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2024-2025 Student Government

Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Kearney



Minutes & Proceedings

November 5th, 2024

Senators in Attendance: Manning, Seibert, Howe, Burklund, Bond, Oltmans, Vargas, Shackelford, Rasmussen, Stegman, Moe, Dey, Samuel, Bishop, Weyers, Martin, Fasbender.

Senators Absent: Simpson, Lawless, Schardt, Messere.

Senate Executives: Speaker Przymus, Secretary Loeffelholz

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

The joint meeting of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska – Kearney was held on November 5, 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):

- Today met with Sam and talked about the Green Fund Initiative.
 - Looking at UNL's bill to model it to fit our campus.

Secretary of Treasury (Joey Orellana):

- No report.

Secretary of Organizations and Affairs (Genesis Acosta):

- Last week Sam followed up with organizations that applied for reinvestment fund.
- Opportunity to join in on a mental health social media campaign meeting

- Thursday from 6-7pm

Secretary of Community Relations (Ally Sedlacek):

- Next week on Monday, meeting to talk about the Big Event.

Vice President's Report (Zane Grizzle):

- No report

President's Report (Sam Schroeder):

- Have met with some student organizations that have applied for the new student organization investment fund.
 - Pretty popular so far.
 - Looking at how to spread \$5000 across growing student organizations.
- UNO Student Government was recently audited.
 - Some agencies have been defunded.
 - Don't believe student government here at UNK has anything to worry about.

Student Court Report (Chief Justice Peterson):

- Grant rate is at 13.9%
- Spoked to Ted about the Parking Citation Forgiveness Program
 - He mentioned that they did try and send in a pass, but it was unsuccessful.
 - He is going to share his notes on why it was not successful and then go from there.
- Judicial Branch page on Facebook is updated now.
 - Still have 2 vacancies on the court that need filled.

Committee Reports

Selections and Constitutional Review (Senator Shackelford):

- No report.

Rules and Ethics (Senator Burklund):

- Working on more bylaw changes.

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

- Met on Sunday with students who were interested in being a part of Sustainability Club.
 - Lot of good feedback
 - Going to start discussing sustainability week in April.
- 2 more Campus Adoption organizations to go.
 - Brings the total up to 10 for the semester.

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

- Sent a link to photo circle to fill out!

Student Programming Board (Senator Oltmans):

- Qualtrics form is published and up.
 - Looking to get website updated with links.
- A few pending applications that will be looked at in the next couple weeks.
- Still working on changing wording of the guidelines.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Vargas):

- Thank you for passing the bills last week.
- Michael Christen is interested in helping with finding volunteers for the transportation program.
- Haven't heard back from Dr. Bell about first transportation trip.
 - Should be this week or next week.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- SB 2024-13
 - The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds from the Discretionary Fund of Student Government to the International Students Association.
 - The International Student Association (ISA) shall use the appropriated money to fund the annual ISA International Food Festival.
 - The amount appropriated shall be \$1,500.
 - Approved.

Speaker's Report (Luke Przymus)

- Happy Election Day!
- Legislative PR Day update
 - Will be moved to next semester due to timeline issues.

Secretary's Report (Abby Loeffelholz)

- No report.

Advisor's Report (Rena Zimmer)

- Veterans Day Program on Monday November 11.
- Banner signing November 7 in the student union.
- Photography Exhibition:
 - Work of artist Hector Perez
 - Will be at UNK Library for 5 days
 - November 18-22
 - Reception and Presentation November 20
 - Artist will visit a few classes during his time at UNK
 - Spread the word!!

Senator Samuel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Senator Howe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.