Student Senate Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2001

Student Senate meeting was called to order at 5:05. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Roll call: Those present included President Javine Winterboer, Secretary Casey Johnston, Treasurer Gangadhar Sunkara, Executive Board members Rachel Forster, Carey Pryan, Sara Pavelka, Kristy Stanko, Grad-Christy Rothermund, Michael Dixon, Troy Luster, Luke Handke, Ana Maria Soto, Matt Wiebe, Jason Wilken, Med- Brock Wentz, Rob Zatechka, Matt Mendlick, Allied Health-Tim Scheierman, Aaron Wenburg. Guests were present form the PA program and the Graduate program.

Advisor’s report-Dave Carver

Dr. Carver welcomed everyone back and wanted to remind us about the application process for new student organizations on campus. In order for the organizations to be recognized, they need to see Dr. Carver to obtain the proper application materials.

Speakers

Jean Fabreg- The office of Academic Records would like to remind everyone that there is a new Web site for students to check their files. It is important for us to make sure we are periodically checking to see any errors or problems with our files. We are encouraged to pass the info along to our classmates. The Web site is https://net.unmc.edu/care.

Sara Pertle- Many students from UNMC participate in various study abroad programs and the in the future the numbers are increasing. Most of these students need to provide the funds for the trips themselves. Mrs. Pertle is proposing a mandatory student fee paid by each student to help fund these trips. She stated that the University of Texas has been very successful in allocating funds for international studies and would like to see UNMC follow their lead.

Old business-None.

New business

Fall event- The Senate wants to offer a fall event for students to attend. Ideas included a movie night, a barn dance, a hay-rack ride, a sports tournament, and a barbecue. We settled on the barn dance and a committee was put together to follow up. Those on the committee included Kristie Stanko, Sara Pavelka, Rob "Poster Child" Zatechka, Ana Maria Soto, and Brock Wentz.

Philanthropy-Javine suggested that we collect plastic bottles for recycling and use the profits for a donation to a cause in the community. Suggestions included dinner for the Ronald McDonald House.

Career development-There is a career development office on campus for students to use; however, there has not been much publicity about it. Also, Javine and Dr. Carver suggested that we come up with a list of possible mentors for various fields in the hopes that students would be able to seek them out and ask them questions.

International education fee-The International Education Fee was revisited and most members of the Senate were receptive to the idea. Dr. Carver questioned whether or not it was a feasible proposition, but felt it was worth looking into. The subject will be addressed more in-depth at the next meeting.

Officer/Committee Reports

President-Javine talked about possibly using student IDs as credit cards. She said the financial aid office would be able to apply a certain amount of money to the card from individual students' accounts. More on the topic later.

Vice President-Carrie was gone.

Treasurer-We have $5,500. Ganga is working on the new Student Senate Web site and would welcome any suggestions from Senate members. There is also a link to the Web site being added to the UNMC home page.

Secretary-The Signal will be out within the next couple of weeks. Casey is looking for articles from the various colleges about student issues. Also, an updated roster will be sent out as soon as it is available.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.