

Student Government Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 15th, 2010

- I. Call to order 3:02
- II. Roll call and establishment of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Minutes and agenda will be posted on D2L
 - i. Senators and students will be able to access minutes and agenda for meetings once set up
- IV. Approval of Minutes approved
- V. Student Open Floor and Guest Speakers
- VI. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President (David)
 - i. MNSCU retreat
 1. Final callout to those who want to go; nov 19-20 on social justice in Winona; 100 student leaders across MN; still have a few days to get registered; leaving here around 3pm on Friday; let David know by tonight (9/15)
 2. Dennis has expressed interest in going
*Hamdi recognized at 3:08
 - b. Vice President (Shannon)
 - i. Constitution committee; will be formed soon
 - c. Director of Communications (Vicky)
 - i. Senator email/contact info
 - d. Director of Public Relations (Aida)
 - e. Legislative Director (Jake)
 - i. Safety update
 1. Attended safety committee; smoking policy – last spring there were recommendations made for the policy; committee made recommendation to the president that anything east of road between the woods and north of regular campus and east of new VA building will be allowed smoking; THCC there would be no smoking 50ft from the door; positive president will approve; total smoking ban would not go well; student government will back policy changes if approved but enforcement will be mostly up to students; security officers and signs will be posted to help enforce new changes if approved and will be at both campuses; January is when policy would go into effect; was talk of fining students for

policy violation but was not approved of; for now would only be a code of conduct violation

- a. Committee last spring was trying to determine if campus was going to try to go tobacco free or smoke free

ii. Student handbook

1. Talked about 2 weeks ago; can't do much about handbooks; go on to website to see policies

iii. GOTV

1. Looking to hold a candidate forum to come to campus the week of the 27th; working with David on this and will update

iv. Code of conduct violations

1. Spoke with Nancy and Oren; have been noticed an influx of disrespect towards students and facilities; staff will be pushed to report any incidents on that; senate is encouraged to report any theft, abuse, vandalism, etc. to any staff or security; the quicker we can get a handle on this the better; people should be able to feel safe at the school and school will not tolerate and abusive environment

*Hamdi recognized at 3:18

f. Club Coordinator (Zach)

i. Swing dancing club

1. Want to have a dance on December 3rd (Friday); pro dancer would come in to teach lessons beforehand

ii. Club spreadsheet

1. Amanda is compiling list of changes to club meetings; some clubs still establishing a meeting time so list is not complete yet; will have done by Thursday

g. Technology Liaison (Cory)

i. Had request for additional xbox and wii games; game days are Tuesdays

1. Suggested to create a plan to keep games secure to prevent future theft; possibly leave collateral in exchange for game use; when board games are checked out student leaves their ID and hold is placed on their account if game is not returned

VII. Advisor Report

- a. Email was sent to Louise with names of students for committees; submit letters of intent for interest in committees

i. Parking committee needs a student to chair it

1. Discusses setting up shuttle, issues of parking lot (from security to assigned spots); good committee to get on; meet a lot of the staff; needs someone who can really commit to it; met a few times in fall and spring as needed; probably no more than 4 meetings per year; meeting is about an hour or two and it done ITV with Cambridge
2. Vicky is now head of Parking committee
- ii. MSCSA will be this weekend
 1. Leaving 10:50am Friday; returning Sunday 6:50pm
 2. Will be some committee positions to be filled at meeting
 3. Copies of emergency contact will be given to David

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. TAC meets on the 24th (Cory)
- b. First foundation meeting next week (Shannon)
- c. If there's a safety issue you'd like addressed at next safety meeting, let Jake know

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. English speaking English teachers
 - i. Complaint has come forward; when students gets on hiring committee the student should express student issue with stressing hiring faculty with as fluent English speaking skills as possible; suggested to poll students about complaints about teachers that cannot be easily understood they're concerned with and bring this to the attention of the right department or dean; the dean of the department would be talked to about temporary positions and other issues

X. New Business

- a. New senators
 - i. Motion to make Simon Whitney a senator Cory – Sara
 1. Motion is approved
 - ii. Motion to make Tim a senator Sara – Cory
 1. Motion is approved
 - iii. Motion to make Dennis a senator Aida – Zach
 1. Motion is approved
 - iv. Anyone who wants to be a senator has to be at *2 consecutive meetings*
- b. New club
 - i. Where's the Script
 1. Motion to approve provisional application Cory – Shannon

- a. Looks like a good club; would make a nice addition to campus and theatre department
 - b. Idea for club is that it's open to all, regardless of involvement with theatre or not; similar to the lines of *Who's Line is it Anyway*; as of right now would not be doing open mic on Wednesdays; unofficially have at least 5 people interested, but it encouraged that after PR is done there would be more interest; club advisor (Weaver) is looking at twice weekly meetings and first would not be until very end of September
 - c. Motion is approved
 - 2. Encouraged to get any provisional club to work closely with student government to go over procedure for forming a club
- c. Pedestrian Traffic
 - i. Crossing guard
 - 1. Suggested to look into getting a crossing guard for the safety of students at the crosswalk between the main lots and extra ones; suggested possibly extra security guards; talk to Jake and he will email Oren and he will bring up students' concern to see if college or even city of Coon Rapids can do anything; only time anyone has been noticed directing traffic is when there's an accident; some people don't know there's state law that cars must stop when pedestrians are crossing; if road is city/county/state owned we'd have to collaborate with them on it; possibly a pedestrian crossing bridge being built in the future if problem really persists; possibly a work-study student position through security for a crossing-guard
- d. TAHER
 - i. Shannon has had some student complaints about TAHER; let her know if you have any complaints; rudeness, food quality, paying for utensils; looking for consistency from staff and procedures
- e. Campus cleanup
 - i. PTK is doing theirs on the 22nd; would be great to see student government involved
 - 1. Hose is still sitting out in the middle of the sidewalk; suggested to put it away when it's not in use
- f. Books for prisoners

- i. Louise does liaison work for Isanty County Jail; suggests that we look for books to send to prisoners; done entirely through donations; looking for something along the lines of Books for Africa
 - ii. School gets rid of many books; possibly if books are not used to send them to jail
 - g. GOTV 9/23
 - i. Senators will be required to do 1 hour or more of GOTV to do their office hour
 - ii. Training can be done with David if you'd like help with learning how to table
 - iii. Any senator who does not do their hour will not be able to vote on any issues in the next meeting
 - iv. MSCSA will be coming out on 9/23 to help; students will be needed all day signed up
 - h. Tuesday H219 1p-2p civil right trib
 - i. ASA will have discuss of a civil rights trip
 - 1. Want to go around the south and east coast of the US
 - 2. They want to invite other students and groups to plan it
 - i. Thursday 2p legacy PTSD
 - i. Joint effort from veterans an psych club
 - 1. Discussion about PTSD; anyone can join in
 - j. New maps
 - i. During welcome week new students were looking at maps on the wall; maps on wall and outside building are out of date; talk to Mary Jacobsen in PR about updating indoor/outdoor signing
 - k. Shirts
 - i. Shirts are in; kept in the office; will be used when doing student stuff (GOTV, etc.); must come back to office when done using
 - l. Policies
 - i. Motion to adopt policy L.1 use of volunteers under chapter 4, human resources Cory – Zach
 - 1. Policy will get us on board with MNSCU policy to use volunteers on campus; will not take place of paid staff
 - 2. Motion is approved
- XI. Other
- XII. Good of the Order
 - a. Reason is needed for why someone will be leaving early; can effect quorum
 - b. Recycling in office

- i. Only paper in recycle bins
 - c. Keep belongings out of the working area; do not leave bags on chairs; store stuff in lockers
- XIII. Announcements
 - a. Next week is 1st of Coffee House series 22nd 10:30-12:30
 - b. MN twins game tickets are \$18 Tuesday Sept. 21st
- XIV. Adjournment approved 4:10