



## *Student Senate*

**February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**University Union, 1965 Room**

**5:15pm**

I. Call To Order: 5:16 P.M.

II. Roll Call

- Members present: Myles Iwen, Elijah Mada, Valeri Nowak, Abbigail Wagaman, Josiah Dawson, Alex Zeller, Mark Fischer, Sara Giernoth, Shane Kanneberg, Sarah Delao Linnea Zintman, Courtney Zambon, Kayla Billett, Fiona Somers, Eric Fischer, Kia Murray, McKinley Lentz, Nathan Rousseau, Dennis DeBeck, Ashley Keenan, Dylan Tritt, Nik Austin
- Members late: Eduardo Navarro, Selena Deer
- Members Absent: McKenna Kelsey

III. Approval of Minutes from 02.13.17: Shane, Mark, approved

IV. Approval of Agenda:

- Courtney motioned to amend to add 2 new resolutions-empowering student voice, achieving greater transparency in student government, abbigail seconded, approved
- Sara, Eric, approved

V. New Business

-SUFAC Presentation

- Cannot really do much about non-allocable funds.
- Childcare center budget increased.
- Lower amount seen in student organization budget because of harsher guidelines from SUFAC last year.
- This will be posted online in the future.
- Go to Nik with any questions you have. Your vote is important!



#### -Tar Sands Resolution Vote

- Abbigail, Josaiah moved to vote.
- Approved 9:0:3

#### -Empowering Student Voice Resolution

- Survey would need to be sent from the SGA account, not personal accounts.
- Abbigail moved to amend to add that the Speaker of the senate would be the one to send out the bill. Sara seconded.
- May need to check with the Dean of Students- they would be the ones to actually send it out. Amendment might be that Speaker of the Senate administers the bill, and sends it to the dean of students.
- No more discussion on the amendment. Shane friendly accepts the amendment.
- Would the survey be stuck in limbo if there are not 100 respondents? -The survey would only be taken into consideration if there were 100 or more respondents.
- Attempt to have more of a direct democracy, but maybe not a good representation of the whole university.
- Survey could address a time commitment issue for those that cannot be senators.
- Pointing out the last Therefore clause- encourages senators to go out and talk to constituents.
- Everyone would have a fair chance to take the survey. Talk to people who don't necessarily share your same mindset.
- Maybe link a senate application to the bottom of the surveys.
- Is there a way to evaluate which students are responding/are the same ones responding time and time again?
- There can be changes later on, but for now this would be a good step to get the students involved.
- President would still get a veto power. This might have to be a constitutional revision instead of a resolution.



#### -Achieving Greater Transparency in Student Government Resolution

- If students wanted that information, wouldn't they go look for it?
- Maybe this could be an opt-in, opt-out email. Question- which is better, an opt-in or an unsubscribe?
- FIONA DOESN'T READ THE MINUTES/ THINKS THEY ARE OBNOXIOUS.
- Emails need to get on Adam's level.
- Exclude student court- they do not want to send their information out due to hearings/election complaints, etc.
- Having an unsubscribe option would probably be better, because it takes out the will of the student to discover how to opt in.
- During FOCUS, there could be a card for opting in for student government emails. Our meetings should go on the app- we pay for it.
- Biweekly emails would not flood anyone's email.
- Exec minutes do not necessarily need to be included.

#### -Senator Approval

##### a. Justis Tenpenny

- Junior, communication major
- Helped Shane with drafting bills
- Wants to work with student involvement and getting senators
- Equity and diversity, community engagement
- Passionate about anything
- LGBT advocate
- Involvement in Senate
- Lack of black history month education
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##### b. Ethan Najacht



- Freshman, history major
- Transparency, senator positions
- Equity and diversity
- Passionate about appropriate diversity
- People don't know what SGA is
- Lack of LGBT representation
- Package Shane Abbie
- Vote Shane Abbie
- Passed 12:0:0
- Closed minutes proposed by Dylan -Abbie and Sara G. voted on by everyone
- Open minutes Myles and Shane passed by everyone

## VI. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Nik Austin
  - CRU dinner, shout out to Shane
- b. Vice President: Dylan Tritt
  - Vice chancellor, meeting with students
  - Christie theatre
- c. Speaker: Courtney Zambon
  - Senator forms for next year due march 10<sup>th</sup> to dean of students
  - Senators who have not sponsored a resolution needs to email her an idea to propose due next week Monday at 5:15
- d. RHAA: Ashley Keenan
  - 1965 room for rest of year
  - Sara Bichler elected NCCWCC
  - Issue with housing-talk to keen
  - Bingo 50 people
- e. Chief Justice: Dennis DeBeck
- f. Standing Committees
  - Academic Affairs: Mckenna Kelsey
    - 24 hour building times
    - Fiona and Mckenna went to public safety
  - Community Engagement: Eduardo Navarro
    - a. SGA website updated



- b. SGA bonding activity, send to Eduardo
- c. Phuture Pheonix
- d. New senators
- e. Pauls March 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8 am
- f. SGA res life all staff after spring break
- g. Compliance question with NCAA
- h. SAC meeting the 9<sup>th</sup>
- i. Twitter password
- j. Linnea joined
- Environmental Affairs: Kayla Billett
  - a. 6:30 all substainable orgs meeting
  - b. Thurs theres a meeting
  - c. World water day march 22 finalizing details
- Equity and Diversity: Selena Deer
  - a. Rick meeting on Wednesday, food from off campus coming here
- Health and Safety: Fiona Somers
  - a. Mid april
- Recreation and Athletics: Eric Fischer
  - a. Homecoming events
  - b. Rock the resch success
  - c. Mens location for 18/19 season
  - d. Tailgating plans
- Student Resources: Kia Murray
  - a. Rock the resch success
  - b. Gb nights good, 125 turnout
  - c. Homecoming Wednesday 10:30 AM
- SUFAC: Nik Austin
  - a. Is Mark free Saturday
- University Governance: McKinley Lentz
  - a. Impliment election rules
  - b. City alderman on what we do for campus
- Union and Dining: Nathan Rousseau
  - g. Can't find rick again
  - h. He was the student who complained to McKenna, 24 hour building
  - i. Composting going well

## VII. Announcements

- none



VIII. Adjournment: Dylan entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M. Elijah moved to adjourn. Shane seconded. Approved.