Student Senate Agenda  
September 5th 5:30pm WH 3037

Senators in attendance: President Jonathan Henning, Secretary Curtis McKnight, Advisor Dr. David Carver, Agnes Constantino, Aishwarya Parkash, Andy Yang, Carrie Althoff, Christopher March, Erin Rodie, Jenny Kast, Jeremy Peterson, Jessica Chardoulias, Kalyan Nannuru, Keith Jensen, Zac Handler, Mario Fernandez, Paula Richards, Shanna Olney

1.0 Call to order  
2.0 Deb Thomas: Emergency Information System Updates  
   2.1 In response to the Virginia Tech tragedy, the Chancellor requested an update of the UNMC emergency notification system  
   2.1.1 The emergency notification system is 4 fold  
   2.1.1.1 PA systems are effective in some areas, and the remaining areas are being retrofitted with PA systems  
   2.1.1.2 Alert cast message network exists. This network consists of one person on each floor who will be called in case of an emergency  
   2.1.1.3 Every networked computer on campus will have a pop-up security dispatch emergency notification message  
   2.1.1.4 The new E2 Campus text messaging service is being offered to all students and faculty. It is easy to sign up for and free to students. Student senate strongly encourages all students to sign up  
   2.1.1.4.1 To sign up log on to blackboard and follow the E2 Campus link on the left.  
3.0 Approval of March Minutes  
   3.1 Minutes approved  
4.0 Advisor's Report - Dr. David Carver  
   4.1 Along with what Deb Thomas said, we take all measures to identify students who have lost touch with reality or who are dangerous  
   4.2 Prediction of violent acts can be difficult, and Mr. Cho, the gunman at VT had selective mutism making him even more difficult to identify. Dr. Carver further summarized the events surround Mr. Cho's rampage.  
   4.3 Dr. Carver highlighted the differences between VT and UNMC  
   4.3.1 We have a personal interview which would screen out any selective mute individuals  
   4.3.2 Mandatory background checks  
   4.3.3 Advisors who are available to talk to students. In COM and graduate studies contact is mandatory  
   4.3.4 Referral for mandatory evaluation by the counseling services for problem students.  
   4.3.5 Students are encouraged to report fellow classmates who are suffering apparent problems or acting inappropriately. Dr. Carver acknowledged that no one wants to snitch but changing the culture is important in the case of serious persistent problems.  
   4.3.6 In the event of student death, the effected program is contacted for counseling and follow up.  
5.0 Old Business  
   5.1 Senate Seats in the College of Graduate Studies  
   5.1.1 Our recommendation for change has brought a flurry of further changes to the constitution  
   5.1.2 We will vote on these changes in October. From there the Board of Regents will review it.  
   5.1.3 Expect it to be finalized by next year.  
5.2 Recycling
5.2.1 The city of Omaha will be putting recycling containers in the student parking lot. They don't accept glass. Also recyclable paper must have no patient information.
5.2.3 A meeting with Rick Boldt will take place to finalize the process.
5.2.4 The drawback is that students will be individually responsible for putting their recyclable waste in the recycle bin because there will be no new staff to take recyclable waste to the bin.
   5.2.4.1 This can also be used by students who live in apartments and have no other recycling pick-up.
5.3 Small Group Study Rooms in the DRC
   5.3.1 The rooms are located in the corridors between the elevators.
   5.3.2 This was a difficult fight, and several people want the students to slightly misuse the privilege so it is taken away.
   5.3.3 The procedure: check out a key from McGoogan library front desk from 5pm-Midnight.
   5.3.3.1 If key is not returned, it will be a $50 fine
   5.3.3.2 Please clean up after yourself in the room or you will be fined or lose the room privilege that we fought so hard to obtain.
5.4 Student Health Insurance
   5.4.1 Everyone at orientation had the opportunity to pick up a handout on insurance.
   5.4.1.1 New changes adopted in May are represented in the handout.
6.0 New Business
6.1 Book Sales Website
   6.1.1 Log on to blackboard, find "student book sales" under Organizations. Enroll, and sell your books!
6.2 Center for Healthy Living Survey
   6.2.1 A need must be demonstrated in order to make a valid case for new additions and expansions to our Center for Healthy Living (CFHL)
   6.2.2 A meeting took place to find out what our needs are. These needs will be assessed via an online survey (blackboard) to generate data to encourage change. The survey is short.
   6.2.3 This must be a student driven issue because no one else will do it.
   6.2.4 Our goal is a $10 million expansion. We may not get a pool, but a considerable expansion would be beneficial.
   6.2.4.1 The survey is directed at students; faculty are not involved at this time.
7.0 Announcements/Discussion/Issues
7.1 When will 40th street reopen?
7.2 Parking
   7.2.1 Are the student lots oversold?
7.3 Both issues will be further investigated by Jonathan Henning.
   7.3.1 Why can't you back into a parking spot?
   7.3.1.1 Dr. Carver believes it's because the stickers are unreadable if you back in, which makes little intuitive sense.
   7.3.1.2 Parking should be less congested in the coming weeks. Also right now is when the parking enforcement is most zealous about giving tickets so be mindful of all the rules.
   7.3.1.3 If no parking spots exist, you are able to call parking services and they will direct you to another lot where you may park for that day.
7.4 Can student prices be obtained for UNL athletics?
   7.4.1 Jonathan will bring the issue up at the board of regents meeting tomorrow.
   7.4.2 Dr. Carver remembers that this issue has been raised in the past and it was not advanced.
   7.4.3 A senate member with experience working in the ticket office related that the issue is allotment of tickets. Football will be next to impossible to obtain, but for some other sports may be possible.
7.5 Bike rack at DRC is necessary. Currently bikes are chained to the fence.
    7.5.1 A temporary rack could possibly be provided.
7.6 Omaha's got talent. September, 22 at 7pm.
    7.6.1 3rd year College of Pharmacy students are do.
    7.6.1.1 Tickets are $15
    7.6.1.2 Try outs are over
    7.6.1.3 Tickets on sale in front of the cafeteria and online.
7.7 Food is poor in vending machines.
7.8 Dr. Carver - why do we allow cigarette smoking on our campus when we are a world class health institute.
    7.8.1 Try to enlist high level faculty to give the issue more weight.
    7.8.2 Zac Handler - other hospitals that have gone non smoking have a smoking cessation program for faculty.
    7.8.3 To move forward, we should draft a resolution.
7.9 Iowa University has allowed security to be armed with handguns
    7.9.1 If this issue is raised, we will take the stance that guns shouldn't be carried by security, but there will be a locked room at security central with firearms.
8.0 Officer Reports
8.1 President - Jonathan Henning
8.2 Vice President - Casey Bowen
8.3 Treasurer - Sarah Keim
8.4 Secretary - Curtis McKnight
9.0 Adjournment