

## **Senate Meeting Notes**

10/3/2024

**Attendees:** In person

April (Diversity Coordinator)

Iman (Legislative Coordinator)

Gabriel (Vice President)

Amira (Senator at Large)

Chidera (Treasurer)

Zoom Via Shantell (President)

Samten (PR-Coordinator)

Monte (Senate Advisor)

**Absent :** Houreratou (Secretary), Kwadwo (Senator At-Large)

### **Guest/Faculty Members**

Dr. Rolando Garcia (President of NHCC)

Dawn Belko (Vice President of Finance operation)

Joseph Collins (Chief Information Officer)

Julio Vargas-Essex (VP of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management)

Lindsay Fort (Dean of Student Development)

Melissa Danner (Interim HR Director)

Club representatives included Psychology Club, Black Student Union, Art Club, Student Nursing Association, Environmental Club, Anime & Game Club, PTK, Creative Writing, Paralegal Club, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

### **1: Call meeting to Order**

Who: Vice President (Gabriel)

Summary of Meeting:

The Vice President Gabriel started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting as well as calling to order and Iman (Legislative coordinator) second the meeting to start.

## 2. Meeting startup question and Introduction: Icebreaker

**Activity:** Each participant answers the question following their role at NHCC and their organization.

### **What is your position, and your favorite childhood Cartoon you watched growing up?**

Everyone following the attendee list answered properly and participated in the icebreaker activity, even the attendees on zooms were involved in this icebreaker activity as well.

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

Who: All Attendee listed above/Via Zoom attendees

The agenda was reviewed and discussed and was adopted without any changes.

## 4. New Business (Topic for meeting) 30 Min.

a. HOLA (Hispanic Organization Latin Americans) Student Club/Org needs an advisor. Julio Vargas-Exsex, the VP of Student Affairs, said he'll be the new HOLA Advisor.

b. Early Advising/Priority Registration (Amee Nefzger Banks); Amee in Advising shared the importance of early advising in the coming weeks ahead of when spring registration opens the week of October 21. Early registration means students can secure a seat in a desired course and avoid class cancellations. Amee encouraged students to make appointments to plan their courses and update their major if necessary. Amee answered any questions students had about advising or registering for classes.

c. Water Filter Replacements on Fountains – many of the fountains are still red and yellow. Senate VP Gabriel discussed that some of the filters have been updated from red to green in the HWC and CC. Others on campus may still be red. Senate Advisor Monte said to let him know if any filters are still red and he will put in a work order with Facilities to replace the water filter.

## 5. Club & Organization Sharing

- Student Senate Open House next Thursday, October 10, in Campus Center; 11:30am-1pm and 4pm-5pm; Volunteers needed!
- The Anime and Game Club has a Halloween cosplay contest on November 1st and is planning a Super Smash Bros tournament on November 8th.

- PTK is hosting a blood drive on November 12th.
- The Creative Writing Club is finalizing details for an author event about publishing in Minnesota, likely during the Tuesday 3pm time slot.
- The Honors in Action event on October 30th will feature guest speakers discussing stories.
- Xee proposed volunteering and recruiting pre-nursing students.
- Heather announced a paralegal movie night and study sessions.
- Olivia shared plans for an arts and crafts day.
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship discussed an upcoming event on October 18, aimed at fostering connections among Christians from various colleges.

## 6. Campus Administrators Updates

- Joseph Collins (CIO) shared the importance of students helping with Strategic Planning. NHCC is currently constructing the new Strategic Plan for 2026-2030 throughout this year and student feedback and participation is important to the process.
- Lindsay Fort highlighted the upcoming Care Week (Oct. 7-11), with activities such as a resource fair, focus groups, and a mental health speaker.
- The new apartments across the street from NHCC are supposed to have a designated number of apartments set aside for NHCC students. Details of the apartments, potential campus Wi-Fi coverage, cost, and other details were discussed.
- Joseph mentioned the Learning Network's efforts to extend EduRoam's wireless network to K-12 partners, libraries, and museums.
- Dawn shared news about a potential partnership with a food truck vendor and advised on how to handle a person in a wheelchair asking for change on campus.
- Speed dial buttons for Public Safety are available on all campus phones situated around campus.
- Security cameras are also in parking areas and buildings around all of campus.

## 7. Adjournment

- VP Alagha adjourned the meeting around 3:34pm.