Student Senate Minutes
Dec. 12th, 2007. 5:30pm WH 3037

- 1.0 Special guest
  - 1.0 Sonya G. Smith, Ed.D., J.D. Associate Vice Chancellor for academic affairs/Chief Student Affairs Officer
- 1.0.1 Affirmative action issues in Nebraska and on our campus
  - 1.0.1.1 The American Civil Rights Institute (ACRI) has pushed for, and passed amendments in Michigan, Washington, and California that prohibit discrimination based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.
  - 1.0.1.1.1 They left age, language, and other important characteristics off.
  - 1.0.1.2 Nebraska is also a target, and the chancellor's office has researched the initiative and found that there will be significant negative impact to our campus in outlawing affirmative action
  - 1.0.1.3 A UNMC access team will be formed of students and student leaders to educate the public and help defend our state from outside influence.
  - 1.0.1.4 The student senate will continue to consider ways to make our opinion heard and educate the public, as well as work with the UNMC access team
- 2.0 Approval of minutes
  - 2.0 Minutes approved
- 3.0 Advisor's Reports
  - 3.0 Dr. David Carver
    - 3.0.1 Merry Christmas, Dr. Carver looks forward to continuing to work with the student senate in the new year
- 4.0 Old business
  - 4.0 CFHL survey results
    - 4.0.1 Students use exercise equipment the most, and identified it as an area where improvement is needed
    - 4.0.2 Students also are interested in a pool, however the #1 area of need appears to be exercise equipment.
    - 4.0.3 Efforts will continue toward CFHL expansion with better air handling and exercise equipment. A pool is not the immediate goal, but is not going to be forgotten either
  - 4.1 Tobacco-Free Resolution
    - 4.1.1 Jonathan and Chancellor Mauer are butting heads on this issue
  - 5.0 New business
    - 5.0 Hockey night
    - 5.0.1 Casey Bowen will work it out. F
    - 5.1 November election results
    - 5.1.1 Results will be taken to the Chancellor to approve, then to the regents to finalize
  - 5.2 Air Force Academy National Character and Leadership Training Opportunity
    - 5.2.1 It is mostly undergraduate level students
    - 5.2.2 Anyone interested should contact Jonathan
  - 5.3 Toys for Tots
    - 5.3.1 ENCAP a social services facility is a toys for tots distribution center.
    - 5.3.2 An email will be sent to the student body for donations if they are interested
    - 5.3.3 A table will be set up in UH next to Starbucks for donations
  - 5.4 Affirmative Action
    - 5.4.1 With the student senate's track record of making our opinions heard, the Chancellor would like us to be on board, and we as a senate are in agreement that this issue would adversely affect the student body at unmc
  - 5.5 Omaha shooting victims were remembered with a moment of silence
    - 5.5.1 Dr. Carver again encouraged the members of the student senate to identify individuals who are at risk of depression or isolation
- 6.0 Announcements/Discussion/Issues
- 6.0 Bike Racks at DRC
  - 6.0.1 This issue is not being resolved, most likely, until the Sorel center is open
- 6.1 NU student information system
  - 6.1.1 Will be changed, a process of gathering information is underway at this time.
- 7.0 Officer reports
- 7.0 President
  - 7.0.1 Jon thanked the members of the student senate for their hard work and an excellent year
  - 7.0.2 Casey
  - 7.0.3 Sarah
  - 7.0.4 Curtis
  - 7.0.4.1 I look forward to working with the student senate in the next year.