

# **Student Government Association Minutes**

## **January 27th, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03.

Roll was taken.

Absent: Tess Foley

Excused: Casey Feldner, Codi Thomas, Leif Larson, and Phillip Streccius

Minutes from the December 2nd, 2013 meeting were reviewed. President Josh Sandy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no corrections the minutes were approved.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Secretary Alex Buchholz reported that allowing Faculty to use the Wellness Center was approved, with 12 faculty currently signed up. Also it's a requirement that every officer clock 6 hours a week and every senator gets one office hour a week, those who do not meet these requirements will be emailed

Co-Directors of Intramurals Luke Lietner reported that bowling is tonight and 5-5 Basketball starts next Wednesday (tentative) and they need referees. Also the intramural committee will begin to meet.

Director of State Affairs Emily Anderson reported that NDSA met over Skype due to the weather and that we need to start planning for the MSU hosted NDSA. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Director of Marketing Ward Lamon reported that in March there will be a big toga dance thing. Also promoting all the M:Life events. And starting a Most Wanted Poster Poster in order to remove old posters.

Director of Media Relations Anzley Harmon had nothing to report except that she is happy to be at the meeting.

Co-Directors of Entertainment Nikki Egge and Marley Kotylak reported that the Penny Carnival is tomorrow and we still need some people to help out with other games. Superbowl Party is Sunday. Feb 5<sup>th</sup> will be The Hunger Games and Karaoke with Buffalo Wings & Rings Boneless Wings as Free Food. Bill Nye Debate will be held on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Also Feb 7<sup>th</sup> will be Slam Poetry and the Olympic Opening Ceremony that night.

Vice President of Finance Kelsey MacNaughton had no numbers to report. Also reported on CSO funding and why/where all the money is being allocated. Brooke Domonoske

moved to approve the CSO budget as is. Motion passed.

President Josh Sandy thanked everyone that came out and helped at the Zoo, made over a 100 snacks. Also, no cellphones during the meeting and keep side conversations to a minimum.

Advisor Leon Perzinski was absent

Advisor Aaron Hughes sent around a sheet to sign up for Dress to Success March 12<sup>th</sup>. Also the time line for when Director positions are due is Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. interviews will be the 19-21<sup>st</sup>. We need one marshal for commencement, Brooke Domonoske volunteered. Lastly all clubs and organizations can submit honor cord or stole proposals, deadline for applications are March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Advisor Dr. Jenkins reported on student fees and Marley Kotylak discussed the Presidential Search Committee for Dr. Jenkins.

Faculty Senate Representative Dr. John Girard reported that he delighted to be back and to thank us for helping out at the zoo! Also the General Education Committee is making changes to the Centennial Curriculum by the end of February. Lastly, now there is an ADHOC Committee looking into using open textbooks.

Staff Senate Representative Linda Benson reported staff senate met last Tuesday and is planning a silent auction to raise money for the four food pantries in Minot.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Marley Kotylak reported on the Presidential Search Committee which has narrowed down the candidate selection to 8. After interviews take place on February 4<sup>th</sup>, the candidates will again be narrowed down. On-campus interviews will happen February 11<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. The State Board will then choose from the top 3 at their MiSU meeting happening February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Emily Anderson reported on Academic Policies Committee which discussed a new course substitution form for the Registrar's Office. Discussed long term course planning, where a department would have a 4 year plan of when their upper level courses would be offered.

Haley Heiser reported on the General Education Committee, which has been approving History, Communication, and Theatre classes for the upcoming course catalog. Each class must meet certain "Foundational and Development" criteria for approval. The committee will meet every week until the deadline for the catalog March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kelsey MacNaughton reported on CSO during her officer report. The committee reviewed proposals from clubs and student organizations and allotted funds to them

based on committee decision.

Zachary Niebuhr (Teresa Loftesnes) reported on the Market Committee, which discussed various things

Brittany Diegel reported on the Child Care Committee, which looked into the types of committees/groups that will be necessary throughout the process of getting a child care center started.

Brooke Domonoske reported on the Suspension Committee, which discussed student appeals.

Brooke Domonoske reported on Faculty Senate, which approved new courses and set up a committee that will look into open source textbooks. The committee will be made up of students and faculty.

Breanna Benson reported that there will be a food service committee meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tyler Flatland reported on Parking Appeals, which discussed two appeals.

Erika Lemer reported on the Intramural Committee, which met and discussed various things.

Danielle Foster reported on Chamber of Commerce where Mark Vollmer announced there will be a scaled back bond issue vote in early April. They have a 20 million dollar loan at 1.27% interest and they must notify the state by May if they will be using it or not. Dr. Fuller reported that the head count is down at MiSU by 3 ½% this semester attributing it to housing issues. Out of State and non-Canadian enrollment has increased and attributed that to Grow ND. Ron Merritt informed that the park district will be opening bids to restore Hammond and Roosevelt Park's tennis courts. Also, Lt. Col. Brad Buckman reported that the government was close to reaching a military budget. Task force 21 reported any money relief from sequestration cuts will go to the sequestration relief efforts.

Nikki Egge reported on MSU Life, which discussed upcoming events, needing help at the penny carnival and picked animals for build a bear.

Nikki Egge reported on the Student Rights committee, which had two student appeals, and no set meeting time because of other committee meetings.

Emily Anderson reported on NDSA committee, which met via Skype because the official meeting was cancelled in Bismarck. There was not quorum so no voting took place but regular committees will meet at the NDSA hosted by MiSU. Some highlights of the

Skype meeting were discussing Mental Health subcommittee, State wide day of service and constitution and bylaws of ad hoc.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Teresa Loftesnes talked about commencement and that they are trying to get 100 power of 100 events. Feb 15<sup>th</sup> is the scholarship deadline.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Student Fee increases were proposed by//for Sustainability, Athletics, and CETL. The increase can only be increased by \$24.10 (1% cap) and the proposed amounts came to \$24.00. Zachary Niebuhr moved to approve the Student Fee changes as is. Motion passed.

Pennies Carnival tomorrow night, our booth will be a pie in the face booth and we still need four people to sign up. Reminder, as SGA members you are required to volunteer for three SGA events.

Revised Intramural Format is as follows: The Wellness Center will hire a student Building Manager from the current Wellness Center Staff ASAP. This manager will shadow Luke and Casey until their term is up in April. A second Building Manager will be hired to start work in August. This position will be open to applications from all students.

Kylie Gamas moved to remove the Co-Director of Intramurals from the constitution and leave the funding for Intramurals. Alex Buchholz moved for a friendly amendment that the new Building Managers will be required to attend all SGA meetings as non-voting members. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

Appreciation Social. A planning meeting will be held on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Kelsey moved to partner with Faculty and Staff to put on this event. Motion passed. Alex Buchholz moved to rename the Student Wellness Center. Motion passed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NDSA**

February 21-22 / Minot!!!

### **MSU:Life**

Pennies Carnival / Jan 28

Superbowl Party / Feb 2

Catching Fire / Feb 5

Karaoke + Free Food / Feb 5

Asian Project Slam Poetry / 12:00 Feb 7

Olympic Opening Ceremony / Feb 7 in the Dam

**Intramurals**

Mondays: Bowling @ 9:15

Wednesdays: Basketball @ 6

Also tomorrow at Beaver Brew Café will be a Democracy Cafe.

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2014**

**ADJORNMENT**

Without any further business President Josh Sandy adjourned the meeting at 8:27.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Buchholz

SGA Secretary