

# Senate Minutes 04/04/2022

I. Call to Order

## II. Roll Call - The following were not in attendance:

- A. VP of Clubs and Organizations Brock Bleak
- B. Exploratory Studies Senator Katherine Skinner
- C. Humanities and Social Science Senator Kyler Harrison
- D. Athletics Representative Jonah Babbel
- E. Veteran Representative Gabriel Short
- F. Greek Representative Patrick Ullrich

## III. Reports

## A. Approval of Previous Senate Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes approved unanimously.

## B. Budget Update - VP of Finance Makayla Brown

- 1. We have \$6,436.02 remaining in the budget.
- C. Budget Plans VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt
  - 1. There are plans to use \$1000 for the Doctorate of Psychology program scholarship, about \$300 for ELC signage, \$3000 for DRC testing, about \$1000 for incoming funding requests, and a potential art in the student center project that does not have a determined cost yet.

#### IV. Business

#### A. Public Comment - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt

- B. Funding Requests VP of Finance Makayla Brown
  - 1. Native American Student Association \$405.00 to host performers for a performance they are planning to have.
  - 2. Request approved unanimously
- A. S.B. 018 Support and Funding for Continued Disability Testing Disability Representative Madison Neugart
  - 1. The bill will be requesting \$3000 for disability testing to allow students to be considered for individualized educational plans.
  - 2. Senator Francis asked what IEP is and Rep Neugart responded saying an IEP is an individualized educational plan that allows modifications in curriculum to allow students resources as needed. Senator Francis also asked where future funding will come from and Rep. Neugart said that they are planning on collecting the amount from student fees in the future.
  - 3. Rep. Nguyen asked if there are any students planning to use the funding in the summer and he also encouraged them to get funding from an alternative source besides student fee and the SUUSA budget. Rep. Neugart added that she is not currently aware of any students who will be needing the funding this summer. She also stated that unfortunately there are certain legal guidelines that make it difficult to fund through DRC sources and they do not have any donors anymore.
  - 4. Senator Francis included that he is in support of the bill but believes that we should amend the bill to include the recommendation that we should supply the funding from an alternative source.



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- 5. Amendment was made to the bill to include the recommendation that the DRC should supply funding from an alternate source.
- 6. Bill passes unanimously
- C. S.B. 020 ELC Floor Signage Engineering and Computational Science Senator Mason Francis
  - 1. This bill will supply the amount of \$219.00 to be used for signage throughout the ELC to make it easier to navigate. These signs will be placed on the first, second, and third floor of the ELC building and will be purchased from a local sign shop.
  - 2. Senator Mercer asked what is the difference between this bill and S.B. 015, Senator Francis added that these signs will be placed by the front door while the other signs were placed throughout the inside of the building.
  - 3. Rep. Nguyen asked what the exact amount would be and Senator Francis added that this bill would be supplying the amount of \$219. The reason that these matters were not added to S.B. 015 is because it was going to take longer to get everything ready for this bill.
  - 4. Bill passes unanimously
- A. S.B. 021 Scholarship for an incoming student enrolled in the Psy.D. Program -Graduate Senator Lindsay Aleman
  - 1. To be more inclusive they have modified S.B.019 to include all students within the Psy.D. program. To grant the amount of \$1000 in the form of a scholarship.
  - 2. Senator Francis asked if this was a new bill separate from S.B. 019 and Rep. Tippets said that it is completely separate from the previous bill. Senator Francis also added that this bill is not inclusive to all students in the program and believes we should find an alternative way to welcome them.
  - 3. Rep. Nguyen added that if we spread the amount across all Psy.D. students it would not have a significant impact for these students. He also asked how they plan to select the student to receive the scholarship. Rep. Tippets added that he is not sure what the deciding factors would be but would find out from leadership.
  - 4. Senator Holsey added that the Psy.D. program already has a lot of scholarships allotted and all students are enrolled in stipend work hours. There are also only ten students in the program.
  - 5. The following voted in favor:
    - a) Rep. Nielson
    - b) Rep. Tippets
    - c) Rep. Lord
    - d) Rep. Anthony
    - e) Rep. Nguyen
    - f) Rep. Neugart
    - g) Senator Steele
    - h) Senator Aleman
  - 6. The following were opposed:
    - a) Senator Holsey
    - b) Senator Francis
    - c) Senator Mercer
    - d) Senator Shirts



- e) Senator Smith
- 7. Bill did **not** pass with a majority as previously thought. 8/13 voted in favor which is not <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> majority. Bill was also later vetoed by President Kante.

D. Close - VP of Academics Mitchell Zufelt