

Call to Order: Kristina Rather called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

Attendance: Andrew Janz (NV), Kristina Rather (NV), Matt Ryan (NV), Emily Cimino, Nathan Lovaas, Jenna Kasch, Rick Albert, Megan Loghry, Diana Heredia, Eric Rodriguez, Ashli McClary, Josie Madrigal, Mariel Zare, Dr. David Colnic (NV), Byron Kamp (NV)

Absent: Ron Noble (NV)

Guests: Cheryl Cone, Roxy Hark, Sean Newland, Mehran Khodabandeh, Merrill Balassone

Points: McClary – 8.5; Madrigal – 4; Kasch – 1; Zare – 1.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion (Heredia) to approve the Agenda for March 10, 2009. The agenda was changed as follows: Move Announcement & Presentation item A: Senate Work Plan to Discussion item B. Seconded (Albert) and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion (Loghry) to approve the minutes of March 3, 2009. Seconded (Kasch) and passed unanimously.

Announcements & Presentations:

A: Andrew Janz – As of yesterday Peter Lindbeck has resigned his position as VP External. I have asked Mehran Khodabandeh to fill in for this position until a replacement can be appointed.

Matt Ryan arrived at 5:13pm.

Dr. Colnic arrived at 5:15pm.

Open Forum:

Sean Newland: Lap Swim numbers have been down since the pool has been closed. Students and alumni have been primarily using the pool. Group Exercise schedules are: Monday and Thursdays is aerobics, Tuesdays is Yoga, and Wednesday is pilates. The Blood Drive had 135 donations. Intramurals has 65 teams registered.

New Business:

A: Resolution SR0809-07 Athletic Fee: Motion (Kasch) to approve senate resolution SR0809-07. Seconded (Loghry) and passed by a 7-2-0 roll call vote.

B: Resolution SR0809-06 Marijuana Legalization: Motion (Janz) to approve senate resolution SR0809-0. There was a lot of discussion for and against this bill and the resolution. Seconded (Albert) and passed by a 6-1-2 roll call vote.

Discussion:

A: ASI/USU Unite: Byron Kamp distributed and discussed information on the ASI/USU Leadership Awards. This will not replace the Student Affairs Leadership program. Our program would be an end of the year banquet with awards being given to students. The senate provided feedback. Email Byron if you have additional suggestions.

B: Senate Work Plan: Byron Kamp distributed and discussed a sample work plan.

At 5:58pm the senate disbursed into their standing committees.

At 6:27pm the senate resumed their meeting.

Senator Reports:

Senator, College of Natural Sciences: Mariel Zare – There are currently 4 large projects in the sciences department happening.

Senator, College of the Arts: Vacant

Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences: Vacant

Senator, College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Ashli McClary – I will be meeting with Mehran Khodabandeh and try to get a meeting set with the Deans.

Senator, College of Business: Rick Albert – I emailed some of the advisors for SMA. Looking into a postmaster.

Senator, Undergraduate Students: Megan Loghry – Continue to work with the Student Success committee. Please check your email. Continuing to work on priority registration. IRA committee meeting was Friday in which the Editor in Chief from the Signal attended. The committee decided to still withhold their funds. This lead to a lot of discussion, from senate, on the Signal's structure, budget, and operation.

Ashli McClary left at 6:52pm.

Senator, Student Organizations: Diana Heredia – I am attending GLU each week. I am on an Alcohol and Other Drugs committee. I attended SROC.

Senator, Stockton: Vacant -

Senator, Residential Life: Vacant -

Senator, Environment: Emily Cimino –Working on finishing the resolution on paper waste which you will see next week.

Senator, Graduate Students: Vacant

Senator, Diversity: Josie Madrigal – Still looking for a response from a few people. I attended the Student Health Advisory Committee. A survey will be conducted in March.

Senator, College of Education: Vacant

Senator, Athletics: Jenna Kasch- Compiling information on other schools athletic programs.

Matt Ryan left at 7:00pm.

Senator, At Large: Vacant -

Senator, At Large: Eric Rodriguez – I attended an FBAC meeting. I will meet with Mehran Khodabandeh on Lobby Corps.

Executive Reports:

President: Andrew Janz- No report.

Vice President, Internal: Kristina Rather – The senators attending CHESS are Diana Heredia, Rick Albert, Josie Madrigal, and Ashli McClary. The senior class gift has been purchased.

Vice President, Finance: Matt Ryan – Not present at time of report.

Interim Vice President, External: Mehran Khodabandeh – I would like to focus on congressional people in our area. Would like to see congressional people attend a luncheon on campus. Recruitment for Lobby Corps is a priority.

Goal Committee:

Communications: Kristina Rather announced their priority is to quickly move forward with text messaging.

Senate Recruitment and Retention: Rick Albert announced they did a lot of brainstorming. Talk with Deans; have a meeting in a more public place; letters to incoming senators. Senators had a lot of suggestions for this committee.

Environment: Emily Cimino announced they would like to reduce the use of paper in the office. They will meet again this week.

Andrew Janz announced that the Goal Committees will not be meeting for 2 weeks, so please meet this week or the next.

Other Reports

Executive Director: Byron Kamp – No report.

Assistant Director: Cesar Rumayor - Absent

Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Colnic – CFA lobby day is on Friday. If students are interested please let me know. Under President Obama there is more pell grant money available.

Dean of Students: Ron Noble – Absent

Closing Comments

Dr. Colnic spoke about the Carnegie Classification workshop on 4/24/09.

Motion (Madrigal) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Albert) and passed unanimously at 7:14 pm.

Minutes approved by: _____ Date: _____
Kristina Rather, Vice President, Internal

Minutes prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Cheryl Cone – Administrative Assistant