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# 2024-2025 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



## Minutes & Proceedings

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Senators in Attendance:** Manning, Seibert, Howe, Simpson, Burklund, Bond, Oltmans, Vargas, Shackelford, Samuel, Lawless, Rasmussen, Stegman, Messere Schardt.

**Senators Absent:**

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

**Government Executives:** President Sam Schroeder, Vice President Zane Grizzle, Emma Nolan, Joey Orellana, Genesis Acosta, and Ally Sedlacek.

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*The committee meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on May 7, 2024, in the Antelope Room of the Nebraskan Student Union and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Speaker Przymus; Quorum was present.*

### **Public Comment:**

- None

### **Guest Speaker (Interim Chancellor Dr. Charlie Bicak):**

- A little about Dr. Charlie Bicak
  - Been mostly retired for past two years.
  - Recent role has been to shepherd relationship with UNMC.
    - Goal is to serve healthcare needs across rural Nebraska.
  - Prior to retirement in 2009-2022 was Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.
    - Oversaw academic programs.
    - Merged two former colleges to create the College of Arts and Sciences
  - Was a student at Kearney State from 1970-1974.
  - Left Kearney for about 20 years.
    - Was on faculty at California State University.

- Was a Dean in Austin Texas.
  - Realized how great UNK is and eventually came back!
- We are generally a student-oriented university.
  - Attention to students here is genuine.
  - I am about the students!
- Updates about campus and goals.
  - Would love to have discussions about get dentistry here on UNK's UNMC campus.
  - Ensure we are in good standing with the accrediting body.
  - Partnership and collaboration with fellow campuses.
    - Think we can do more with UNL in selected areas.
    - Find ways we can work with UNL, UNO, and UNMC while also retain our distinct identity as UNK.

## **Faculty Senate President Daniel Chaffin Introduction**

### **New Business**

- Nominations for vacancies in the College of Education.
  - Daylee Dey.
    - Approved.
  - Skylar Moe.
    - Approved.
- SB 2024-09
  - Purpose of this bill is to provide additional resources to help fund the reconstruction of the Loper Pantry from the Office of Intercultural Engagement and Leadership to the Second Floor of the Nebraskan Student Union.
  - The amount appropriated shall be \$5,000 and shall come from the discretionary fund of the UNK Student Government.
  - Approved.

### **Committee Reports**

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

- Goals.
  - Hear more from students about their organization rather than advisors.
  - Would like to explore amendments in constitution to be able to approve constitutions without having students there both times.

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

- Goals.
  - Working on updating election guidelines.
  - Want to fill 2 vacancies in College of Education.
  - Considering bylaws.

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

- Goals.
  - Next year hope to carry on what we did this year.
  - Start planning Sustainability Week sooner.

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

- Goals.
  - Focus on trying to get more pictures to go along with what we are doing.

- Connect more with the organization on campus.

**Student Programming Board (Senator Oltmans):**

- Goals.
  - Promote more UPFF funding this next year.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Vargas):**

- Goals.
  - Keep the ball rolling on initiatives from last year.
  - Bringing back transportation for International Students.
  - Make Union safe space for everyone.