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Date 1.18.2018

# **Opening of the Meeting**

Call To Order 5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

First Roll Call

Approval of Today's Agenda

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

# Hearings

# Open Gallery I

- President O'Neil Como
  - o Posters, Facebook group, etc. White Student Union update
  - o Working with the city and admin to create a unanimous message to spread around campus.
  - o Abeer Director of Equity and Inclusion will be here at our next meeting to present.
  - Questions this week for admin next week will be the hefty discussion to decide what actions we want to take.
  - Our goal is to ensure that all students are safe. If you or anyone that you know feels unsafe then please come talk to the President to have a one-on-one discussion.
  - o If you see any of these posters, rip them down.
  - o Facebook Report these events to Facebook to have it taken down. Do not fuel the fire.
  - Student Government will not be distributing any handouts related to this until it is approved by administration and the body. We want to make sure that all we do with these events will follow out school's code of conduct, be a unanimous message, and beneficial to all.
  - o Spoke with MSS next week is the power of diversity event. What message do we want to send?
  - o (President Vaidya) If we find out what students are involved with this there is a process to be initiated. Will work with the police department with this if there is illegal events involved.
  - o (President Vaidya) We have increased the number of patrols around our campus especially with Hockey Day Minnesota this weekend.
  - (Guest from Gallery) Working on tearing down these posters since November. A few leads –
    possibly from a group called identity Europa from Minneapolis. Willing to sit down with anyone
    who would like additional information.

# Finance Hearings

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Contact the sponsoring department/agency listed above.

• No finance hearings this week.

## **Internal Elections**

- At-large Senators Table application for Jared E. Lee due to illness *Approved*, motion do deny the application who was not present *approved*.
- Judicial Council Welcome... Nicholas Lengyel
- Vice President
  - John B Thank you for the honor of nominating him but John would like to decline the position of Vice President and not have senate vote for him so that he may keep his position as Chair of the Technology Fee Committee.
  - Jess Kraus Business major, Former SG senator and EA, was asked to be EA again this year as well as Fee allocation. Wants to be more engaged and help SG continue their projects. Willing to help out the president and help him out in anyway. Jess will look to former Vice President Shelly if there are any issues working with the president that she needs help with. If a member has an issue not fulfilling duties she would sit down with them and see is they can come to a solution. Jess has lower class load and is able to lower her work schedule so that she is able to have the time to fulfill the duties. Primary focus is the Students so she would stay unbiased because it is not about her.
  - O Rick Osbourne Political science major. Involved around campus in numerous activities and clubs and has coordinated many events with the School of Public Affairs. Is able to balance his classes and Student Government Vice President. Learned communication and the ability to advocate for students. Wants to listen to all students and welcome them to the conversation. If admin was not taking the best interest of students he would speak his mind politely and respectfully. Would be open and communicate with the president to ensure that everything is accomplished.
  - Senate Discussing
    - Everyone Really likes all of the candidates.
    - Senate voted to allow the chair and sergeant at arms to give their opinions.
    - Vote via secret ballet
  - o Congratulations Jessica Kraus on your election to Vice President!

Motion so change agenda – cut all information after recess and move unfinished business and new business to after recess. – *Approved* 

#### Recess

## **Plenary Session I**

### **Unfinished Business**

 Bill LA 007 – Talk to Chair Mikkelson or VP Shelley for background on this bill. Vote on this bill – Passed.

**New Business** 

- Gubernatorial Debate Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9 PM, if you cannot attend MUST email President O'Neil Como, VP Shelley, or Chair Mikkelson.
- Chancellor Maholtra IFO in discussions with MN state about contracts. Hoping for read-in in February. Consulting with legal team to change wording in affirmative consent.
- Student Government responsible to put out voting ballot for a minimum of two days in the Spring related to a possible 2% fee increase. We are already at our ceiling for many fees, but this will affect other universities. Please see VP Shelley for further information.

## **Recess**

Technology Fee

**Urban Affairs** 

Officer Reports
President
Vice President
Chief Justice
Students United
RHA Rep
Committee Reports
Academic Affairs
Campus Affairs
Cultural Diversity
Constitution
Elections Committee
Executive Council
Fee Allocation
Legislative Affairs
Public Relations
Senate Finance
Student Services

# **University Committees**

**Plenary Session II** 

Last Call for Business

**Closing of Meeting** 

Open Gallery II

Open Statements

Last Roll Call

Adjournment – 6:51 PM