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SENATE MEETING
Friday, March 28th, 2014
1:00pm, Bennet Valley, Student Center

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III. Public Comment
IV. Business
   a) AS.80.13.14 The Ideal Classroom: Feedback on what students would like to see in their classrooms (Discussion)
      i) Discussion
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Posted on Tuesday, March 25th, 2014 at the AS Senate Office by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate
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Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT Iman Rashed, Mac Hart, Anthony Gallino, Matt Dougherty, Mallory Rice, Natalie Sampo, Luke Tesluk, Allison Jenks, Libby Dippel, Annie Green, Tyler Davis, Bianca Zamora, Angie Durkee

MEMBERS ABSENT Sarah Anthony (tardy), Sara Dinari (unexcused at 2:25 PM)

OTHERS PRESENT Erik Dickson, Karen Thompson

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 1:01 PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Comment

IV. Business

a. AS.80.13.14 The Ideal Classroom: Feedback on what students would like to see in their classrooms (Discussion)

i. Discussion Senator Rice presented the reasoning behind why this issue was brought forth. She wanted to collect feedback from the senators on what students would want to see in the “ideal classroom”. Senator Tesluk asked how they would determine which classrooms would be updated and why. Rice was unsure. Executive VP Gallino described the current smart classroom on campus (PE 33). He explained that it is designed to be flexible and ideal to all teachers. Karen Thompson expanded on that notion. President Hart commented on the issue of a power source being only in the walls. He added that the chairs in PE 33 are ideal and also having movable tables is important for classroom function for certain majors. VP of Finance Dougherty agreed with the movable tables ideas. The function of a classroom needs to meet the needs of the class and fixed chairs cannot do that. He added that departments should have a say in where their classes are put for this reason. Dougherty asked what determined a “smart classroom”. Executive Director Dickson reminded the senators to stay on task. Senator Sampo commented that she hears constant complaints of the Stevenson rooms. Some rooms lack technology. Most teachers need projectors and they are hard to carry up to second or third floors. Executive VP Gallino commented that Sampo brought up a good point. They need to be specific with what they want to see in certain buildings. He urged the senators to think about the building’s priorities. Chair Rashed commented that funding the projectors in the labs should be lowered in priority compared to the funding for projectors in Stevenson. Senator Jenks commented that the white boards in certain classrooms are in front of the pull down screen for the projector which creates a problem. President Hart commented that in 5 years he thinks...
connecting wirelessly will be a priority and it is cheaper. Senator Green added that the classrooms in the basement of Ives do not even have whiteboards. She added that she agrees with Dougherty; the departments should have a say in where their classes go. She added that Arts & Humanities is working on that. Senator Durkee agreed with Green regarding whiteboards. She added that she would like to see sound-proof walls in Stevenson as well as bigger desk space. She commented that she has a smart board in her Spanish class that is not used and perhaps moving it to a more useful classroom would be beneficial. She also would like to see more comfortable seats. Dickson commented that he hears most complaints about the number of seats in classrooms. He urged the senators to be aware of the capacity of the classroom because updating some things may take away seats. Dougherty added that having desks on wheels would be beneficial because moving desks creates a large noise for surrounding classrooms. Senator Sampo clarified the notion of reducing classroom capacities with Dickson. Senator Green agreed that wheels on chairs would be helpful. Senator Rice commented that if they have any other suggestions to email them to her.

b. AS.81.13.14 Fees and Class Availability Presentation (Discussion)
   i. Discussion Senator Sampo and Senator Tesluk presented a trial run of the presentation being used for the workshops prior to the “town hall” meeting with the provost. They urged the senators to comment whenever they saw a problem. Senators provided input and corrections to various slides. They discussed advertising and timelines. Senator Rice commented that she thinks they should focus on advertising next week and start the workshops the following week. Executive Director Dickson added that the senators need to focus on elections next week. Chair Rashed decided that the best course of action would be to cancel next week’s workshops and revise the presentation and then present it again at the next Senate meeting.

Chair Rashed called roll call at 2:25 PM. Senator Dinari was absent (unexcused).

V. Items for the Good of the Order President Hart reported that at the CRC meeting, Larry announced that left over money (approximately $55,000) is planned to be used for 33 filling stations in various buildings within the next 12 months based on the resolution passed by Senate. Hart added that Larry also wants to move forward with a smoke free campus, but it will not be a short process. Larry was invited to the next Senate meeting to talk about the ban. Hart also encouraged all senators to promote elections next week. VP of Finance Dougherty added that the ban would go into effect in 2015. Senator Green reported that she has been meeting with her Dean, the Chair and an advertiser to promote the Arts and Humanities events happening around campus. She suggested to the school senators to do the same because it has been very helpful. Senator Zamora reported that the Tunnel of Oppression is happening on April 7-11. There has been a lot of collaboration between Senate, ASP and JUMP. She asked the senators to sign up to be tour guides. Executive VP Gallino reminded the senators that they need to begin getting together their transition binder in the near future for the new officers coming in. Senator Rice added that it is helpful for the new officers to invite them in and go with them to meet their dean, etc. Dickson reported that 40 new positions are up for AS and urged the senators to get the word out about those. Senator Durkee clarified that they are year-long and paid positions. Dickson added that elections are next Wednesday and Thursday. He will be inviting candidates for the three open professional staff positions to campus within the next couple days and they will start on April 14th. Dickson added that they are starting to re-envision Big Nite for next year so he urges the senators to go talk to constituents about what they want to see. He also reported that JUMP is all over the SSU website with
their successful Alternative Breaks and Greek Service Day. Senator Jenks reported that Tapapalooza is happening and to be on the lookout.

VI. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned by Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate, at 2:49 PM.

Approved by the Associated Students Senate on 4/1/14.

Iman Rashed, Chair of the Senate