



Student Government Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 6th, 2016
Minutes; Sydney K. Menkevich, Executive Assistant

I. Opening of Meeting

a.) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: **Atwood Cascade 5:10pm**

b.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

c.) FIRST ROLL CALL

President Johnson	
Vice President Olson	
Executive Assistant Menkevich	
Chief Justice Cruzen	
RHA Rep (N/A)	
Students United Rep Martin	
Chair Fiene	
Chair Hwang	
Chair Jabs	
Chair Muzammil	(proxy)
Chair Olson	
Chair Shelley	
Chair Smith	
Chair Tamang	(proxy)
Chair Uecker	
Chair Vieau	
Senator Aden	
Senator Balmer	
Senator Bayandalai	
Senator Bedel	
Senator Dhakal	
Senator Doroff	
Senator Greimann	
Senator Holm	



Senator Kennedy	
Senator Krahmer	
Senator M. La Vine	
Senator S. La Vine	
Senator Le	
Senator Lura	
Senator McLeod	
Senator Mitchell	
Senator Osbourne	
Senator Schmit	
Senator Seo	
Senator Uecker	
Senator Uprety	

d.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Senator Kennedy moves to scratch everything after plenary session one
Seconded
Open for discussion

-Chair Uecker: would miss last roll call, urges to amend movement to scratch everything.

Senator Schmit moves to replace the movement of scratch everything after plenary session one, and moves to scratch recess, officer reports, committee reports, and open statements.
Open to discussion

Senator Mitchel moves to vote on the amendment of the motion
seconded

amendment to the motion passes
motion to change agenda passes

Seeking approval to approve today's amended agenda

Senator McLeod moves to approve

Seconded

Vote held

Agenda approved

e.) APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Senator Schmit moves to approve last meetings minutes

Seconded



Any dissent, see none

Vote held

Last meeting's minutes approved

II. Hearings

a.) OPEN GALLERY I

Lynn MacDonald – Winter Institute

Two day event – Thursday and Friday February 23-24th 2017

912 Regency Plaza @ SCSU

contact: winterinstitute@stcloudstate.edu Check Facebook

Available to the public, trying to get more people involved, especially outreach to different groups.

Main speaker is Deedra and Corey Tottleson

some costs for registration

biggest event for the economics department

Ideas and Innovations – main theme

Thursday evening is networking reception,

CyberSecurity and Workforce Development – panel discussion

QUESTIONS

-Chair Fiene- what do you hope to accomplish other than just informing us, at Student Government?

mainly to plug information and to get more people involved and excited with what we have, and to hopefully that you would help spread the word

-Senator McLeod – sound more geared towards Economics, how are you trying to get other majors interested?

Where the speaker comes in, she is so diverse and has such a broad background, and the conference is geared to be information centered around SCSU

-Senator Schmitt – what is the cost, and how do you sign up?

Working on scholarships/sponsorships, not able to advertise price, December 1st will have more information.

-Chair Vieau – are the two days at separate locations?

Yes.

Call for Questions

See None

Rolanda Mason – Healthcare [Project Care]

access to insurance for students

18-26 least likely to have insurance

law requiring health insurance or legal fee

averaged about 100 students a year to help find affordable insurance, majority available for free insurance, \$695 federal fine per person if you don't have insurance

unpaid medical dept is leading cost of bankruptcy

>multiple centers paired with this

Goals are to increase the number of students helped



***Asking Student Government to have a roll or chair person/liaison to participate in advisory group and to help involve a more active roll and participation with health insurance for students and information available.

Information Table October 27th, Miller Center, 2nd Floor 3:30pm-6:30pm

QUESTIONS

-Chair Hwang: is this only for U.S. citizens?

Any one who is in this country lawfully, can apply for assistance, international students might have some issues, because they are required to have insurance already.

-Chair Fiene: is the age for families covering a young adult still age 26?

with the law, the family can choose if they want to keep the person/student on their insurance, but sometimes the cost becomes un-payable by the family.

-Senator Schmit: is there a guess to how many students on campus don't have insurance?

No, but were able to add a question on the survey and over 1000 last year said they didn't have insurance. Was also able to add this question onto the survey this year, but do not have the results yet.

-Senator Bayandalai: what are the requirements for health insurance?

Pretty much if you don't have it. Then looking at what assistance is there available to help afford it. It is based on income, citizenship, residency.

-Chair Vieau: if we talked to another organization for a presentation who do they contact?

The Project Care contact information, or Amanda through the Women's Center

Call for questions

See None

*Point of Interest- Chair Smith: technology like phones and laptops, other then Executive Assistant, and those approved by President Johnson are prohibited during the senate meeting.

Senator Le

Would like to extend an invitation to the Veterans Retreat

5:30pm at True Friends Camp Friendship in Maple Lake on Tuesday October 11th, 2016

Free

Senator

A student came up asking if Student Government "chairs actually do anything", would like to bring attention to this comment.

Discussion

QUESTIONS:

-Students United Rep Martin: would advice senators who run into this issue to really encourage them to come to a senate meeting or into the office, and really bring the issue to every one they can versus just voice the issue.

-Senator Uecker: don't have PR chair, so might not seem like people are doing much, because there isn't someone to represent like that, but will change soon.



-Chair Fiene: did this individual have any specific grievance?

The belief is that the individual's comment was less on the chairs themselves but more so on how nothing was getting done in general.

-Chair Smith: was it just a rant or any specific complaints?

No, it was more so a general complaint

-Chair Jabs: maybe point them to the Husky Howler for contact information of chairs?

-President Johnson: good point brought up is to be more vocal with what is being done, and planned to be done.

-Chair Uecker: make more students aware of the fact we are a recommendation body, not really able to 'change' stuff, and unless people are vocal, Student Government has a lot less power over saying what issues students have. Difficult to do anything if there are just rants versus actual issues brought up.

-Senator Schmit: wouldn't take it to heart, but thanks the speaker for expressing the students concern.

-Students United Rep Martin: really invites students to come to a meeting, the general public even. Not a lot of people know they can come.

-Vice President Olson: Student Government has been a very reactive body, trying to be proactive, the chairs have been trying really hard to head this direction.

-Chair Vieau: maybe each chair could send the PR chair something they are working on to put a little spotlight in the Husky Howler.

-Executive Assistant: Committees continue to email reports to normal people, will consolidate reports and email the Public Relations chair by Monday the following week.

Call for questions

See None

~Fee Allocation Update~

b.) FINANCE HEARINGS

Vice Chair of Senate Finance on behalf of Chair Tamang:

Cheer Team - \$3000

NSSLHA - \$1660

Society of Buddhist Red Lotus – tabled

Social Work Association – declined

Delta Sigma Pi - \$2000

Computer Science Club - \$770

Lucky Duck Ultimate Frisbee Club - \$908

Pakistan Student Association - \$3000

Helping Nepal International - \$3000

QUESTIONS

-Chair Jabs: were they unanimous votes or how was it?

Some were, but different numbers for each organization

-Senator Schmit: do you know where the ultimate frisbee club is traveling?

Winona, MN

Call for Questions



See None
Seeking Motion to vote

Senator Mitchell moves to white ballot
Seconded

-Senator Le: asks to view them again

Vote held
Approved

c.) INTERNAL ELECTIONS

Senate Finance Committee

-one candidate, 2 minutes to speak
call for questions
see none
deliberation

*Point of Information: one application, one position available

Senator Le moves to white ballot
Seconded
Vote held
Application Elected

Judicial Council

-one candidate, was not able to be here to speak due to medical prior engagement, Chief Justice Cruzen spoke on behalf

call for questions
see none
deliberation

Senator Le moves to white ballot
seconded
vote held
Application elected

College Senator

-one applicant, Senator McLeod

call for questions
see none
deliberation

Senator Le moves to white ballot



seconded
no dissent
vote held
Application elected

d.) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPROVAL

-President Johnson: Chair Vieau appointed as Public Relations Chair, and Senator Kennedy appointed as Campus Affairs Chair.

Senator Mitchell moves to approve appointments
Seconded
Vote held
Appointments approved

III. Plenary Session I

a.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Point of Information: MetroBus discussion postponed until reps from metro bus can report

LA 001 – Bill to Alter State Mascot
Senator Lura reading in favor

Discussion
Senator Schmit moves to approve the motion
seconded
vote held
1: no 18:yes
Bill LA 001 Passes

LA 002 – In favor of fully publicly funded post secondary education
Senator Osbourne reading in favor

Discussion
-Chair Fiene with presentation on resolution
this resolution will show that this is an issue in MN, will not actually effect

Discussion
*Point of Information: can't grant a second follow-up.
Call for questions
see none

Senator Uecker moves to postpone until next meeting
Seconded



-Chair Smith postponing would be beneficial, and is important to have the research to back the conversation/debate.

-Chair Uecker agreed, there is a movie event being put on by a student organization and the Student Government was invited hence the want to postpone the discussion of the bill.

Senator Uecker moves to vote on voting on the postponement of the bill.

seconded

vote held

Motion to vote on the vote passed

*Point of Information: when there is dissent on a motion, must be discussed. Only way to get out of dissent of a motion, you need to vote on getting out of that to be able to vote on the motion

Motion to postpone bill

Seconded

Motion Passed, vote on bill postponed to next week.

Harlan Cohen – to come speak

Monday November 7th, would be here in the afternoon

Does cost money \$4600

Discussion

Senator Schmit moves to end discussion and vote on bringing Cohen to SCSU

Seconded

Vote Held

Motion Passed

President Johnson - Appointment of elections committee members

Senator Le moves to approve appointments

seconded

no dissent

vote held

no abstentions

motion passes

b.) NEW BUSINESS

none

VI. Plenary Session II

a.) LAST CALL FOR BUSINESS



VII. Closing of Meeting

c.) LAST ROLL CALL

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Executive Assistant Menkevich	
Chief Justice Cruzen	
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d.) ADJOURNMENT

-Time adjourned: **Atwood Cascade 7:30pm**