

04 January 2021 Student Senate Meeting  
*Meeting Called to Order at 7:01PM*  
Quorum is met

## **Approval of the Minutes**

- I. Minutes are approved.

## **Community Comment**

- I. No community comment.

## **Committee Updates**

- I. Ethics
  - A. The Committee has not met in a while, but they will be meeting soon in order to prepare for spring elections.
- II. Technology
  - A. The Committee will begin rolling out the laptop rental program advertising that was in collaboration with the Public Relations Committee. There is a new post on the Senate website that highlights the online readership program and gives the detail of how to use it. The Academic Technology Committee will soon be conducting a survey in order to figure out the do's and don'ts of online/hybrid teaching for professors. There will also be a survey regarding Moodle going out.
- III. Health and Housing
  - A. The Chair was absent and no one from the committee was able to provide information.
- IV. Environmental Sustainability
  - A. All of the Committee's updates were in its end-of-semester report.
- V. Academic and Student Affairs
  - A. The Chair will be meeting with Provost Kelly this month. The Academic Operations Committee is not meeting this month. The Committee will be reaching out to different departments during J-Terms to see if they need help with anything, such as with online teaching/learning.
- VI. Inclusive Excellence
  - A. The Committee will be meeting this week. The Gender Neutral Housing Proposal has been passed to Residential Life and will hopefully soon be passed to Student Life for approval. The Chair has a follow up with Valerie Banschbach about the FIT/ACT credit accessibility concerns. There is also more development in providing HRT services within Health Services.
- VII. Finance
  - A. The Committee will be working on the spring budget and making sure they do not miss any deadlines.
- VIII. Public Relations

- A. The online readership posters are up around campus. The Committee is continuing to collaborate with the Technology COmmittee in order to advertise the online readership program and the laptop rental program. They are still working on increasing the Senate's social media presence.
- IX. Anti-Racism and Racial Justice
  - A. The Chair is working with the President's Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to further the college's anti-racist work. The Council is wishing to include the Student Senate, so if you are interested, reach out to Chair Guidry. The Chair is also on the Linnaeus Deliberation board which is an educational system consisting of alumni, faculty, and students to learn about the history of Linnaeus and deliberate the Arboretum's name change.

## **Old Business**

- I. Outdoor Ice-Skating Rink
  - A. Senators Lohr-Pearson and Bokhoree had constituent concerns about the outdoor ice-skating rink that was mentioned. Director Johnson has not received a response back about it, but the earlier general consensus was that it seemed unfeasible.
    - 1. Discussion is held. Director Johnson is going to keep contacting people about the skating rink.

## **New Business**

- I. Online Readership Mankato Free Press
  - A. Advisor Ruble has been able to work with the Mankato Free Press to make it financially feasible to include in the online readership program, unlike before.
    - 1. Discussion is held. A vote is held to determine whether or not to include the Mankato Free Press in the online readership program. The initiative passes.
  - B. Chair Doran will look into possibly including the Saint Peter Herald.

## **Announcements**

- I. We need to have an election for Norelius. We will get that started soon. If you know anyone in Norelius that you think would be interested, please let them know to be on the lookout for the email with the application. (Ombudsperson Menke)

*Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM*