

01 March 2021 Student Senate Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03PM

Quorum is met

Approval of the Minutes

- I. Minutes are approved.

Community Comment

- I. No Community Comment.

Committee Updates

- I. Resignations
 - A. Director Bluhm announces that Ombudsperson Menke and Senator Olono have resigned to continue as Co-President Elects.
- II. Anti-Racism and Racial Justice
 - A. The Linnaeus Deliberation Circle is in Phase 2. Cabinet is planning to meet with the Circle's Leadership Team to see what future student input will look like in the next phases. Chair Guidry is asking Senators to reach out to their constituents for input on the report that the Circle just sent out last week.
- III. Academic and Student Affairs
 - A. The Committee is wrapping up the THEOL and ACT/FIT credit charges from last month. They are now working on ways to alleviate student stress since there are fewer breaks this semester.
- IV. Inclusive Excellence
 - A. The Committee is working on the gender neutral housing process still. They have found a Faculty Advisor for the housing (Aaron Geringer), and they have also created a panel for interviewing.
- V. Environmental Sustainability
 - A. The beehive initiative is delayed because the city of Saint Peter does not allow beehives within city limits. They are hoping they will make an exception or lift that restriction. The Committee is in support of the Arboretum name change.
- VI. Ethics
 - A. They ran a successful co-presidential election and an election for two new senators.
- VII. Finance
 - A. The Committee is working on updating the Qualtrics survey that will go out for the spring budget. They are also working on preparing for the spring budgeting process as a whole.
- VIII. Health and Housing

- A. Chair CarlsonSather is still in communication with Physical Plant for the new menstrual product machines and is working with Dining Services about ingredients and online menus.
- IX. Public Relations
 - A. The new Senate board is up in the Campus Center. The Gavel Gazette is coming out this week. There will be an email sent out with information for ordering Senate apparel from United Team Elite (located in Mankato). There are two designs, a t-shirt (\$12) and a crewneck (\$22).
- X. Technology
 - A. The Committee finished the online learning survey, which was sent out in multiple ways to the faculty. Chair Learned is working with the Committee to apply Zoom closed captioning in online classes.

Old Business

- I. No old business.

New Business

- I. Ombudsperson Election
 - A. The floor is open for nominations. Senator Nelson nominates herself. Questions are opened for Senator Nelson. Discussion is held on the nominee while she is in the waiting room. A vote is held. Senator Nelson is elected as the next Ombudsperson.
- II. Speaker Baring motions to charge the Ethics Committee to review the election by-laws. Seconded by Senator White. Discussion is held. A vote is held; the charge passes.

Announcements

- I. The Building Bridges Conference is this Saturday. It's online in multiple places. One of the speakers is a co-founder of Black Lives Matter. (Parliamentarian Braun)
- II. It is the first break of the semester, so be covid-aware. (Chair CarlsonSather)
- III. I strongly urge everyone to reach out to your constituencies about the Deliberation Circle Report. Student voices are critical in institutional change. (Co-President Doran)
- IV. Send committee updates for the Gazette. (Senator Walfrid)
- V. Apply to be a writing center tutor (applications are available until March 9). You can reach out to current tutors for more information. There is a social hour in the Center for Inclusive Excellence on Thursday. (Co-President Elect Menke).
- VI. There will be no meeting next week because it is our break. (Co-President Doran)
- VII. There are instructions in your email for the apparel website. (Chair Gottlick)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM