

26 October 2020 Student Senate Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02PM

Quorum is met

Approval of the Minutes

- I. Minutes are approved.

Community Comment

- I. Senator Bokhoree brings up community comments from her constituents.
- II. Sara Kasel and Chris Ortiz, members of the Voter Engagement Team, talk to the Senators about getting the vote out and early voting.

Committee Updates

- I. Senator Resignations
 - A. Director Bluhm announces that Southwest Representative Korinna Hylen and Complex Representative Aidan Seyala have resigned. No discussion is held on this matter.
- II. Anti-Racism and Racial Justice Campus Safety Director Update
 - A. Chair Guidry has received applications for the Campus Safety Director and she will be giving recommendations. No discussion is held on the matter.
- III. Inclusive Excellence HRT Services
 - A. An IE Student at-Large is working with Nissa Fell in Health Services for Hormonal Replacement Therapy, which should be in place during Spring Semester if COVID-19 permits it. No discussion is held on the matter.
- IV. Lightbox Data
 - A. Controller Wyum looked into the possibility of GusBus reallocation to invest in lightboxes for quarantine housing. No discussion is held on the matter.
- V. Health and Housing Committee
 - A. Chair CarlsonSather has a meeting with Physical Plant for the charge on the committee. No discussion is held on the matter.
- VI. Technology Committee
 - A. Chair Doran gives the proposal for the laptop loaner program from GTS. No discussion is held on the matter.

Old Business

- I. Gus Bus Reallocation
 - A. Discussion is held on the matter.

New Business

- I. Finance by-Law
 - A. Director Johnson wants a by-law suspended for the semester in order to allow student organizations to have more freedom and flexibility with their budgets due

to COVID-19. Senator Baring motions to suspend the finance by-law until spring semester. Seconded by Senator Hietpas. The by-law suspension passes.

II. Gender-Free Housing

- A. Senator Learned is working with the Inclusive Excellence Committee to allow for gender-free housing for incoming freshmen, utilizing the H tower of Norelius Hall. It would be accessible in a tiered list in the housing application. The CF would go through extra training and discussion to provide a safer environment.
- B. Senator Learned charges the Inclusive Excellence and Health and Housing Committees to work on this initiative. Seconded by Senator Olono. Discussion is held on the matter.
- C. Senator LaPorta asks to amend the charge in order to look into sophomore housing as well. Senators Learned and Olono friendly the amendment. Senator Sukhram asks to amend the charge to include all housing for all LGBT+ students. Senators Learned and Olono friendly the amendment. The charge passes.

III. IGNITE Budget

- A. Director Johnson has come to the recommendation of \$502 for the budget after reviewing the budget and by-laws. Discussion is held on the matter. The budget passes.

Announcements

- I. Ombudsperson Menke announces about the Midterm elections for Senate.
- II. Director Bluhm and Co-President Concepcion mention that Senators need to complete staff reports. Director Bluhm will send out the form and deadline soon.
- III. Co-President Doran wants us to move forward with Gus Bus reallocation beyond just discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM