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# 2023-2024 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



## Minutes & Proceedings

*February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Senators in Attendance:** Sanchez, Dittmer, Manning, Nolan, Seibert, Howe, Hall, Torres, Simpson, Burklund, Bond, Przymus, Burklund, Oltmans, Vargas, 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 February 6, 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):**

- Reminder about Civic Nebraska Capitol Experience Days on Feb 20/21.
  - Can sign up for either day if interested.
  - Event is held in Lincoln.
  - Talking about the importance of civic engagement and what goes on in the state capitol.
  - There is a sign-up form in our group-me.
  - This is a great lead up for I love NU Day.
  - If you sign up, please fill out all the information on the form.

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

- No recent expenses this month.
- Did put an order in for the quarter zips.
  - Be looking forward to those!
- Cabinet is trying to be more active on the social media page.
  - Posted a video today about the big event. Go check it out!!

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

- January is now over, so will choose student organization of the month next meeting.
- Recently have been in contact with Women are Problematic group here on campus.
  - Currently working on a period poverty project to provide period products to students in need on campus.
  - Data will eventually be put into a proposal and presented to student government in the future so that UNK can permanently fund the initiative.
- Working with DEI committee to engage more with international students.
  - Will plan to meet with international student organizations to plan a way to fill the gap between international student and native students on campus.
- Lastly, student government was asked to be a part of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention campus walk on March 23.
  - Mark your calendars for that walk at 11am.
  - Have the opportunity to participate in the walk or be a sponsor for the event.
    - More to come about that discussion.

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

- Big Event April 20 from 9-12. Mark your calendar!
- Sign-ups are published.
  - Sent the form to Greek life already.
  - Will continue to send that form out to other organizations.

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

- Have a meeting tomorrow morning (2/6) to look at more promotion for student government through the unkearney Instagram page University of Nebraska Kearney Facebook page.
  - More outlook for the senators and why we want our name out there!
- Will be in communication with the antelope about taking out some slots for promoting our candidacy to get more engagement with these.
  - Put the name out there to students who read the antelope and will also inform people what student government does.
- Push the Big Event!
- In 2 weeks, going to Seattle for the National First-Year Experience Conference with the Thompson Scholar learning community.
  - Will be providing a student perspective for the advising changes going on.
  - Looking at revamping the overall advising experience for the students as well as first year retention rates.

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

- This Friday 2/9 will be the annual Board of Regents meeting in Lincoln.
  - Items relevant to UNK include the vote to eliminate 3-degree programs that include: geography, recreation managements, and the musical theatre/ theatre programs.
  - If anyone has any concerns, reach out to Temo before the board votes.
- Got some communication from Jon Watts about the president's service on the academic administration review group for student fees.
  - Various student fee proposals
    - Academic success fee (\$45→\$100)

- New Student Enrollment fee (\$60→\$100)
- I Love NU Day
  - Working on getting the ball rolling on some details about transportation for that day.

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

- 2 weeks ago, meeting centered around ice and snow with parking.
- Met last night and had some leftovers from that and now getting back to normal parking problems.
- Issue that has come up recently with the new sorority housing.
  - Getting a lot of tickets from students parking in front of those trash cans.
  - Spread the word to let others know to not park there!
  - Will not appeal those tickets because it is a federally protected zone.

## **Committee Reports**

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

- No constitutions to approve today.
- Have four coming up in two weeks.

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

- Approved Joey Orellana for College of Education Senator seat.

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

- Working with sustainability intern to get new recycling magnets to go into res life halls.
  - Hoping to put those in res life halls this Friday.

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

- Thank you to everyone that helped with tabling at the student organization fair.
- Please fill out google form on group-me! Please!!
- If interested in an Instagram takeover, reach out.

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

- Currently there are no student organizations requesting funding.
- Committee has discussed a slight change to the guidelines regarding requesting funding.
  - Required to check budgeting options with the university while also showing how much money they are working with before asking for more.

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

- IFC is doing an initiative called Greeks vs Athletes.
  - Large, canned food drive supporting loper pantry.
  - Plan to have student government help with that.
- Meeting next week with the Inclusive Excellence.

## **Unfinished Business**

- None.

## **New Business**

- Confirmation vote of 2024 Election Commissioner (Ella Ferguson)
  - Approved.
- Confirmation vote for College of Education Senator (Joey Orellana)
  - Approved.
- SB 2024-02
  - Discontinue the pay for the Secretary of the Senate starting in 2024-25. Will save funding that could in the end benefit the students of UNK in other ways.
  - Passes.

- SB 2024-03
  - The purpose of this bill is to amend the contents of SB 2024-01, the 2024 Election Guidelines to provide for a fair election for all candidates.
  - Passes.

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

- Have been in contact with Jason Sharp who has done mental health talks in the past to plan another one for the future.
  - Would like more of student government to attend this next event.
  - Sending out a poll later to see which night we can get most of us there.
  - Reach out to other organization to also attend this event.
- Similarly, will be sending out a different poll to look at available dates for town hall event to connect us with students.
  - Trying to get everybody there so students can meet with a variety of us.
- Attended the NU student advocacy meeting.
  - This organization plans for I love NU week.
  - Have asked each campus leadership to come up with ways that we can celebrate our campus as UNK and our achievements.

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

- No report.

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

- Thank you for help with the student organization fair.
  - Great way to connect new and transfer students to organizations on campus.

*Senator Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Nolan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.*