

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE (GSS)

Thursday, Nov 17th, 2016; 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM; MUB 332

Minutes

I. Opening Business

Call to order: Drummond Biles, 11:32AM

A. Greetings, Check-Ins

In Attendance: Drummond Biles, Nate Stafford, Liz Moschella, Patrick Lacroix, Holland Prior, Ezra Temko, Jordan Coulombe, Jochen Wirsing, Joseph Jensen, Jin Lee, Myles Lynch, Julianne Riley

B. Correction to 11/17/16 Agenda

1. Sponsor (Mark Anthony) has dropped Health Services resolution. Noted no need as requested services are covered but not advertised.

C. Approval of minutes

1. 11/3/16 Minutes Corrections:
 - N. Stafford last name correction from “Strafford” to “Stafford” ☺
 - E. Temko: Noted section 3.A. point 2: add “as a barrier” at end of statement
 - Pending update of corrections – minutes approved

II. External Business

A. Undergraduate Student Senate

- Not present

B. Grad staff writer

1. Update on food drive
2. Update on career workshop tonight 11/17/16
3. Academia Job fair next
4. Information is all on Grad School website

III. Internal Business

A. Director of Campus Recreation – Stacey Hall

Handout brochure of Campus Rec programs

1. Noted new programs are revenue from other sources to reduce reliance on student fee process. Examples: personal training (working with Kinesiology to build up student trainers), instructional sports (e.g., golf clinic) & also potential model as registered course, youth programs (educational day-care-like options).
 - D. Biles asked will there be an educational component to these offered programs?
 - S. Hall responded yes, there are a number of offerings that will have an educational focus (e.g., healthy life styles).
2. HRC opening event
3. S. Hall presented update on campus recreation facilities.
 - E. Temko expressed curiosity about availability of campus rec courses (as registered courses) for grad students. Pointed out potential issue of grad students not registering due to credit load.

4. S. Hall added to E. Temko's point that revenue generated by campus rec courses could fund grad students. Added that GA's would also teach courses (e.g., HHS, Kinesiology). Guiding goal is to fund GA's. Inquired about GSS usage of new HRC? HRC presentation highlighted new HRC spaces
 - HRC phase 1 growth: highlighted climbing wall, renovated locker rooms
 - HRC phase 2 new space highlights: additional 7,000 sq ft more fitness space (3x current space) including many offerings. Highlighted Health Services shared spaces (e.g., demonstration kitchen, support services) as part of synergy/collaboration effort.
 - D. Biles asked what is plan for additional space? S. Hall responded progressive nature of fitness center to promote accessibility in space near front; "safe space."
 - D. Biles expressed concern for loss of racquetball courses given current heavy use? S. Hall responded spaces are large and could be repurposed for other uses
 - D. Biles supported idea of shared space (e.g., kitchens). Plans for opening up to organizations for meeting space? S. Hall responded yes.
5. S. Hall would like feedback on grand opening event. Not planning on formal ribbon cutting, floated idea of open house during week before Spring semester begins (e.g., demos of equipment/spaces).
 - J. Milosavljevic expressed concern for opening on weekday, idea of weekend (e.g., Sat). S. Hall responded want to ensure no overlap with GSS activities
 - D. Biles suggested Friday to overlap with common exam time.
 - M. Lynch suggested of food to entice attendance
 - J. Wirsing suggested of contest for prizes.
 - D. Biles noted grad students utilize outdoor services/activities more so than indoor fitness equipment. Ensure open house has staff for demos of new equipment, services, etc.
 - J. Milosavljevic added to ensure communication with grad students about services.
 - S. Hall asked for methods to enhance communication to grad students?
 - J. Wirsing noted semester or monthly open houses for grad students with demos, concurred b D. Biles, J. Milosavljevic, and S. Hall.
 - J. Coulombe asked regarding plans for grad specific courses, intramurals, workout groups. S. Hall agreed good question and had planned to approach GSS to connect with grad students about specifics. Suggestion of yoga/mental health, and HRC will provide interesting classes like "napping efficiency."
 - M. Lynch added idea for open house, massive dodge ball or snow ball fight.
 - S. Hall asked for any other suggestions? Please feel free to contact with any other suggestions. Note: S. Hall left her card.

B. Reports

1. J. Jensen provided transportation fee review
 - Perspective of parking costs:
 - \$3,000 per parking space on level ground
 - \$30,000 per space in elevated structure
 - Bike workshop space
 - S. Hall: noted usually these are part of rec centers but not part of HRC plan
2. D. Biles provided SAARC review
 - Biological sciences is top priority (\$40M project)

- Strong recognition of PCAC need
 - PCAC brought up by USS president J. Dean
 - Push for South Drive extension that directs all truck traffic behind football stadium away from downtown
 - P. Lacroix added potential interference with College Woods space. D. Biles understanding College Woods space not affected. P. Lacroix concern for truck traffic traveling through campus, what are implications for pedestrian traffic?
- C. Fees Check-in**
1. D. Biles noted end goal is to submit letter of approval/denial of fees. Leverage is in advocacy of services we can obtain through these fees.
 2. Schedule
 3. Fee Summary
 - D. Biles: charge to senators to summarize fees for efficient voting
 - L. Moschella: concern for meeting time (cannot make it)
 - D. Biles: suggestion to upload fee summaries in Finances google drive sheet
 - P. Lacroix: any intent to meet with Chris Clement prior to letter? D. Biles responded yes, will meet with Chris Clement, Nancy Targett, and Cari Moorhead with data to request changes. E.g., freeze fees, better fee waivers. P. Lacroix added issue of previous funding cuts as state government majority party changed, so need to be prepared.
 - D. Biles presented “Lunch with Directors.” This is a GSS sponsored lunch with unit directors. Flyer is on MyCourses, and senators are encouraged to print or distribute via email to constituents. Need to register online via Grad School registration website. Senators are encouraged to remember the conversation needs to be productive/diplomatic and not inflammatory for future productive.
 - Resolution in support of UNH community
 - D. Biles noted brainstorming session to fill in resolution with specific action items or areas GSS can influence as indicated in draft resolution. Goal should be to pass resolution next meeting with inclusion of brainstormed ideas. Broke into groups for brainstorming session.
 - Resolution for health care for trans - Mark Anthony

IV. Upcoming Events

- A. Meet your Unit Directors! Tuesday 29th 12:00 – 2:00, Wildcat Den
Lunch Provided; have a chance to learn about the student services on campus and advocate for any services you would like added!

V. Check-outs and Evaluations

Adjourn 1:00PM