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2023-2024 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



Minutes & Proceedings

November 28th, 2023

Senators in Attendance: Sanchez, Dittmer, Manning, Nolan, Seibert, Howe, Wiseman, Hall, Torres, Burklund, Bond, Przymus, Burklund, Schardt, Oltmans, Vargas, Wilcox

Senators Absent: Simpson

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 November 28, 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 Speakers:

- Kristen Hassebrook-NU VP of External Relations
 - Strategies for student advocacy
 - Distinguishing characteristic is starting with the end in mind.
 - Makes you a lot more capable to adapt to things.
 - Thinking about the different pathways to get to the outcome you want.
 - What are the unique characteristics we as students bring to the table.
 - Things that could either add strength or things we need to check ourselves on.
 - Knowing our audience.

- Who are we going to see, what is their background, what has their experience been like.
 - Knowing these things up front can totally change what you bring to a conversation or how you deal with a situation.
 - If you want to be successful in student advocacy, you must really put in the work.
 - It is a long-term commitment process.
 - I love NU week.
 - Always looking to improve I love NU week.
 - Going to be in early March.
 - A lot of engagement activities during that week to participate in.
- George Holman and Kelly Bartling.
 - Advising on campus.
 - Last year got together with faculty and staff on looking at how UNK can improve retention on campus and improve four-year graduation rates.
 - During that conversation talked about one of the areas we could increase that success which meant looking at advising.
 - What can advisors do to help students be successful.
 - Would love a 95-98% retention rate.
 - Sitting at 74% in 2021-22.
 - Would love to see that get up to an 85% rate consistently.
 - Also want to look toward the future.
 - What does it need to look like five to ten years from now?
 - How can we get the best people in those advising roles for the future.
 - Hoping to wrap up planning grant for advising in August.
 - Hoping this can lead to more grants and more success coaches for UNK.
 - Looking at having students fill out a survey after academic advising meetings.
 - This way the university can get feedback about advising.

Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff (Noah Shackelford):

- Should have all gotten an email about the potential changes to the academic calendar.
 - Go fill out the survey if you have the chance!

Secretary of Treasury (Olivia Lawless):

- Spent \$83 on marketing efforts to push out student surveys on campus.
- Dining dollars were distributed to the winning Play-It Forward teams, totaling \$291.65.
- We spend \$80.55 on name tags.
- Lastly, we spent \$34.82 on the campus adoption project this month.
- Total of \$490.02 spent in November.

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Kimberly Gomez):

- Student organization of the month continues.
 - Continuing to meet with student organizations on campus.

Secretary of Community Relations (Tanner Jonas):

- No report.

Vice President's Report (Ethan Ciancio):

- No report.

President's Report (Temo Molina):

- Talked about I Love NU Day.
 - March 6, 2024

- Opportunity to go down to capital and speak with senators there.
- This Friday Temo is attending the December Board of Regents Meeting
 - If you have any questions let Temo know.

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Peterworth):

- Past week have only had seven cases because of break.
- Current appeal rate is at 20%

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Hall):

- No report.

Rules and Ethics (Senator Przymus):

- Looking at finalizing bylaw changes and looking into potential new ones.

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

- Light the way project has finished sales.
 - Hoping to match those funds.
- Let Emma know if you are interested in joining the sustainability council.
 - Great opportunity to get more involved in the sustainability side of campus.

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

- If willing, share the Tea Time with Temo and student organization of month post on Instagram.
 - Right now, there are only two responses.

Student Programming Board (Senator Torres):

- Today we met with the Japanese association and approved a budget request for them.
 - The event is for a Japanese Festival on February 24th.
 - Keep an eye out for that next spring.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Simpson):

- Thank you again for coming to International Food Festival.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- SB 2023-08 (Light the Way)
 - Purpose is to appropriate funds to match the Light the Way Student Entrepreneurship Group's profits. These funds will be designated for the installment of new LED light bulbs on campus to elevate campus safety.
 - Amount: \$1,420
 - SB passed.

Speaker's Report (Sam Schroeder)

- Getting to the end of the semester.
 - Good luck with finals!
- We will have meeting next week.
- No meeting in two weeks.
- Talked to George before meeting and he was asking about a possible resolution for the new sorority housing.
 - Approved name of Armstrong Hall from panhellenic and RHA.
- Thank you to those that attended the mental health and leadership discussion.

Secretary's Report (Abby Loeffelholz)

- No report.

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Worked with Olivia on quarter zips.
 - If interested in ordering, let Olivia know!
- Going to start meeting about the Big Event for 2024.
 - After holiday break, need to start promoting that.
- Eakes furniture for Bruner Hall
 - Looking at delivery of those tables in January
- Student Organization Fair
 - Looking at promoting that before holiday break because it is happening so soon after break.
- We now have senate bills posted on Open Spaces for the public.
- Quick reminder about trivia night this Friday night in the ponderosa room.
- Gingerbread house competition is next Thursday December 7.

Senator Torres made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Bond seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.