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Opening of the Meeting

Call To Order -**5:01 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

First Roll Call

Approval of Today's Agenda-**Motion** to allow Denis Mergen to speak first in open gallery 1- *approved*

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- *approved*

Hearings

Open Gallery I

- Denis Mergen - Director of Lindgren Child Care Center
 - The Lindgren Child Care Center is currently at full capacity and even have children on waiting lists.
 - The Enhancement grant allowed them to stay open until 9 pm at night to be able to look after children of students who have night classes
 - Students have the opportunity to observe children and see how they develop over the time they spend at the LCC
 - They have one teacher in each class room along with having students working at the center
- Jean Dempsey -
 - There are many opportunities for nontraditional students on campus to connect with each other
 - The program- Chat and chew meet at Gravey Commons for nontraditional students to talk about anything with other nontraditional students while having a meal for free.
 - The website Bridge to benefits is there for financial aid for nontraditional students, it provides them with forms and people to contact in their local area
 - They are piloting a space for students who are overwhelmed with poverty and the space will help them take the necessary steps for help so they can complete their education
 - Wants student government support to let admin know this is important because it shows admin cares for students. They want to have students feel like it is okay to get help/support.
- Mitch Karstens and Jen Matzke
 - Presenting a potential model for new meal plans for fall 2018
 - Want to enhance the value of meal plans for students
 - Want to accommodate all students on campus from those who stay nearby to those who commute

- Found they are the most expensive in the system
- The system now is complicated due to all the options and want to stream line it for the ease of students
- Presented a new model while looking at meals of the plan, husky bucks
- Meal plans for on campus living potentially be the anytime meal plan which has remained stable and have brought down the price and changed to the husky 170 and 120.
- They want to have an add-on option for more blizzard bucks to add on to a meal plan
- Have new options for voluntary meal plans to be made in line with student purchases
- Retail concepts rely on the students to spend and gives another option for something different and get out of Gravey commons. This is the reason why husky bucks is included with the meal plan
- In the vendor meal plans students buy the plan that works for them
- RHA have supported the idea to reduce the number of meal plans, believe this new plan will accommodate a variety of students, however they were wondering about marketing strategies
- Goal is to be implemented in the fall, searching for approval and feedback
- Opening Stearns Hall at a lower price point and does not require a meal plan, and exploring options with Chartwells for a lower meal plan for the Hall
- Students can add a meal plan at anytime but does not allow for a varying cost.
- Able to add a meal plan on their student account with in the first week of classes
- Looking in to the option of take n' bake with meal plans

Finance Hearings

- Latin American Students Association funded \$80.03 on the basis of food
- American Marketing Association funded \$2,000 on the basis of registration and lodging
- Sports Marketing Club – Denied on the basis of not replying to emails and missing two previous meetings
- *All have been approved*

-Motion to approve president's appointments for the public relations chair but was not seconded

Internal Elections

At- Large Senators Welcomed to the table

1. Upaha Thapa Magar
2. Bethanie Barrios
3. Steven Johnson
4. Aashish Gopali

-Motion to deny all applicants who did not show- *Approved*

Technology Fee Committee Welcomes

1. Aemah Iqbal
2. Rebika Maharjan

Senate Finance Committee Welcomes

Deepika KC

Recess 7:56PM-8:15PM

Plenary Session I

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Mitch Karstens – Director of Atwood
 - A stakeholder group started months ago to create a complete policy for posters and displays on buildings, grounds, and bulletin boards around campus
 - Atwood has the most extensive policy dealing with posters but administration wants one universal policy for the whole campus
 - Atwood requires the name of the creator of the display in display cases and are potentially coming up with a uniform way to contact the organization who put it up
 - Trying to clear up language for which each bulletin board is specified for
 - The policy will help remove things easier than before if the poster is not posted correctly on campus
 - Have looked at other universities nation wide to see their policies and see a common theme around of that the other universities are also seeking a policy like ours being created
 - Have to allow a free space for all but only can restrict peoples time, space legally
 - This does not cover social media but is addressed by the student code of conduct
- Proposed the idea of having the senate meetings be live on Facebook to promote student government and to let others know what is being talked about in open gallery and what the SGA committees are working on for a better campus

Motion to approve the president’s appointment for the public relation co-chairs to be Senators Shakya and Schaub—*Approved*

Motion to cut recess—*Approved*

Recess

Officer Reports

President

- Congrats to everyone elected and when in the office they will need to go through orientation for more information on their duties and requirements
- Will be busy with the search committee and cannot talk about it by law but will hold forums to hear what the students want in the new president
- Announced the new cultural diversity chair
- Senators vote responsibly and do not be a “robot” voter
- The External Committees that have openings will be shown and give the senate first pick and any unfilled positions will be offered to other organizations

Vice President

- Go over parliamentary procedure basics to refresh and to inform new members on the proper procedure like follow ups, motions, voting, and decorum.
- Reminding everyone to complete office hours and sign in every week. Time in the office is to help students who come in and talk about ideas for the committees they are in
- Reviewed the attendance policy
- Encouraged everyone to download the safe at St. Cloud app, which has a mobile blue light, emergency contacts, and much more.

Chief Justice

Students United

- Delegates is coming up soon which is a combination of 7 universities to accomplish common goals like affirmative consent, affordable textbooks for students
- They are working to remove the word necessary from the affirmative consent policy

RHA Rep

- On April 10th are the awards for student leaders on campus
- President position is open, and the program and communication chair is also open

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

- They help students with the grades appeal process
- Looking to have students meet with their deans this semester
- They meet Tuesday's at 3:30

Campus Affairs

- Promotes the welfare of the campus to make it better and meets the needs of students

Cultural Diversity

- Deals with multicultural services to connect students

Constitution

- Might have a constitution 101 to educate all about SGA's constitution this semester if enough interest is shown by members

Elections Committee

- Review the election packets turned in and check to make sure they are legit
- No campaigning or material of such in the office at any time.

Executive Council

Fee Allocation

- Allocate fee money paid by the students to certain places around campus

Legislative Affairs

- Inform the students what is going on in other legislature that affects students in both the state and national level

Public Relations

- Have posters to put up around the local downtown for affirmative consent, and are looking for money to put them up
- Looking for input for new giveaways like t-shirts, cups, lanyards to do this year
 - Want to different and stand out from other organizations
- Fundraising event for just student government to get sweatshirts or something for those who help, one idea was to work at the hockey arena concessions and clean up the arena after the game
- Meetings are at 11 am on Friday

Senate Finance

Student Services

- Using the Viking Coke initiative fund for project on campus like water bottles or anything sustainable any ideas are welcome.

Technology Fee

- Work with the technology fees paid by students like putting in new computers and bring your own device (BYOD) spaces on campus
 - working on BYOD in building 51 currently and starting to look into a space in the cultural center
- This semester they are upgrading the Wi-Fi all over campus

Urban Affairs

- The bridge between the campus and the community with going to meetings like nook.
- Looking at projects to do like the adopt a block which is a way for student organizations to get their name out in the community.

University Committees

- ADA committee, American Disability Act- Hosting an event on Feb 27

Plenary Session II

Last Call for Business

- Public Relations Funding -\$50

Motion to approve funding for the posters- *approved*

Closing of Meeting

Open Gallery II

- Chair Stoesz
 - Made midyear budget cuts due to lower enrolment rates, uncollected funds, and reserve depletion
 - Had to cut \$85,000 from the budget from various areas and have talked to all areas to make sure these cuts will not be make a huge impact and it will not impact any of the departments drastically
 - Looking at each class at the university that have their own fees which determined by the deans and seeing if the fees are fair
 - A discussion for Banned fee will be coming up in the senate in the future

Open Statements

Last Roll Call

Adjournment 10:25PM