

Student Senate Meeting Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 At 5:15pm 1965 Room

- I. Call to Order 5:18
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Minutes from April 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - a. Motion to Approve the Minutes: Kyle
  - b. Second: Jack
    - i. Motion to strike VII. Section a. "Nick: Raise the GPA": Nick
    - ii. Second: Christian
    - iii. Approved by voice vote
  - e. Approved by voice vote
- V. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda: Christian:
  - b. Second: Kyle
  - c. Call to Question: Jack
  - d. Approved by Voice Vote
- VI. New Business
- VII. Old Business
  - a. Second Reading: Senate Bylaws
    - i. Trevor: Removal of Senators why does the chair have special approval?
    - ii. Chloe: There is discretion on the chair's part in case of special cases.
  - b. Package Vote on Senate By-laws and Constitution
    - iii. Motion to approve the Senate bylaws and Constitution as a package: Christian
    - iv. Second: Jack

- v. Discussion
  - 1. Kim: What are we motioning?
  - 2. Kyle: If we voted we would be approving them.
  - 3. Christian: Thank you to the committee!
- vi. Call to question: Kyle
- vii. Christian: I object
- viii. Heba: Effective on May 1<sup>st</sup>?
- ix. Motion to friendly amend it to be effective May 1<sup>st</sup>: Kyle
- x. Approval: Christian
- xi. Call to question: Nick
- xii. Roll call
  - 1. Approved: 18-0-0

## VIII. Reports

- a. President: Heba Mohammad
  - i. We met with the dining chair, and it seemed to go very well. We will have a report on how to make Aviand's better.
  - ii. Christian: How is he going to present them?
  - iii. Heba: He is trying his hardest.
  - iv. Brenda: The scope of the project was to look at residential ideas.
    - 1. Catering was not a large part; it was more daily dining services.
    - 2. They are planning to come back May  $6^{th}$  so that students are still here. This would be the final feedback and changes would be implemented in summer. This is a phase project.
  - v. Right to bear arms is coming up, we need two volunteers.

We need to make a banner to hang in the union.

vi. Millennium panels and we are helping to pay for it. The UN's eight goals will be posted

vii. Elections are tomorrow.

- b. Vice President: N/A
- c. Speaker: Megan Leonard
  - i. If you are interested in being speaker next year come talk to me.
- d. RHAA: Andrew Haugen

- i. Two meetings left not including the banquet. We will have multiple bills, and reviews of exec board.
- ii. We have elections soon also.
- e. Chief Justice: Stephany Haack
  - Nate: Court has finalized the ballot for the upcoming elections. Approval voting will not be used in this election. Approval voting will have no effect, and it will not work for D2L yet. It is postponed for next year.
  - ii. Candidate eligibility is an issue because you need a 2.5 GPA to be on the ballot, but the constitution states 2.0, so that is invalid.
  - iii. Approval voting: The voter can vote for as many people as they want, and the person with the most wins.
- f. Standing Committees
  - i. Academic Affairs: Franklin Rabideau
    - 1. Meeting at 7
    - 2. Interview will take place for Academic Affairs this week.
  - ii. Environmental Affairs: Daniel MacSwain
    - 1. Brenda: The outdoor multi-purpose space had a sub-committee to choose different items for the multi-purpose space. We will present it to the larger committee, and it should be ready when you all come back.
    - 2. Kyle: How large is the stage going to be, and will there be low-mow grass?
    - 3. Brenda: I am not sure about that, and we are trying to be as environmentally friendly. The space is 20 by 40, and we are just trying things out right now.
    - 4. Kyle: How do things work ADA accessible?
    - 5. Brenda: everything is within the requirements.
    - 6. Christian: Has there been any discussion of a swing set?
    - 7. Brenda: We have kind of discussed it.
    - 8. Christian: We all love swing sets and those students who have children could use it.
    - 9. Brenda: It is just too expensive.
  - iii. Equality and Diversity: Sergei Sutto
    - 1. Thank you for the support of the sexist ice cream sale, we raised
    - 2. The pow-wow was a wonderful event.
  - iv. Health and Safety: Jeff Huebner
    - 1. Not present No report given
  - v. Recreation and Athletics: Melissa Zabkowicz
    - 1. Kress Advisory discussed the Senate's feedback of the intermural fee, and is developing a survey
    - 2. A team from Michigan is entering the Horizon league, and UIC is looking to leave.
    - 3. Attended the multi-purpose space meeting.
  - vi. Student Resources: TJ Fabel

- 1. Heba: We met with the head of technology, and he wants technology feedback and what they would want on campus.
- 2. If you want to discuss technology more or things in general he would like to start a lunch date every month.
- vii. SUFAC: Kim Dawson/Shawn Brown
  - 1. We are hiring an assistant for next year, please spread the word. They are due Friday
  - 2. We are looking over by-laws
- viii. Union and Dining: Mariah Pursley
  - 1. The dining consultant meeting went pretty well
  - 2. She will be meeting with Rick and Pat later this week to discuss the meeting.
  - ix. University Governance: Chloe Miller Hansen
    - 1. We have a meeting this week and a follow-up meeting next week. A break will be coming soon!
    - 2. Please vote tomorrow and Wednesday, tell others to vote also please!
    - 3. RHAA: We will have several meetings about their role. We should have something ready to present to senate soon.
    - 4. Thank you for everyone involved with the constitution and by-laws.
    - 5. Charles: Is there a way for students to get information about candidates?
    - 6. Chloe: The court website through the SGA website has snippets of what each candidate has prepared.

## IX. Announcements

- a. Heba: This week is the Islam Awareness Week, please try to attend the events to understand Muslims
- b. Heba: A presentation tonight on Native American food sovereignty
- c. Heba: Desert Flower will be in the Christie Theater.
- d. Megan: There is a program in the Christie at 7 about pornography and its effects on society "Going down"
- e. Melissa K: Next Monday is Earth Day, and there will be a free lunch from 11-12 for the first 200 people on the student services deck. There will be lots of different presentations next week for Earth week. Learn it at Lunch is next Thursday.
- f. Megan: We are having a Senate meeting next Monday to approve the elections.
- g. Andrew: Tomorrow is one day without shoes. Toms shoes is hosting it, they want people to go barefoot tomorrow. If you have a pair of tom's shoes you should wear and or buy a pair. Wear a pair of socks if you need to!
- h. MP: Hmong culture is having a show, and you should go!
- i. Chloe: Relay for Life is this Friday! Between 2 and midnight! There will be a silent auction and bake sale tomorrow.

- Kyle: If we meet next week, we don't have to meet again constitutionally. We meet May 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the new administration.
- k. Christian: Chloe is doing a cool project "It gets better". You can make a video to talk to others about how life gets better.
- 1. Chloe: the initiative is around the LGBTQ committee.
- m. Saeed: We have an international dinner; there will be lots of performances and a documentary. Tickets are \$6
- n. MP: Harmony is having a night of noises, you all should go.
- o. Brenda: The diversity center director search is continuing. We are hoping to get candidates in before you all leave for the summer.
- p. Brenda: The chancellor hired a consultant to look at getting raises for the first time in eight years. Data was shared. The forum is in the morning at 9.
- X. Adjournment 6:08