



Date 4.5.2018

Opening of the Meeting

Call to Order **5:04PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

First Roll Call

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

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

Hearings

Open Gallery I

- President Vaidya & VPs
 - Forum that was a campus wide event and the commitment for inclusion while keeping free speech and expression, had the mayor of st cloud, diversity specialist, Jack O'Neil-Como, and others
 - Engagement with the audience and had over 300 people
 - Heard to do more of these to have these discussion
 - April 11 is the Husky's Showcase that brings three colloquiums together into one big one
 - Celebrate students work of the husky compact
 - Have around 50 business looking around
 - Wrestling team won the national championships for the third year in four years
 - Men Hockey had a great season as well, 1st seat in the country when ended regular season, won WCHC at the end of the season
 - Lost Bob Motscko, the head coach of men's hockey
 - Begun the search and hope to be filled soon
 - Looking at everything and confident to recruit a good coach for us. Not shy for approaching other coaches but keeping in private
 - Student Success Collaborative
 - Help with retention strategies
 - Benefits the students to know how they are progressing in their degree
 - Retention is up over 4% across all years
 - Focused on all students
 - Able to bring support to students before they know they need help
 - Have the Safety App out and working well

- New out of the box thinking Simply Stearns and have broken even with 80+
- Unleash Campaign has begun to tell our story and what SCSU believes- help individuals and the community
- 150th anniversary SCSU 150 for the events
 - Starting fall convocation to Sept 2019
- Rename building 51 and have approved the name change and will move on
- Have a permanent chancellor after the second search has failed and he was asked
- Searches
 - Presidential search and have open forums to talk with the candidates from April 23-24
May 16 will be elected and 17th will be the celebration
 - VP and CFO search after- want to have the president weigh in on this discussion
- Budget Planning
 - Current planning numbers for FY19.
 - Expecting a loss of 2.4 million due to on tuition projections
 - Benefits and retirement, salary raises and have increases also.
 - 1.5 million set aside for tuition drop and some money was put in the reserve fund to be in good standing with Minnesota State
 - 1.2 Million currently in the reserve but must have 2 million in reserves
 - Open Forum on April 25 before the budget is due on April 29 the budget must submitted
- Net Impact of Scholarships
 - This gives the available for international students pay the same as a resident in MN
 - Have a \$24 increase to tuition and still will be lower than Mankato if comparing to other schools
- The general budget is from tuition and from the state
 - Combination – staff and faculty
 - Non-salary- student workers, utilities, supplies
- State Appropriations- give money to the entire system for all university in the state. There is an elaborate model that is largely driven by student enrollment.
- Dan Gregory- Provost
- Focused on
 - Retention- students being successful and keeping them
 - Recruitment for getting new students from several places like international, transfer, incoming freshmen
 - Telling our story to all with the new branding and shifted focuses to do this
 - Take increases in fees seriously- they have a role to serve students so they can afford to have higher education- currently the lowest cost provider in the state. Must have a balance in what students need to be successful.
 - 4% tuition increase in the graduate side of things
- A non-profit organization and balance the budget each year.
- Balance how to spend the funds to get the most for the students. Everything is how to students benefit
- Want students to have stackable credentials for the students so they can get a job easier
- Supplemental Funding bill in legislature for all universities
- Enrollment across the nation is dropping so SCSU is not the only one but are wanting to change it looking into long term strategies
- Working with St Cloud Tech on creating a dual enrollment program in the future
- Student Success is building a successful career
- For PSEO coming to college here, can now market to high schools for these programs
- Be proud of the institution, spread the word and your experience a long as your story

- Reach out to others for them to find out what the university is
- The interactions with students here is better than another places stuff gets put in and comes back better
- Amazed at when visitors come, and they are amazed on how much they focus on the students.
- **Motion** to vote on the budget after presented- **Approved**
- **Motion** to approve Gen Fund budget -**Approved**
- Students for Choice & Women's Center
 - A petition has been going around with 255+ students signatures wanting the Pregnancy Resource Center who is Christian Pro Life organization to stop providing false information around campus
 - Overall, they have misleading advertising are not accurate options for what they do
 - They just want them to be truthful information
 - In the pamphlets they push only abstinence for pregnancy and STD's prevention
 - They are not up front with their views so may are miss leading
 - Want things on campus from outside resources to be transparent.
 - Jan Olson – Looking for support from SGA that would put a policy in place to put truth into advertising.
 - Banner in Hollenbeck hall- printing advertisement on the southside of campus.
 - Students have felt shammed from this center for pushing their views on them
 - Can make a bill and can find someone who can make this change
 - Will be discussed in new business
- Jen Matzke-Director of Residential Life
 - Proposed structure funding of Residential Life
 - They are a revenue fund that operates inside itself meaning they are separate than the university.
 - Must meet the states requirements like having a 3-month reserve, able to have bonds.
 - Presenting the rates for the main campus expectation of Coburn plaza
 - Have had declining occupancy in the Residential Life halls over the past years
 - The current rates are in the middle compared to the other institutions
 - The * are the ones consulted with to look at their future. All have indicated a 3 to 4% increase. Here 3.13% increase to have a salary increase for staff-directors, maintenance workers, and utilities increase
 - increase 1.7% for the meal plan
 - 4% for the double room and increase that all over
 - Does not impact Stearns hall
 - Stearns Hall has 85 current students signed up and have 2 female vacancies and have more for males open
 - Exploring a discounted rate for returning students with Chartwell's FY20
 - Example is like 10% discount for sophomores, 15% juniors and 20% Seniors
 - The plan has not been approved by administration but are confident with the model
 - Work with Chartwell's to offer perks with the anytime meal plan like 10 guest plans, University Sports Experience, provide a premium meal each month
 - For the any 50 plans will allow a make and take meal twice a month for a swipe each time
 - Major Projects include Stearns, reivation of the an improved gravey dish room, exterior repairs in Sherburn
 - Plans for Benton- take down due to the cost of repairing is greater than the cost
 - Stearns is comparative to other apartments around campus
 - The budget allows for \$36,000 in scholarships last year and projected to be the same
 - Seen for the price of rooms are the double room of an unrenovated
 - Looking into perks with meal plans for residents on campus

- Survey have been done to gain feedback for several areas have chatback to get feedback
- Being able to respond to student feedback is most important
- Have cut structural cuts over the past years and are reducing expenditures as much as possible
- Have launched initiatives so tech students are able to live and looking into options like one-night stays for those students
- Want to explore the option of having reduced costs to those returning students
- Exploring the options but the late night has not been utilized as much. Looking to reduce the hours of operation since sometimes students do not use it.
- **Motion** to approve the budget -**Approved**
- Fee Allocation and Senate Finance
 - Fee Allocation
 - Give the recommendation for the student fee budget FY19
 - Guiding Principles- keep those programs who are utilized most by campuses, programs that make their own revenue, accredited programs, programs that are not in community, essential for students.
 - Student fees pay for several things students use everyday
 - There would be a 3% student fee increase for all credits
 - This budget brings activity fee be brought down to the cap
 - Fee increase in Technology fee and Student Union
 - Goal is to have 5% reserve across the board for all fee funded areas
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 - Senate Finance
 - Fall under Fee Allocation Committee
 - Presented the budget and the explained the reason behind the cuts and decisions made
 - Those programs not cut are programs that do not happen on campus and cannot go any lower
 - Free balance reserve- has never been touched before in years and the cut was same that no organization will feel the difference
 - Able to move two director positions from activity fee to gen budget
 - Able to move salaries around to keep the different “pots” balanced
 - Went over the budget with the explanation of why on each category
 - All cuts made were proposed by the directors since they know their budgets the best.
 - The net change is about \$303,000 decrease to make sure the budget is sustainable for years to come so the reserves can be not touched
 - This model is based on banned fees so if it is not passed by the students there will be greater cuts all over the board athletics 50,000 director managed 100,000, Attwood 300,000. No change to health services since it is a flat fee
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 - Discussion
 - Want to have an alternative budget if the referendum question does not pass
 - If this pass, then it would only the budget seen tonight.
 - **Motion** to approve Fee Allocation Committee budget
 - **Amendment** – motion to approve FAC and SFC budget on the conditions that the referendum questions passes **Approved**
- Mitch Karstens- Executive Director for Attwood
 - Part of the revenue to fund Attwood comes from student fees
 - Services they provide and host
 - 21 meeting rooms, theater, quarry, dance studios, organizations, MSS, Cultural Center, LGBTQ Resource Center

- Games, UBP sponsored events, cultural nights, art gallery, farmers market, resource fairs, speakers,
- Information desk, copies plus, banking and ATM, seven different dining options, bussing information for Metro Bus and Jefferson Lines.
- Support organizations on campus with meeting space
- The past year-
 - Usage over 11,000 visits each year, 14,000 reservations per year 250,000 attendees per year
 - 1500 bags of popcorn a month
 - The Underground, 16,000 people bowling, 85 birthday parties 18-20 cultural nights 15+ late night events
- Changes this year include-
 - Some of the basement, signage in the exterior of the building, expanded affinity bank this summer and extended the contract for 10 years, added the coffee corner with seating to look out the windows
 - Replaced the dishwasher (30 years old) and is more efficient compared to the old one, metro bus display to show students the routes, 50th anniversary this past year, led lights 100 lights replaced
- Generated \$840,000 in revenue this past financial year. This is a 18% growth in the past 2 years
- The 2.6 million of student fee funded to Attwood, 10 professional staff and 9 GOW, 1 IT professional, have and r and r fund for upkeep of the building
- R and r plans to have new signs, have meeting rooms painted, update to the ballroom to sound lighting, projectors, summer upgrades to the underground- the underground updated with a tv viewing area- gaming areas, soft seating
- The budget is based on the referendum question so if it doesn't pass the cuts will be noticeable to the students it serves
- Every change to the building is brought to the meeting with various places represented
- Plan created and never implemented of the way finding plan. Connector path.
- R and r plan are six years out and the summer of 19 to 20. Two phases are to reconfigure the area and the second is the lighting and flooring
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- Discussion
- **Motion** to approve the Student Union budget if the referendum question is passed- **Approved**
- Technology Fee
 - John Becicka
 - Fee increase proposal to move the fee to \$10 per credit. This would be a 38-cent increase
 - This increase helps balance the budget and allows the technology to be upgraded, cover software prices increases, and salary increases
 - This fee would generate \$96,000 and would leave \$43,000 for future projects
 - If this fee does not move to \$10, it would cause things to cut for several areas
 - The fee would not be out of line with other universities in Minnesota.
 - Future projects could be something like security in Alnwick, huskies connect.
 - Looking for approval for the budget
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 - Discussion on Technology Fee Budget
 - Technology will always keep advancing so new technology is required to move into the future
 - Want to catch up with other schools in the terms of technology all over campus.
 - The fee will eventually increase to this \$10 in time and the money gained will be put to good use
 - Motion to approve the fee increase and the budget for technology fee- **Approved**

- Bethany Barrios
 - While walking around various parts of campus there are several fundraisers for organizations
 - Just asking to acknowledge the organizations to give them support even if you can not donate.

Finance Hearings

- Phycology Graduate Program- Upward Consulting **Funded** \$1925 on the basis of travel and lodging
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. **Funded** \$900 on the basis of registration, travel, and lodging
- Husky Bass Fishing Club **Funded** \$500 on the basis of travel and lodging
- All have been **Approved**

Internal Elections

- The following have positions open so apply for those if you want or spread the word
 - Fee Allocation Committee members
 - Senate Finance members

Plenary Session I

Unfinished Business

- Referendum Questions
 - Campus Affairs Committee- Please rate how safe you feel on campus with a scale from 1 to 5
 - Goal of the question is to see how students feel around campus in the respect of public safety side.
 - **Motion** to create an add a comment box -**Approved**
 - **Motion** to read- Please rate how safe you feel in campus overall through facilities? 1-6-**Approved**
 - **Motion** to cut this question- **Failed**
 - **Motion** to move it to last call for business- **Approved**
 - **Motion** to read in the reworded question as follows
 - How safe do you feel on campus with respect to the facilities, grounds, parking lots?
 - **Motion** to have the question read
 - How safe do you feel on campus SCSU, Plymouth, international with facilities, parking and grounds- **Approved**
 - **Motion** to approve all questions at the end- **Approved**
 - Campus Affairs Committee - How would your rate facility grounds on a scale from 1 to 5
 - This question allows what areas need more work? Answered.
 - Are you in favor of moving the student fees from the current 12 credits to 9 credits with a table and FRQs following voted with yes and no
 - **Amend** to create student fees more specific-**Approved**
 - **Motion** to add * before the question stating this question will impact the student body directly- **Approved**
 - Academic Affairs- How affected do you feel you advisor rate 1 -5
 - **Motion** to add a comment section box – **Approved**
 - Do they make requirements clear?

- Would you use a textbook reserve in the library where you can use textbooks for two hours?
- Technology Fee- Would you be in favor of a 1 to 1 laptop at SCSU?
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- **Motion** to move all rates from 1-5 to 1-6 rating scale to force a choice -**Approved**
- **Motion** to add comment boxes to all questions- **Failed**
- **Motion** to approve all referendum questions – **Approved**
- SS Bill 001
 - This bill changes the name of Student Services to Student Services and Sustainability to reflect all work done by the committee
 - **Motion** to move into a vote- **Approved**
 - Bill has been **approved**

New Business

- CA Bill 004
 - With collaboration from the Women’s Center and LGBTQ Resource Center, there is a bill on the table to provide free menstruation products on campus
 - Next week guest speakers will be speaking on the behalf of this bill
 - **Amendment** to remove the referendum question from the bill to be able - **Approved**
 - **Tabled** based on the SGA by-laws
- Referendum Question
 - Question- Would you support the implementation of free and accessible menstrual products like pads and tampons on campus?
 - This question is just looking for support from the students now.
 - **Motion** to add this referendum question to the spring ballot- **Approved**
- Chair Appointment
 - Appointment of senator holtus to Legislature Affairs Committee – **Approved**
- Discussion about the pregnancy resource center brought up in Open Gallery 1
 - We can most definitely investigate what we can do about this problem
 - This will take some time for this issue to be dealt with and SGA will see what we can do to help fellow students represented by SGA.
 - To fully understand this issue the pamphlets would have to be examined
 - Signage in Hollenbeck has been up since at least 2010 and the resource center pays for the advertisement space
 - They do from time to time table in Attwood, are at Sidestreet, and Mainstreet
 - Overall biggest issue is the miss leading information
 - One recommendation is that the Women’s Center could table to explain what the Pregnancy Resource Center does
 - **Motion** to be **tabled** for one week on the basis of examining pamphlets provided the speakers - **Approved**
- CC 004
 - This bill will create the position of an Interim President and Vice President so in the case of not having a president and vice president elected in the spring there would be someone to serve in the summer. Then in the fall, elections would be conducted like the spring elections

Recess 9:41PM-10:01PM

Motion to cut everything beside officer reports, elections committee, last roll call, and adjournment -**Approved**

Roll Call- since this was a longer meeting

Officer Reports

President

- Husky Showcase in next week Wednesday April 11th. If anyone has time stop by and check it out
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, he will be gone and not in the office. Will do the best to check his emails.
- Last Saturday was Nepal Night- They did a good job keeps getting better every year.
- Currently sitting on a Metro Bus Committee to make sure SCSU is not paying more than what they are now. They are looking into restructuring the contracts to get some of the money back from Metro Bus since the number of riders are lower than they projected.
- The Meet and Great on Wednesday was good and went well. Got to engage in conversation with students.
- Lately the meetings have been on Facebook live with 130+ views each week and climbing
- Next semester SCSU will be celebrating its 150th anniversary
 - o SGA and other organizations have the ability host an event and a committee is being started to figure out what the event will be on October 18th, 2018.
- Students United is hosting spring delegates here at SCSU this weekend, so come to Attwood and watch or help to show that we care
 - o Office will be the hub but will have rooms all over make sure to download the Students United app
 - o Setting up signs in AA lot were the fellow delegates will be parked and will have signs leading them to Attwood.
- Referendum Question-
 - o To change the name of name of Student Services to Student Services and Sustainability in the constitution
 - o **Motion** to approve this referendum question - **Approved**
- Next week social at Red Robin if the meeting is shorter than this one

Vice President

- Talk with people about unfinished business CA004, CC 004, this week in the office to prepared for next weeks meeting
- Last Meeting for this semester will be April 26, 2018 We will have President Vidya speak with a social after with food
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, she will be gone and not in the office. Will do the best to check her emails.
- Committees should be working on transition reports and turned in by April 23rd that includes what they worked on and what they want to see accomplished next semester or in the future.
- Any members that are referred to Judicial Council will have the potential of having their pay deducted
- Only 3 meeting left so show up and stay engaged in the meetings
- Violating dress code will count as a half absence so make sure to read the email sent out each week

Chief Justice

- Check emails every week for meeting details and follow the dress code specified in those emails.
- Take note so you don't fall asleep. It is disrespectful to the speaker and we are supposed to represent the students the best we can and that can only be done by staying awake.

Students United

- Spring delegates are this weekend here at SCSU
- Went over the seven rules of delegates
- SCSU can bring 20 members to this delegates assembly since we are hosting but others are welcome to sit in the gallery and watch

RHA Rep

- This week's meeting was elections, they elected a president, vice president, and a social justice
 - o The following positions are still open: Finance chair and two programing positions
- The Husky palooza is next week on Thursday from 7-11PM at the Attwood mall
- RHA banquet is April 18 from 7-8pm to recognizing those people who helped this academic year

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Campus Affairs

Cultural Diversity

Constitution

Elections Committee

- Elections are next week and will table this coming up week outside the office.
- Week after that the results will be presented
- No discussion about the elections in the SGA office otherwise you will be asked to leave.
- There are currently no one on ballet for President or Vice President

Executive Council

Fee Allocation

Legislative Affairs

Public Relations

Senate Finance

Student Services

Technology Fee

Urban Affairs

University Committees

Plenary Session II

Last Call for Business

Closing of Meeting

Open Gallery II

Open Statements

Last Roll Call

Adjournment **10:29PM**