



NCSA
Senate meeting minutes

Second Floor Ponzio Center
5:30 pm
March 24, 2010

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

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

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

Representatives Absent: Bryce, Szymanski, Kyle Smythe

Senators Present: Alia Durfee, Anna Bauer, Bjorn Norgaard, Chuck Lyons, Daniel Colon, Elizabeth Kahn, James Enigl, Joshua Nakama, Michael McNelly, Sarah Romero, Tom Bierman, Travis Moore, William Mokry, Victoria Dawes

Senators Absent: Devon Shaut, Ian Sage, Patrick Blanchard, Zachary Wiese

Guests: Shimmy Borealis Troupe, Pat Kinney, Bill Whalen, Emily Stephenson

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:31.

II. Minutes

No discussion

III. Special Order

a. Bill Whalen, Pat Kinney, Emily Stephenson

Emily:

I'm a freshman at Northland College and I'm running for Ward 7. I think it's important for a student to run for ward 7 because it is 70% of the Ward. I think we should get a plan to apply for grants to get the roads and sidewalks fixed. I think we can talk up the local community farms, the community plots have been a big hit, and people would like to see them expand. I think we should focus on our local businesses, and also if new

businesses would like to come in, they should be sustainable. I also think businesses and the city should be more accountable for limiting light pollution.

Drew: How are you planning on being a student and a council member?

Emily: I'm planning to incorporate it into a lot of my classes. I'm going to be taking courses that I can definitely relate this to.

Tom: Are there any big differences between what Northland people want and what community members want?

Emily: Most people talk about taxes being too high and how the infrastructure of the city is deteriorating. I know the students are interested in sustainability. However, talking to people door to door, they have been really open about what I have to say, and seem to be for having a younger person.

Pat:

I grew up on a dairy farm in Mason, went into the Navy, and am now a math professor at WITC. Northland has a large impact on Ward 7. Most people talk about taxes being too high, but we need to invest into the community in order to improve it. In terms of jobs, most of the job growth comes from expanding small businesses and people starting new businesses. But that doesn't mean we should ignore sustainability. The lake is key to our economic future, but in a very different way than it was years ago. I think it would be helpful for recruiting if there was a link on your website letting people know what activities they can do in the community. We can also direct community members to your site and they can see what Northland is doing. Jim Peterson, Bill Whalen and I thought it would be a good idea to do a welcome back party in the fall for Northland students.

Mike: you said most businesses that are hiring are those that are expanding or just starting. Why aren't new businesses using the vacant buildings on Main Street?

Pat: Downtown was pretty vibrant before Wal-Mart came. In order for the community businesses to thrive, they have to offer things that don't try to duplicate Wal-Mart. Also, a lot of things are priced as if a Wal-Mart was not here. They need to come down so more businesses can afford to move in. They are gradually figuring that out.

Sarah: If you are looking at doing the welcome back party, stay in touch with NCSA because we do the Everybody Party at the beginning of each year, and it is open to the community, and we try to get more community members involved.

Bill:

I'm running for Mayor of Ashland. Primarily, I have to improve the communication between the council, the community, and the staff. When I step in the office, I have to first work on budgeting, but if I can't solve communication, I won't be able to get anything done. I've been involved heavily in this city. I want to give to the community so here I am running for mayor. I do work with consulting. I'm really behind the BART system spreading to rural transportation.

Drew: How do you see your views differing from the other candidate?

Bill: He is all about cutting, the typical politician, and you won't find me saying something unless I can support it.

Drew: I would like to encourage everyone to vote on April 6th.

Pat: Please get out and vote and assert your voice in the community.

IV. Committee Reports

Alumni Board

Rachel: Good, I've been in contact with everyone, looking at our meeting on April 10th, and next Thursday I'm meeting with a woman about what I'm going to say at the meeting. Any concerns about Northland, just email me.

Bjorn: Make a shout out to them about the Everybody Party.

Benjamin: We used to have an Alumni Weekend; it would be cool if it was revamped.

SOEI

Rebecca: Loon Watch is expanding to more lakes in the UP.

Academic Council

Benjamin: We haven't met, but they still schedule meetings during class.

Athletic Advisory

Kyle:

Ben: I play soccer, it's fun.

Comm Comm

Travis:

Still 6 positions available along with the work study photographer position. It is student run and student funded. We run the Mosaic, Drifts, Quartile, WRNC, and the Wedge. If you have driven friends, tell them to apply. The smallest salary is \$1500 largest is \$2000.

Environmental Council

Willow: We are working on getting Earthfest ready to go April 5th-9th, and the Climate Action Plan discussion tomorrow.

Constitution Committee

Security Review

Sarah: We didn't meet.

Constituency

Mead

Bill:

Memorial

Elizabeth: good

McMillan

Fenenga

We keep having power outages and the internet going down.

Rachel: I've heard there is still a problem with food theft around campus.

Theme Houses:

Dalen: Looks like there will be 5 Theme Houses next year: Fireside, World Beat, Eccohaus, Gaia's Cradle, and LGBT house. Solomon's will be the outpost.

Off Campus

All Right

Townhouses

Bryce:

ELLC

Tom: Don't think I'm an ELLC Senator anymore, but good

Comments Box:

V. New Business

a. Shimmy Borealis Special Request

Allison: (after a quick belly dancing lesson)

There will be a workshop, a performance, and a Hafla, which is a great big dance party. Tribal Spirits will be coming to perform. This money will not be paying for their salary, but travel expenses and supplies. They are pros at improv drumming, and have a very uniquely American belly dance style. The event is scheduled for Tuesday April 6th. The workshop will be from 2:00-3:30, the performance at 6:00 and the Hafla following.

Daniel: Isn't that the same as housing night?

Allison: Yes, so if you get bored, you can get a henna tattoo and eat some baklava while you're waiting.

Willow: It's also during Earthfest.

Allison: It will be one of the artsy parts of Earthfest.

Drew: We have over \$6000 left for special requests.

Ben: We better get spending.

Allison: Over the past 5 days we've fundraised \$115.

VI. Announcements

a. Solomon's Ring Ecofeminism Program

Ashley: The program is tomorrow night at 8:00. We will be doing an ecofeminist poetry discussion and tea social at Solomon's Ring.

Travis: In recent discussions you said there'd be an open forum, is that cool if people bring their own poetry?

Ashley: Yep, totally.

b. Presidential Search Update

Drew: We are meeting in Minneapolis at 12:00pm to go over the final 3 presidential candidates. We are meeting there because it's easier for those who have to fly in.

Ben: When would the new president start?

Drew: I think it depends on the candidate. Jim is officially done in June, so the latest is July 1 and the earliest is May.

Willow: What was the turnout like for the meeting?

Drew: 15, 25 and 10.

c. Coffeehaus: Brass Messengers

Drew: It's the last one of the year this Friday at 8. Folkfest is two weeks later.

Byron: It's a big band, and there are lots of horns.

Ashley: It's a circus theme, so dress up.

Sarah M: Dress up is not mandatory, but do it!

Ben moved to adjourn the meeting, Victoria seconds.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35.