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# 2024-2025 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



## Minutes & Proceedings

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**Senators Absent:** Samuel.

**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 joint meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on August 27, 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.

## Cabinet Reports

### **Chief of Staff (Emma Nolan):**

- Made a Qualtrics form.
  - Form to fill out if organizations want Sam to come speak to them.
  - Another form to fill out if they want to meet with Sam or the Cabinet.

### **Secretary of Treasury (Joey Orellana):**

- Recently spent some money on polos and quarter zips this summer.
  - If you did not get one, let Joey know!

### **Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Genesis Acosta):**

- Looking to start Student Org of the Month back up in September.

- Also working on the RSO research packet as well as looking at priority organizations to visit during coming weeks.

#### **Secretary of Community Relations (Ally Sedlacek):**

- Currently working on Play it Forward.
  - Will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
  - Starting to make graphics and reserving space.

#### **Vice President's Report (Zane Grizzle):**

- Will be reaching out to athletic department to get together to discuss athletic engagement at everyone's events.
  - Want to talk to student leaders around campus to get more involvement at those events
- Through Delt, and going to compile some resources to create a mental health chair for all student organizations.

#### **President's Report (Sam Schroeder):**

- It is beneficial to bring mental health knowledge into all organizations.
  - Looking at how to instill a mental health chair in all student organizations.
  - Met with student health counseling to talk about this plan.
  - Improving and pushing existing resources. Push the word out about resources on campus.
- Put out a parking video.
  - Waiting for data from student court to see what problems still need addressed with the new parking system.
- This summer went to Washington D.C. and met with Adrian Smith.
  - Talked about the University's role in serving rural Nebraska.
- Sent an email this morning about a new Student Organization Bill.
  - Idea is to kickstart recruitment and retention in student organizations.
- As far as news from Lincoln and the Board of Regents.
  - Tuition fees were increased.
    - Number of reasons why.
      - One being we are in an inflation period.
    - Alleviate cuts that need made on campus.
- Thank you to Luke and Renae for organizing the retreat we had.
- Meeting with Jon Watts to talk about plans for the land that URS and URN are currently on.
  - If you have any ideas for that space, reach out to Sam.

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

- Got a lot done over the summer.
  - Created and signed a memorandum of understanding with UNKPD about clarity of rules.
- This semester, student court is meeting on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30.
  - First meeting is next week.
- As of 5pm today, there are 21 cases to hear
  - 16 of them coming from spring semester.
  - 4 between yesterday and today.
  - 1 over the summer.
- Still have 2 vacancies for court.
- Working with Renae to update the constitution.

## **Committee Reports**

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

- Looking forward to a great semester.

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

- Looking to fill College of Education vacancies.
- Talked a lot about changes in the constitution.
  - Will be going through and updating certain things.

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

- Tabled last week.
  - Had a lot of good feedback from students that were interested in joining sustainability.
  - Looking to get up and running again, and get constitution approved.
- Campus Adoption coming up this fall.
- Sustainability Summit is here this year.

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

- Excited for another good year!
- Excited to continue to get the word out about student government.
  - Have doubled the number of posts from the past two years and would like to keep that trend going.

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

- Welcome back!

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

- Had a meeting with Dr Younes.
  - Discussed what we can do to increase our sense of inclusion and belonging here at UNK
- SR 2024-01
  - Addresses concerns with DEI moving forward and the University of Nebraska system.

### **Unfinished Business**

- None.

### **New Business**

- SR 2024-01
  - Addresses concerns with DEI moving forward and the University of Nebraska system.
    - Supports retention, recruitment, and success of all students.
    - The University of Nebraska at Kearney is committed to creating an environment that values the inclusion and belonging of all students.
  - Approved.

### **Speaker's Report (Luke Przymus)**

- Excited for this year, especially with the current members that we have.
- The training we had is not just a training, but an investment for everyone as leaders.
- There are some faculty Senate positions that are open to students.
  - If interested in that, reach out to Luke.
- Student Government picture with the Chancellor.
  - Sept 10 at 3pm.
  - Location is to be determined.

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

- No report.

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

- Thank you so much for attending the retreat!
  - Appreciate the attendance.
- Student organization fair is next week (Sept 4)
  - We are moving it to south of the Union using that sidewalk area.
  - Had 50 tables last year, so it is a large fair.
  - Starts at 11:00!

- More information to come out about Student Government picture
- Loper Lot Party tomorrow night at the Hilltop Mall!
  - A lot there to offer, so make sure to stop by!

*Senator Vargas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Manning seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.*