

Student Government Association Minutes October 21st, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:54.

Roll was taken.

Absent: Laura Bakke, Leif Larson, Phillip Streccius and Cody Gilman

Excused: Anzley Harmon

Minutes from the October 7th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. President Josh Sandy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Kelsey MacNaughton had corrections to the minutes. With the addition of the corrections the minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Alex Buchholz had nothing to report.

Co-Directors of Intramurals Luke Lietner reported that there are 2-3 more weeks of bowling and flag football will be Wednesday and Thursday. Also the soccer tournament will be cancelled due to lack of teams.

Director of State Affairs Emily Anderson reported there are now two seats available for NDSA October 25th-26th. They leave this Friday at 2pm.

Director of Marketing Ward Lamon reported that November 6th will be a double feature movie night. Also keep people posted on events and bring people with you to them!

Director of Media Relations Anzley Harmon was excused

Co-Directors of Entertainment Nikki Egge and Marley Kotylak reported that the Tie Blanket event will be a Power of 100 event on November 22nd from 6-8pm with free pizza at 8 and first choice of fleece at 9 for volunteers! Also Despicable Me 2 will be tomorrow at 7:07pm. November 7th will also be the new date of Battle of the Bands. Last November 1st will be the Halloween Dance at 10:30.

Vice President of Finance Kelsey MacNaughton reported that Student Government has \$49,220.52, Student Activities has \$30,712.36, and Intramurals has \$5.51.

President Josh Sandy showed the poster made by Anzley Harmon to show what SGA is/will be.

Advisor Leon Perzinski was absent

Advisor Aaron Hughes reported that officer and senator evaluation are due November 1st.

Advisor Dr. Jenkins thanked us for our great input in the direction MSU would like to go in the future and as we transition to a new president.

Faculty Senate Representative Dr. Jean-Francois Mondon reported that Faculty Senate is trying to stop the budget cuts for the library and was wondering about possible Child Care services.

Staff Senate Representative Linda Benson's reported that Dr. Waren Gamas came and talked about prioritization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zach Niebuhr reported on General Education Committee. They discussed the advising worksheet and a new General Education model.

Brooke Domonoske reported on Faculty Senate. Discussed the budget cuts that went to the VPAA office and the Library. Only journals and some electronic searches were cut from the library. They also approved the curriculum committee changes.

Breanna Benson reported on Food Service Committee. They talked about how the mess problem in the cafeteria has gotten better, and people have stopped filling up containers with food/drink and stealing from cafeteria. They also talked about the need to reduce the waste of food, and that SGA needs to come up with an initiative to partner with Sodexo. If students keep wasting food, the price of the meal plan will go up next year. Also, the new Mindful program (healthy eating items) are out, and can be scanned with the MyFit app. Finally, they talked about the Beaver Dam: how to keep it hopping! Open longer, food served longer, new food, new games, etc?

Alex Buchholz reported on Sustainability Committee. It was just Devin and I at the meeting, but we talked about the Wellness Fair on November 7th and brainstormed about ways to increase recycling.

Danielle Foster reported on the Chamber of Commerce. Mark Volmer said that Ramstad is close to being finished and will be ready to move into over Thanksgiving break. Also the \$125 million bond issue will be voted on at all elementary schools and middle schools on December 10th. Last, if you have any ideas like festivals or other events that would help promote Minot, contact Renae Korslien at the North Dakota State Fair office.

Brittany Diegel reported on Staff Senate. They discussed the use of the Wellness Center for faculty and staff and their Power of 100 projects.

Josh Sandy reported on University Cabinet. Josh gave a report on SGA. They also

discussed how the symposium went and updates to Pathways.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sustainability was discussed and questions for Dr. Foisy and Paul Lepp were recorded

- Quantity of what we recycle now?
- Salary of the new position?
- Where will the budget for the salary come from?
- Retention of said position
- Due they have projects already in mind for the position to do?
- Where exactly is parking increases going? If the position is declined where will this increase go?
- Will the deadly cycle of parking tickets due to lack of spots increase?
- Where are they going to recycle all of the products, increase in money?
- Could the money already obtained through parking go towards something like new lights?
- Do they understand the amount needed to educate on recycling?
- Can this be student lead?

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween at the Dome will be October 31. Alex Buchholz moved to donate candy to the event. Zachary Niebuhr amended the motion to apply a cap of \$400 for the candy. Amendment passed. Amended motion passed.

Beaver Dam Usage looking to keeping it open later and possible renovations to the Dam and bar area. We will be presenting a business plan to whoever needs to see it in order to implant the changes. Also possible promotions like “Wing Wednesdays” and/or local bands performing. Maintenance is also an issue, need updated equipment in order to attract and retain students. Surveying will also help get the opinion of our constituents.

Wellness Center Usage, possibly allowing Faculty and Staff to the facility with a membership fee. Politics prevent allowing them access at this point in time, but in the future this can be made possible. However, some student would feel uncomfortable working out in the same place as their teacher. More surveying of faculty, staff, and students needed.

Power of 100 project will be Operation Christmas Child. Officer meeting next Monday at 3:00 will hammer out the details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zachary Niebuhr applauded the senate for all the constructive discussion tonight.

ADJORNMENT

Without any further business President Josh Sandy adjourned the meeting at 8:12.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Buchholz
SGA Secretary