteboards in Bruner
  - Got approval from many individuals.
  - Waiting on quotes for prices.
- Lighting group met with facilities and administrative faculty to reach out to Kearney community about adding lighting on campus.
  - Looked at prices.
  - Talking to student government about getting word out and joining initiative.
  - Looking for someone to match funds that they come up with.

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

- Fill out google form that was sent in group me to get to know student government.

### **Student Programming Board (Senator Torres):**

- The Pre-Law Society, represented by their president Braden Peterworth, met with us for their budget request of \$1,500 for Sodexo Catering.
  - The event they are hosting is the Pre-Law Day, which will be held on Oct. 23rd.
  - The event is primarily focused on high school students from around the state, but it is still open to all UNK students.
  - Several of the activities that will occur during this event will be held in the student union, with the day starting at 9:00 AM.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Simpson):**

- Continuing to talk about future and changes of the committee.

## Unfinished Business

- SR 2023-02 (Parking)
  - Approved

## New Business

- Swearing in of Freshman Senators
- SB 2023-05 (Logo)

- Approved
- SR 2023-03 (Transfer Student Recognition)
  - Approved
- Rick for Student Court Justice Approval

### **Speaker's Report (Sam Schroeder)**

- A big thank you to all the dedication to this organization.
- Keeping in contact about the mental health exercises.

### **Secretary's Report (Abby Loeffelholz)**

- No report.

### **Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)**

- Reminder of the safe walk next week!
- UNK athletics would like to partner with student government on the Loper Bill.
  - Updates to come.

*Senator Przymus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Wiseman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.*