



NCSA
Senate meeting minutes

Second Floor Ponzio Center
5:30 pm
March 31, 2010

Officers and Staff Present: Drew Cramer, Sarah Messer, Byron Emmons, Breanne Large

Officers and Staff Absent: Ashley Lokken, Bryce Henry, Shauna Ruud, Erin Galarneau, Max Metz, Melanie Royalty

Representatives Present: Ashley Beier, Benjamin Hughey, Dalen Butler, Kyle Smythe

Representatives Absent: Bryce Szymanski, Rachel Hahn, Rebecca Bischoff

Senators Present: Alia Durfee, Anna Bauer, Bjorn Norgaard, Daniel Colon, Elizabeth Kahn, James Enigl, Joshua Nakama, Thomas Bierman, Travis Moore, William Mokry, Victoria Dawes, Zachary Wiese

Senators Absent: Chuck Lyons, Devon Shaut, Ian Sage, Michael McNelly, Patrick Blanchard, Sarah Romero

Guests: Shimmy Borealis Troupe (Allison Mills, Monica Lieb, Amanda Strick), Lizzy Hume

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:34.

II. Minutes

No discussion

IV. Committee Reports

Alumni Board

Rachel:

SOEI

Amanda Strick: There's not much to report, having a good ole time, hopefully we will have funding for the summer.

Academic Council

Benjamin:

Athletic Advisory

Kyle: Good, soccer is starting up.

Comm Comm

Travis: Doing pretty good, kinda frustrated, so far we only have two apps for Mosaic, a couple for Drifts, some for the photography position, but none for president and vice president. So again, if you have capable friends, tell them to apply!!! We will be doing interviews this next week.

Environmental Council

Getting ready for Earth Fest next week.

Constitution Committee

Security Review

Sarah:

Not meeting for the rest of the year, the committee for next year is changing from what it was this year and is still being developed.

Constituency

Mead

Bill:

fantabulous

Memorial

Elizabeth:

good

McMillan

Good, at 7:30 there is an Easter egg dying program in the basement.

Fenenga

We would like our murals back.

Dalen: Shouldn't you take that up with res life?

Victoria: We did, they are all fine with it, but maintenance is not.

Dalen: Talk to Rick Waligora.

Drew: I will talk to him.

Jim: I would like to hear back about that.

Theme Houses

Dalen:

Good, we've got some April programs coming. Ecco haus: April 16th there will be an open mic at the fire ring or student lounge, Moose Beard said they'd come and play. In May the Eccohaus is doing a bowl, spoon, and lacrosse stick carving workshop. Tentatively the first week in May.

Off Campus

okay

Townhouses

Bryce:

ELLC

Peachy

Comments Box:

V. New Business

a. Shimmy Borealis Special Request

Allison: This is our 2nd week. We will still be bringing up Tribal Spirits of the Sun if we don't get the request, but this will greatly help in paying their travel expenses.

Byron: Food?

Allison: Hopefully it will be a potluck style. If we get the money, we will get baklava and tea and henna.

Daniel: How much have you raised so far?

Allison: So far \$140 and \$300 from one of the departments here, but that's to pay for performance costs.

Ben moves to approve the special request, Bill seconds.

b. Climate Action Plan

Drew: Next week Clare is coming in to talk about it, so read over it. Any questions or comments? She hopes to get our endorsement on the plan.

Dalen: Are we going to have time to talk about it with her?

Drew: Yes, will have a discussion on it.

Travis: Is it too ambitious? With Northland trying to grow?

Drew: In my view I don't think so. If Northland wants to keep its niche as the leading environmental school, this is pretty important, especially to secure funding.

Benjamin: How into it is administration and even Rick Waligora? I'm sure they are for it, but it does seem really ambitious and like it would cost a lot.

Drew: The presidential candidates all seem to be for it.

Byron: The thing is this won't be coming out of Northland's pocket. It will be a lot of grant writing.

Allison: If you are interested in seeing some student and faculty responses they are available on pubfiles.

Benjamin: Environmental council came up with it.

Zach: If there's not support from the whole college, it's rather counterintuitive to have just one or two groups endorse it.

Dalen: Do we know if faculty and staff are for it?

Drew: I don't know.

Byron: NCSA does have a pretty big say because we have the REF fund.

Ben: And I would support it regardless of if other groups do.

Sarah: We are our own organization.

Bjorn: Talk to your constituents.

Byron: all next week during Earth Fest there will be CAP discussion during lunch.

VI. New Business

a. Approval of New Staff

Sarah: For next year, we went through the hiring process and found some really awesome people

Treasurer: Samuel Lokensgard

Secretary: Elizabeth Kahn

Coffeehaus Coordinator: Travis Moore

Public Relations: Amanda Strick

Sustainability Coordinator: Dalen Butler

Special Events Coordinator: Lizzy Hume

Bjorn moves to approve the new staff, Daniel seconds.

New staff abstains

b. Tabling For Elections

Bjorn: Do we endorse these candidates, or is it just we want people to vote?

Drew: I was just thinking of getting them to vote.

Bjorn: I think we should encourage people to vote for them, because they actually came here to talk to us.

Drew: I think we could do the mayor, but not Ward 7 because Emily and Pat are running against each other.

Victoria: I think it is their job to promote themselves; the senate should not have to be responsible.

c. Special Request

Benjamin: There will be an Alternative Transportation Exhibit at the Home Sport and Gun Show Saturday April 17th. The project is just supporting locally what we have for alternative transportation. We are asking for money to pay for making flyers.

Travis: Where is this?

Dalen: In Ashland, kind of by the depot and Midland gas station.

Travis moves to approve the special request, Bjorn seconds.

VI. Announcements

a. Honors Day

Drew: Tomorrow from 3-5, Benjamin and I will be up there.

Travis: Afterwards, right at 5, in the Psych Wing, there will be a get together meeting on the future of psychology.

b. NCSA Service Project

c. Presidential Search Update

Drew: I was down in Minneapolis this last weekend and made a recommendation. It's all confidential from here on out. Hopefully by April 7th the Board is having a teleconference, and we should know who our new president is after that.

d. Folkfest

Sarah: You get a free t-shirt for volunteering, email Mel or I if you are interested.

e. Last Lecture Nominations

Drew: Nominations are due April 13th.

Kyle: When is Last Lecture?

Sarah: The day before Commencement I believe.

f. Photo for Website

Bjorn moves to adjourn the meeting, Anna seconds.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:22.