



Date 03.15.2018

Opening of the Meeting

Call To Order **5:21pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

First Roll Call

Approval of Today's Agenda- **Approved**

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- **Approved**

Hearings

Open Gallery I

- Malonda Mason-Mid/ MN Legal Aid
 - Here speaking about affordable health care insurance that can be free or low cost for students at St. Cloud State University.
 - There are several programs out there for students but to find the right one for each individual, talking with staff would be the best way to make sure all your needs are met.
 - They serve all students of the University but can differ on immigration status. For international students, they are required to have insurance from the university because it is a Minnesota State policy, so the university cannot change this. However, if they have dependents that are with them here in the states they can use this resource for health care coverage for them.
 - In the United States no insurance can limit or deny you based on a known preexisting condition
 - In several of the programs, prescription drug coverage is included in the plan
 - The following are reasons and statistics to get health insurance
 - Unpaid medical bills are the number one reason for bankruptcy in the United States.
 - Those who don't have health insurance are mostly from the age of 18-24
 - Average cost for a broken arm is 5 to 15 thousand dollars without any coverage
 - 3.4% is the uninsured rate for the state of Minnesota while St Cloud State University has roughly about 4 to 5% uninsured students.
 - There is currently a law requiring individuals to have health care insurance or they will have to pay a penalty to the government.
 - They are reaching students by advertising on the husky howler, YouTube videos, and Facebook
 - They are available to help students every day of the week but may not be on campus though can still help them remotely.

- They also host enrollment events to connect with students to help them with the process for signing them up for health care.
- John Eggers-Director of the on campus counseling center
 - Have been accreted for over 30 years now
 - In the center there are 6 therapists on hand in the center
 - Are average for the number of students seen a year is 900-1000
 - They hold about 4-5 thousand sessions a year
 - They practice a brief therapy model which main focus is on those who get stuck
 - Sessions based on the clinical need
 - They only will refer about 2% of students to other places if they have insurance to cover it.
 - Everyday they have about 2 hours set aside for students that have crisis at that instant
 - The average wait time 5 to 7 days but it can be delayed longer based on the trying to line up two different schedules (the students and the clinics)
 - Their website is the best help to find ways to help you or self-assessments for various topics, have drop in groups for students that you can talk to others about your problems and get support
 - Every week 200 emails are sent out containing a survey and are anonymous when recipients respond.
 - 60/40 women to men ratio of students they see
 - 15% are international students
 - See students from 65 different countries from around the world
 - 30% are living on campus students
 - 20% for each class(first year, second year...) and the rest are graduate students
 - They are a private clinic and don't share any information with the university or the public.
 - The three most common students come in for are anxiety, depression, relationship pressures
 - Have 8 or 10 brochure racks around campus with different topics from stress management to relationships
 - They put on dog and kitten destressing events twice a month in Attwood
 - CAPS is the acronym first floor in Stewart Hall 103 and prefer walk in to better access their situation.
 - Will have the ability to have therapists in training for students to talk to if they are busy at the time.
- Mitch Karstens- Student fee work group
 - Corey Beckerman and he have co-chaired this work group looking at banded student fees
 - Want it to make it easier for students and alline with banned tuition
 - Kept it simple for students so they know what they are paying for and what resources they pay for so they can use them to their benefit
 - The fees get distributed by 10% go to bond payments 34% programming 56% is salary
 - 85% come from student fees and the other 15% is from those resources that have revenue
 - Students United and Technology fee don't have a limit of how many credits charged and health services have a flat fee
 - SCSU has many services that they offer that some others do not have like tv station, women's center and more
 - See that all students share the cost regardless of credit load
 - High usage of students that use the resources range from those who take 4 to 8 credits
 - The current system bans at 12 credits but the proposed lowered it to 9 credits
 - 9 credits and below account for 25% of students and about 6% of those are PSEO students which don't have to pay the fees out of pocket
 - Students under 9 credits then will have more than 2% and will need to have a student referendum to be granted the okay to increase them more than that 2%

- Student government must put the referendum question on the ballot if they want the proposed plan to go into effect
- Picked 9 credits for the utilization of the services was the same as 12 credits, wanted to keep it manageable for those who take 9 or less.
- This new plan passes the burden to students who use those services other than putting it on those who don't use them as much.
- Will be back in two weeks with the proper wording of the plan for everyone to read.
- Student Services and Sustainability meet and greet event.
 - Hosting an event on April 4, 2018 from 10-2 to include everyone for senate and Student Government Association. It will be a meet and greet outside in the Attwood mall if weather permits. They want to hear ideas for what they would like to see at the event.
 - A suggestion was to have interactive activities for students to play, so they don't have to come up and talk with some one right away.
 - Hoping to have the water bottles to give away from the Viking Coke™ Initiative to give away if they arrive on time.

Finance Hearings

Internal Elections

- Student Government Association Welcomes the Following At Large Senators
 - Puskal Part
 - Dhiraj Karn
 - Arya Dahal

Recess- 7:50pm- 8:10pm

Plenary Session I

Unfinished Business

New Business

- FAC-001
 - Update to the Fee Allocation Bylaws
 - **Tabled** to next week's meetings due to Student Government Association Bylaws

Officer Reports

President

- Welcome to the new at large senators! There is an senate orientation and packet you need to go through next time you are in the office to understand the basics of the position
- Will be tabling to promote Student Government and will be doing a separate time to tabling to look for those questions students have for the new president along with the qualities students are looking for.
- Congratulations to the Wrestling Team for winning the NCAA Division II national championship

Vice President

- Chairs- The importance of delegating tasks so that senators are being proactive and are a contributing member of Student Government
- Be sure you are signing in for office hours and signing out when you leave the office
- Just so everyone knows you only have 2 absences and 2 unexcused absences till referred to judicial council. Not following dress will count for a half absence
- Food is only allowed after recess and nobody is allowed to have phones out at the table at anytime in the meeting.

Chief Justice

Students United

- Delegates are coming up so be ready the weekend of April 6-8th
- Since delegates are at St Cloud this time, we are allowed to bring 20 members to the table.

RHA Rep

- Events (only for ResLife residents)
 - o Halls Kitchen is going on tonight
 - o Reslife will be hosting Trivia on Tuesday in brown hall which is movie themed and will be a competition
- The weekend of May 23-24, there is a conference for all Reslife across the country at Arizona State

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

- Will be volunteering this Tuesday at 8 am in Stewart Hall, they will be supervising and grading tests for the Economic Heartland Challenge
- Will be posting grade repeals around campus soon

Campus Affairs

- Thursday 10-2 for chalk talk in Attwood to get feedback
- Starting building safety walks in the buildings around campus looking for any safety concerns so all students stay safe
 - o First one is Tues March 27 at 4pm, they are going to start with Hollenbeck

Cultural Diversity

Constitution

- Looking at creating referendum questions to put on this year's ballot

Elections Committee

- Tomorrow is the candidate information meeting in the cascade room in Attwood at 4 pm lasting for about half an hour. This will be the last time election packets will be accepted
- Packets are in the office if interested.

Executive Council

Fee Allocation

- The bill FAC 001 is hard to read so there will be the full bylaws in the office so everyone can have some context when reading the new changes
 - o This has been passed in fee allocation committee, so they will go in to effect but want the senate's approval and want everyone to know about them
- Discussion on banned fees will happen next week so if there are any questions feel free to ask it in the office

Legislative Affairs

Public Relations

- Social media poster is in the process of being created to hang around campus
- Coming up with ideas for YouTube videos to promote Student Government Association
- Merchandising will be finalized soon, and input is wanted

Senate Finance

- Meeting tomorrow taking about the budget and bylaws

Student Services and Sustainability

- Meet and Greet will be April 4th discussed in open gallery
- Talked about doing a book donation drive. Thinking the donated textbooks could be picked by students that need the book for upcoming classes

Technology Fee

- Discussed the survey that will be emailed out to students shortly
- Will be making a strategic plan for next year based on questions asked in the survey so the committee next year will have some guidance
- Education Advisory Board is ahead of schedule and less than 20% of staff is left to be trained
 - o This program will allow students to get statistics on their classes like the average grade of the class from the past and shows how you are currently doing.
 - o This system will give outlooks for the future based on courses and how well you do in them, if you are struggling with college it can alert your advisors, so they can reach out to you.

Urban Affairs

- Meet Tuesdays at 4pm in SGA office
- Working on the Adopt a block program
 - o how it is going to work is that it will be open to any organization on campus They would have to clean the a given block and email the committee, so we know they did it. Someone from the committee with check to make sure they did within 24 hours. After six months a sign will be placed on the block. They can have two absences for every six months after
 - o Suggestion to have only one absence or go by the size of the organization for absences

- Suggestion to have different regulations based on the season
- Looking into a Pen pal program for a middle school to get them excited for college and want to meet with the students at one point to give a presentation about college.

University Committees

Plenary Session II

Last Call for Business

Seeking an Approval of Ben Uecker to be the chief justice- **Approved**

Closing of Meeting

Open Gallery II

- Ben Uecker- Speaking for Students United
 - On March 8, it was the last day to apply for Student United positions for next year.
 - Currently there are no applicants for treasure, 2 applicants for state chair and 1 applicants for vice chair
 - For each applicant a cover letter, resume and a letter of recommendation will be uploaded soon to Students United website
- Senator Bhandari
 - There was a plane crash in Nepal not long ago, Honoring the memories of them in the crash at 5:30pm to 7pm this Friday in the Attwood mall by lighting candles.
- President O'Neil Como
 - A Civil Discourse panel will be held discussing open dialog on campus
 - It will be held March 28 at 10 am somewhere in Attwood and will be posted around campus
 - Want people to come for audience participation since that will be the best way to obtain information

Open Statements

Last Roll Call

Adjournment- 9:27pm