

18 January 2021 Student Senate Meeting  
*Meeting Called to Order at 7:02PM*  
Quorum is met

## **Approval of the Minutes**

- I. Minutes are approved.

## **Community Comment**

- I. Chaplain Siri Erickson
  - A. Chaplain Siri was brought here by the Anti-Racism and Racial Justice Committee Chair Guidry. The Chaplain is the Chair for the President's Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). A big goal for the Council is that 100% of students and faculty have participated in DEI education, one way to combat discrimination, bias, and microaggressions. A Q&A session is held with the Chaplain, facilitated by Chair Guidry.
- II. Emily Falk
  - A. Emily Falk is the President for Students for Reproductive Freedom (SRF). A little over the year ago, she came into a meeting and charged the Health and Housing Committee with support SRF's efforts to place menstrual products in all bathrooms on campus. The company this would be run through is Aunt Flow, a women-owned brand that is entirely sustainability. The dispensers that would be used are ADA compliant and are on a time-delay so people cannot take a bunch of products at once. Discussion is held.

## **Committee Updates**

- I. Committee Expectations
  - A. Co-President Doran and Ombudsperson Menke go over what is expected of Senators within committees.
- II. Finance
  - A. Director Johnson goes over the possibility of building an ice rink for students. The possibilities include a Synthetic Ice Rink (initially \$120,830; \$3,500 each year after) or a Traditional Hockey Rink (initially \$25,000; \$8,000 each year after). Discussion is held.
- III. Health and Housing - Winter Equipment
  - A. Chair CarlsonSather looked into the costs of ice skates and snowshoes. His suggestion is to wait on the investment for winter equipment until the ice rink situation is figured out. Discussion is held.

## **Old Business**

- I. Free Menstrual Products
  - A. Chair CarlsonSather informs the Senate that the initial cost for this project is around \$3000. Senator White charges the Health and Housing and Finance

Committees to bring back a budget proposal. Senator Hietpas seconds. Discussion is held. A vote is held on the charge. The charge passes.

## **New Business**

- I. Lund Scheduling Issues
  - A. Ombudsperson Menke informs the Senate of an issue with Lund online/phone signups where a person shows up at their assigned time to use a facility, and there is a sports team using it. Discussion is held. Senator Sukhram charges the Student Academic Affairs Committee to look into the scheduling issues in Lund. Seconded by Senator Hadjiyanis. Discussion is held. A vote is held. The charge passes.

## **Announcements**

- I. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the forum last Monday and also the MLK presentation from this morning. It is good for us to be there because it is important to learn from and it's better for the Senate to be integrated into the community. (Co-President Doran)
- II. The Reconciliation Circle is a group that learns about the indigenous lands the school and Minnesota are located on. When asked what the Senate could do, they said to reach out to local organizations and help them and to also have more members of the Senate to attend and participate. If you wish to attend please get a hold of Maheemah Bokhoree. (Maheemah Bokhoree)
- III. Watch your emails for a link to a survey to gather data and help professors understand how students feel about online delivery of courses, prepared by spring semester. Reach out to your constituents and inform them to fill out the survey. (Chair Doran)
- IV. EAC is having an informational week on Line 3 on their instagram. (Chair Doran)
- V. The online readership program is ready. You can get the New York Times app with the program. The information is posted on the Senate's website. (Chair Doran)
- VI. Building Bridges is looking for artists of ANY medium. If you are interested, reach out to Amanda Braun. (Parliamentarian Braun)

*Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM*