



## *Student Senate*

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**University Union, 1965 Room**

**5:15pm**

- I. Call To Order: Dylan called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Members Present: Myles, Elijah, Valeri, Abbigail, Justis, Josiah, Alex, Ethan, Mark, Sara G., Shane, Sarah D., Linnea, Courtney, Eduardo, Selena, Fiona, Eric, McKinley, Nathan, Dennis, Ashley, Dylan, Nik.
  - b. Members Absent: Kayla.
  - c. Members Late: McKenna, Kia.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 03.20.17: Mark moved to approve the minutes. Josiah seconded. Approved.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:
  - Fiona moved to amend the agenda by putting Car Demonstration first. Abbigail moved to amend. Ethan seconded. Approved.
  - Abbigail moved to approve the agenda. Elijah seconded. Approved.
- V. New Business
  - Car Demonstrations
    - Health and Safety wants to put on demonstrations on how to change a tire, how to jump a car, etc. Through NWTC, this would be at no cost. They would like us to provide pizza to make a day out of it. They would like to see it every semester.
    - This would be a good idea- every semester, we get new students, so it would be good for everyone to get the instruction.
    - Tom THINKS that the class would be at no cost.



- They have automotive technicians at NWTC which would provide more of a hands-on experience.
- We like the idea, but we will look at it again once there is a specified plan.
- Things to think about: RISK and COST.
- Health and Safety committee can take it over and write a resolution.
- We could also ask around to local mechanics.

#### -Empowering Student Voice Resolution Vote

- A majority of students from the survey really wanted emails sent to them.
- Is this a biased representation of the student body? Not really- about half of survey takers said they had never been interested in joining SGA.
- Would the emails be considered non-essential?: even an email for the fund the freeze event was turned down because it was considered non-essential.
- Shane entertained a motion to change the wording from dean of students to “the appropriate body.” Linnea moved to amend. Abigail seconded. Shane friendly accepted the amendment.
- We should start looking at the surveys we have already.
- Fund the Freeze wasn’t necessarily nonessential, it was more political because the university itself cannot support Fund the Freeze.

#### -Achieving Greater Transparency in Student Government Resolution Vote

- Abigail moved to amend “the dean of students” to “the appropriate body.” Justis seconded. Shane friendly accepted the amendment.
- Dylan entertained a motion to vote on the resolution. Elijah moved to vote. Abigail seconded. Approved.
- Abigail moved to package the two resolutions. Sara G. seconded. Approved.
- Dylan entertained a motion to vote on the two resolutions. Abigail moved to vote. Linnea seconded. Approved.



- Results: APPROVED 13:0:1.

#### -Constitutional Review

- All “Community Outreach” phrases need to be changed to “Community Engagement.”
- If the SUFAC bylaws portion is stricken, Senate would have say over that portion of the constitution, not SUFAC- they would just be concerned with governing themselves. Think about checks and balances, though.
- Childcare should be shared between committees, because it is too big of a job for just one committee- OR we would have delegation issues and nothing would get done.
- Courtney has a description for her job that included the childcare alliance, but it is not in the constitution or the bylaws.
- We could have it be a senate chair, and then have it fall to a committee chair afterward.
- Maybe direct representation should be offered to different groups on campus as well.
- What if we placed responsibility on specific chairs to get senators from specific groups instead of having reserved senate seats?
- We need to specify what happens if these specific seats are not filled so that someone has the responsibility.
- Change Disability Services Office to students with disabilities, International Office to international students, etc.

#### -SUFAC Nomination

- Nik nominates Mark Fischer as SUFAC chair.
- Mark is currently looking for a vice-chair.
- Dylan entertained a motion to vote. Shane moved to vote. Abbigail seconded. Approved.
- Results: APPROVED 13:0:0.

Nik entertained a motion to have exec reports emailed in. Ashely moved. Shane seconded. Approved.

#### VI. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Nik Austin



- no report
- b. Vice President: Dylan Tritt
  - no report
- c. Speaker: Courtney Zambon
  - no report
- d. RHAA: Ashley Keenan
  - no report
- e. Chief Justice: Dennis DeBeck
  - no report
- f. Standing Committees
  - Academic Affairs: Mckenna Kelsey
    - no report
  - Community Engagement: Eduardo Navarro
    - no report
  - Environmental Affairs: Kayla Billett
    - no report
  - Equity and Diversity: Selena Deer
    - no report
  - Health and Safety: Fiona Somers
    - no report
  - Recreation and Athletics: Eric Fischer
    - no report
  - Student Resources: Kia Murray
    - no report
  - SUFAC: Nik Austin
    - no report
  - University Governance: McKinley Lentz
    - no report
  - Union and Dining: Nathan Rousseau
    - no report

## VII. Announcements

-Send your report to Hannah via email.

- VIII. Adjournment: Dylan entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 P.M. Abbigail moved to adjourn. Val seconded. Approved.