



NCSA
Senate meeting minutes

Second Floor Ponzio Center
5:30 pm
April 7, 2010

Officers and Staff Present: Drew Cramer, Sarah Messer, Byron Emmons, Breanne Large
Ashley Lokken, Erin Galarneau, Shauna Ruud

Officers and Staff Absent: Bryce Henry, Max Metz, Melanie Royalty

Representatives Present: Benjamin Hughey, Dalen Butler, Rebecca Bischoff, Rachel Hahn

Representatives Absent: Ashley Beier, Bryce Szymanski, Kyle Smythe

Senators Present: Alia Durfee, Anna Bauer, Bjorn Norgaard, Daniel Colon, Elizabeth Kahn, Ian Sage, James Enigl, Joshua Nakama, Michael McNelly, William Mokry, Victoria Dawes, Zachary Wiese

Senators Absent: Chuck Lyons, Devon Shaut, Patrick Blanchard, Sarah Romero, Thomas Bierman, Travis Moore

Guests: Jennifer Courtwright, Emily Pimm, Amanda Strick

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35.

II. Minutes

No discussion

III. Special Order

a. Clare Hintz: Climate Action Plan

Clare: Some additional details for you after the last draft. I'd like to spend a lot of time based on questions that you have. We moved our goal deadline back a couple years, mostly due to having more time for discussion on how to deal with offset, and due to faculty asking for a more conservative date. I think we are more ambitious than most other schools in our goal for carbon neutrality. We've targeted waste reduction as of next year as a start. We are hoping to reduce waste-related emissions by half by 2015.

Pimm: Is fecal matter solid or liquid waste?

Clare: Good question, it is categorized as organic waste.

Bjorn: Does that take into account the power plant converting 200% biomass?

Clare: Yes, but we are looking to purchase wind energy from Xcel.

Bjorn: Off the graph you showed for a spike in electricity, is that based off of coal energy?

Clare: Yes.

Jim: How efficient are the solar hot water arrays in McMillan?

Clare: They are super efficient.

Zach: Could we do that with Chart Wells or an alternative?

Clare: They can do it, we need to find farmers, and insurance to get the food from the farmer's for Chart Wells.

Ashley: If by any chance Chart Wells is not around by 2030, is it possible to be student run?

Clare: It is possible, though it's been found to be less efficient just because students have so much on their plate already.

Ashley: if Chart Wells leaves and we hire another company, would they have to follow this guideline?

Clare: Yes.

Bjorn: What's the feasibility for Northland to grow more of its own food?

Clare: It's definitely possible. We need more students for the work study positions to maintain the gardens. We just need to figure out planting so we can sustain weekly demand.

Amanda: What's the goal for carbon sequestration?

Clare: We haven't set a goal because we need to research what's feasible. Next year we need classes to research this.

Take a look at the building renovations and construction graph; it gives us a really clear priorities list.

Byron: Is the reason Fenenga and Memorial are so low because of the people in it?

Clare: I don't think so, Fenenga was built during an energy crisis, and Memorial had retrofitted windows.

Zach: Can we retrofit other buildings?

Clare: Yes.

This year we spent a lot of time brainstorming offset strategies, next year we will go a lot more in depth with how to implement them.

Bill: With selling power back to the grid, is there talk about setting up a wind turbine in a more appropriate location?

Clare: Yes, we talked to the Great Lakes Visitor Center and they are talking about setting one up, so we are going to see how that works out for them. We also need to research what's feasible for having someone build the tower for us; right now it's not really financially possible.

Benjamin: does the CAP address the lawn space on campus at all?

Clare: We did not specifically say anything about lawn space, but we did say we want more native landscaping and tree planting.

Jim Peterson wants us to take this document once we are comfortable with it to the Board of Trustees.

Mike: What happens if in 10 years we are way behind?

Clare: We are not going to allow ten years. Every year something will be done and we will be keeping track. The big ticket item is the geothermal grid. We will need a funder for that.

Jennifer Courtwright: The trustees don't know yet?

Clare: They know its coming; they just haven't seen this document yet.

Sarah: Is there going to be something like an FYE program to raise awareness about this to the student body?

Clare: Yes, and we are going to be drilling recycling. We want to work with Jared about incorporating it into RA and RHD training and for incorporation into dorm programs.

Bjorn: Does the CAP take into account students' habits? Like eating off campus or buying beer from Milwaukee instead of South Shore?

Clare: We don't have that in our scope but we have been putting a lot of pressure on Chart Wells to buy more local food.

Bjorn: Assuming this plan is adopted, do all future plans of this college have to meet compliance?

Clare: Yes, but every plan is as good as its watch dogs, so I can't guarantee that it will be 100%, 100% of the time.

Drew: Okay discussion time is up, do we want to vote now, talk about it, have more discussion, or vote next week?

Bjorn moves to endorse the Climate Action Plan, Jim seconds.

IV. Committee Reports

Alumni Board

Rachel:

All good, meeting this Saturday, I spoke to Shelli Heglund, who switched to the Alumni Giving Board. She wants to know about NCSA. We talked about the loss of faculty and majors and she said it's a good point to bring up to the Alumni. They would like to know the date for the Everybody Party. The Alumni are really interested in being a part of it.

SOEI

Rebecca:

Doing well

Academic Council

Benjamin:

...again, they won't change the time of the meeting, I have class during it.

Athletic Advisory

Benjamin: I love sports

Comm Comm

Drew: Travis is doing interviews for Comm Comm right now.

Environmental Council

Byron: Earth Fest this week, tomorrow I am doing the Sustainability Awards.

Constitution Committee

Security Review

Constituency

Mead

Bill:

Doing good

Memorial

Elizabeth:

good

McMillan

Jim:

good

Fenenga

Victoria/Anna:

We have a broken door; the key card thingy doesn't work, but were good.

Off Campus

Bjorn: Several constituents feel they have very little options with the cutting of faculty and majors. They are in a tough spot and really frustrated.

Townhouses**ELLC**

Good

Theme Houses**Comments Box:**

No more whores

My only bone with NCSA was that events seemed to be jumbled on top of each other

V. New Business**a. Legacy Coordinator Position**

Sarah: Benjamin and I have been talking about creating a Legacy Coordinator position, but we would like your approval. We would have someone that was not full-time work actively in the NCSA office to create a history of NCSA, along with a lot of things that could be done in that office. We chose not full-time because those students have a lot to do already. This is a pretty demanding position. We also want to create an FYE program to introduce freshman to NCSA.

Byron: Is this another budget line?

Sarah: Yes, but this is a temporary position, it goes year by year. If any of you have ideas on what this person could do in this position, let Benjamin or myself know.

Bjorn: Emily Pimm would you apply for this job?

Pimm: I would say yes.

Ben: Emily has been a huge resource on answering my questions. This position will also be opened up to graduating seniors.

Amanda: Would they have had to have been in NCSA?

Sarah: Yes, that is part of the criteria.

Erin: Would a senior year senator understand what all of the staff do?

Sarah: I would answer no, but when I thought this up, I took into consideration whether we would have many alumni or part-timers around.

Zach: This would be from summer through the school year?

Sarah: Yes, one full year.

Ashley: So you and Ben would hire?

Ben: Yes, just like the other positions.

Erin: The salary would depend on enrollment.

Pimm: Part of beefing up your résumé for this position would be whether or not you've written grants for a non-profit organization.

Mike: I would say we put this off for a week; I would also like to see something with more details, not just the hiring application.

Drew: Alright, we'll table for a week.

VI. Announcements

a. Folk Fest

Sarah: Starts tomorrow, 43rd year, email Mel if you want to volunteer, it goes till Saturday.

b. Presidential Search

Drew: The results should be out by Friday.

c. Bees

The Beehive Collective will be here next Wednesday the 14th.

d. Last Meeting Next Week

e. Special Requests

The last ones under \$150 are due by this next Monday April 12th.

f. Earth Fest

g. Senator Appreciation Gift

Drew: We are donating to Heifer International.

Benjamin moves to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconds.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52.