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2023-2024 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



Minutes & Proceedings

January 23rd, 2024

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

Senators Absent: Sanchez, Simpson, Wilcox, Wiseman

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 January 23, 2024, 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

Cabinet Reports

Chief of Staff (Noah Shackelford):

- No report

Secretary of Treasury (Olivia Lawless):

- Update on our expenses so far for the month of January:
 - We've spent \$1.27 on postage, \$65 on name badges, and \$27 on graduation cords.
 - I suspect some upcoming expenses as our initiatives for the year continue to unfold.

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Kimberly Gomez):

- Very little December and January nominations for Student Organization of the month.
 - Looking to combine the nominations for the two months.

Secretary of Community Relations (Tanner Jonas):

- Big Event is April 20th!!
 - Published job site request form is uploaded on UNK's website.
 - Participation sign up form is due April 1st.
 - If you would like to be a zone leader, reach out to Tanner.
 - Working on marketing the Big Event around campus.

Vice President's Report (Ethan Ciancio):

- No report.

President's Report (Temo Molina):

- Update on President search
 - Advising committee is still ongoing and going well.
 - Looking to see news on next steps coming soon.
- Attended a business and finance meeting.
 - If you have any general questions on university business, reach out!
- Might have seen an email from the office of the president talking about the upcoming search process for the next chancellor here at UNK.
 - Nominations are going to be accepted for the search committee.
 - Those nominations open to anyone.
 - Consider what we as students would like to see in our future chancellor.
 - This new role is a big deal.
 - Be ready to give your feedback because they will want a lot of it!
- This past semester proved we have a lot of flexibility in what we can do as student government and what we can accomplish.
 - The executive branch is there to help execute ideas.
 - As a team, we do not expect each other to have to work individually.
- Make sure to save date for I Love NU Week (Week of March 4th)
 - I Love NU Day --March 6th.
- Elections will be coming up soon.
 - Keep an eye out for those.

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Peterworth):

- Did not meet this week.
- Will meet next week.
 - Guessing there will be issues with snow on campus and parking.

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Hall):

- Decent number of constitutions waiting to meet up with the committee.

Rules and Ethics (Senator Przymus):

- Have a few vacancies in the senate right now.
 - Reach out to people you think would be a good fit or are interested!

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

- Over break whiteboard tables were delivered to Bruner.
 - They have been put to good use already!
- This morning, met with Tod Bartee to discuss ongoing sustainability efforts on campus.
 - Plan to meet once a month on Mondays at 2:45
 - If interested in joining the sustainability side of things, reach out to Emma.
 - They want student input! The more the better!

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

- Sending out google form and photo circle one last time.
 - Please fill out!

Student Programming Board (Senator Torres): x

- So far, we do not have anyone coming up to be reviewed for budget request.
- Working on planning future RSO trainings.
- Planning on doing some advertising for that.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Simpson):

- Continuing to work with various groups on campus on the goals we set last semester.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- Review and Reapportionment Election Commission
 - Nominating Zane, Austin, and Brooke for the committee.
 - Approved.
- SB 2024-01
 - Amending the previous election guideline review.
 - Approved.

Speaker's Report (Sam Schroeder)

- Stan Clouse (Kearney mayor) will be coming to next week's meeting.
 - Committee meetings will follow that.
- Working on the town hall thing project where students will be invited to work directly with us.
 - Thinking sooner rather than later for dates.
- Senator Wiseman has left the senate.
 - New spot in COE and graduate college.
- Last semester we held a mental health talk with leaders.
 - Planning another one of those for this semester.
 - Very beneficial presentation to attend.

Secretary's Report (Abby Loeffelholz)

- No report.

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Reminder of student organization fair
 - 3-day organization fair in the 31, 1, and 2
 - Student Government will have a booth.
 - The fair is full, at full capacity which is great.
 - Runs each day from 11-2pm.
- First RSO training scheduled for February 24
 - Advertising through student bulletin on that.
- LPAC is hosting an event next week in junction with MLK Day.
 - In Ponderosa room from 12:30-3.
- Tuesday February 30 Step Afrika will be here at 8pm
 - Fantastic group, attend that!
- A lot of welcome home events going on for new and transfer students to UNK.

Senator Torres made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Przymus seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.