

Full senate meeting 11/21/2024

Attendee: Monte, Shantel, Gabriel, Houre, April, Iman, Amira, Chidera, Samtel, Kwado

Absents: none

Guests: PTK, BSU, Lindsay, NHCC-CC244, Melissa, Olivia, Austin

### 1. Call to Order (President Shantell Gill)

- Icebreaker Activity:
- Attendees introduced themselves by sharing their names, the organizations they represent, and either their Thanksgiving plans or their favorite Thanksgiving food and movie. This helped create a relaxed atmosphere for the meeting.
- Some members shared that they would be enjoying Thanksgiving with family and friends, highlighting food like turkey, mashed potatoes, and pie as favorites.
- The group also discussed Thanksgiving traditions and how everyone celebrates the holiday.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

- The agenda for the meeting was adopted, and members agreed to follow the schedule for the topics discussed.

### 3. New Business

- Food Vendors/Options Update (Dawn Belko)
- The team is working on the contract and menu, with a food inspector scheduled for Monday. The vendor is from the area and can accommodate cultural

diversity. However, gluten-free options may be limited. The team is optimistic about the food service, with everyone's support needed for a successful launch.

- BSU - Additional Funding Request (Shay Braxton)
  - Shay Braxton requested additional funding for the BSU, explaining the need for further resources to support club activities and initiatives. BSU requested \$50 to support attending the Minnesota African American Heritage Museum & Gallery Tour on December 19 for 15 club members who expressed interest. BSU will cover the remaining funds for the tour. BSU's request was approved unanimously with 12 Yes to 0 No.
- Policy Committee Review/Updates (Cheyenne Vaughn)
  - Cheyenne Vaughn reviewed recent updates from the Policy Committee and discussed ongoing policy changes that might affect the student body. The policy committee discussed two policies related to individualized professional development plans, which were targeted towards faculty. The language was changed to be more inclusive of all faculty.
- Guided Learning Pathways Updates (Kim Turner-Rush, Gretchen Flaherty)
  - Kim Turner-Rush and Gretchen Flaherty presented updates regarding the Guided Learning Pathways, a program aimed at helping students better navigate their educational journeys. The committee discussed the addition of a pathway for undecided students. The team also discussed the need for a more intuitive website for students and the potential for a new student onboarding process that includes more career exploration opportunities.
- Parking Directional Signs (Samten Dolma, PR Coordinator)
  - Attendees discussed the need for better directional signage in the parking lot near the soccer field and the potential safety issues with the emergency blue lights in the parking lots. They suggested that these blue lights might not be as useful as they were intended to be due to the current low traffic in the parking lots. Proposed the idea of having a campus safety work session to assess new patterns and potential alternatives for the blue lights. They also highlighted the importance of using campus phones when dialing 911 to ensure proper response from campus resources.
- Approval of New Clubs/Organizations
- Math Club (Austin Borowitz)

- Austin Borowitz introduced the Math Club, explaining its mission to create a space for students in mathematics and related fields to collaborate, meet, and discuss math-related topics.

- The Math Club is in the early stages of development, with regular interest meetings held on Wednesdays.

- Math Club was officially approved as a new club/org by a unanimous vote of 11 Yes to 0 No.

- Club/Org Attendance at Senate Meetings

- It was noted that a survey had been sent out regarding attendance from clubs and organizations at Senate meetings, encouraging better participation and feedback from clubs.

#### 4. Club & Organization Sharing

- Upcoming Events:

- The Dance Workshop for students, staff, and family members is scheduled for tomorrow (from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) in HWC 167. This event encourages movement, relaxation, and self-expression, and participants are required to fill out a liability form to attend.

- Zumba Event: There are plans for a Zumba event next semester, with outreach efforts to involve the Biology Club and other student organizations.

- Event Recaps:

- A Blood Drive was held on May 19th, with 70-80 students donating blood.

- The HIA Budget Discussion focused on the topic of life and death, with participation from ESN members, faculty, and students.

- University of Minnesota Outreach: A team went to the University of Minnesota campus to promote NHCC, engaging with about 60 students, some of whom have started the application process to NHCC.

#### 5. Campus Administrators Updates

- Campus leadership provided updates on long-term campus plans, including initiatives aimed at improving the student experience and future developments. Students were encouraged to bring up any questions or concerns during this time.