Student Government Senate
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
Session Minutes

I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 4:32pm.

II. Roll Call
   a. 14 out of 20 senators present. We met quorum.

III. Approval of the Minutes
   a. Minutes approved with 0 corrections.

IV. Communications and Announcements
   a. Senators
      i. Early: Just a remind about Jazz at the sandbar has started at the Cove at 7pm on Wednesdays. It will be for the next six weeks and there will be a new person every time. Also, next Tuesday there will be a free musical excursion in performing arts center at 7pm.
      ii. Aucoin: College of Engineering held our first open forum yesterday, and we did have more attendance of non-SG members than the President Fos open forum. Last day of Naval Engineering t-shirt funding is tomorrow. I will also talk more about STD testing in open forum.
      iii. Leshe: On March 25th at 6:30 there will be a speaker in the ballroom. Y’all paid a lot of money for this so please come out. He is speaking on the dark matter in the universe. The doors open at 6:30 for students.
      iv. Aucoin: College of Engineering will have an office based in the Engineering Building.
      v. Fleming: We have an office in Education Building, and we will be sending out an email about office hours of senators. We are also having an event you will hear more about it when the bill is presented today.
   b. Non-Senators
      i. Dale: Leadership award ceremony applications are due this Friday. Each organizations can send in recognition award for 2 members. Also tomorrow Leadership Cabinet applications are due.

V. Presiding Officer Communications and Announcements
a. VP Willis presiding report. The OLs are doing a program and if anyone wants to bring food you can bring it to the SG office. We had the proud privateers dinner, and it went really well thank you for everyone who participation. I got a lot of positive feedback back. I think we should keep doing things like that. Maybe we can do a student one next time.

VI. President Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
a. President Pro Tempore
   i. Christopher: The Finance Committee and Constitution Committee met last week. The Student Affairs and Sub Committee will be meeting this week.

b. Committee Reports
   i. Ballard: Finance Committee met and had all five members presented. We talked about the ODK bill and we voted in favor of that bill. We talked a little about fee bills. We met Wednesday on line at 4:30.
   ii. Aucoin: The Student Affairs Committee will meet after today’s meeting.
   iii. Hollis: The Constitution Reform Committee met twice last week. A draft of what we fixed and revised so far will be sent out to senate after this meeting to look through and email, and we will be meeting in the SG offices at 2:00pm on both Wednesday and Friday. We have been going over the formatting and adding in a few things. We will be changing the way that we have the presiding officer vote.
   iv. Early: Is the formatting for it user-friendly than the previous one?
   v. Hollis: I believe Senator Christopher can better explain that in open forum.

VII. Executive Reports, Judicial Reports, Advisor Reports
a. President
b. Treasurer
   i. Willis: The remaining balance for Senator Operating Account is $13,071.91. The remaining balance of the President’s Account is $13,076.45.
c. Secretary of State
   i. Trahan: My biggest thing is election and how serious this is. You are representing student body not only your college but everyone who goes to the whole university. Everyone needs to take this serious. I have the time line. Follow the time line, and I have the time line and final reports. The final report is due March 22nd. Don’t take this as a joking matter you are representing the university as a whole. I am planning an off campus retreat, and I am really scared that no one will show up for the off campus since no one came to the on campus. Take these dates seriously for retreat beware and write the dates now when I give them to you. April 7th there is a luncheon that you have been sent an email about. Please response to those emails for a headcount.
ii. Ballard: Does campaigning last till the 15th?
iii. Trahan: Yes, it last till elections are technically over.
iv. Ballard: Are we going to have debate?
v. Trahan: Yes, it will be the week before elections either the Monday or the Tuesday.
vi. Hollis: When is the earliest to turn in the final expenditure report?
vii. Trahan: If you already know what you want for campaigning, you can turn them in now. I already have the stuff here for you to turn it in.

d. Judicial
e. Advisors
i. Sipe: Thanks to everyone who is participating in elections. If you need any signs printed out contact me and send me the information you need. Thank you for everyone participating in the Proud Privateers. Just in general, feedback is more productive when it is direct. I encourage you to lift each other up. Also, I will let David talk more about this, but we did take an executive retreat this past weekend. We are hoping to expand to invite all SG members through an application process. It was amazing. The quality of the leadership class we took was great. There was more understanding and has expanded our attitude towards SG as an executive board and officer. There will be a formal report typed up and each of you will get more information on that and we plan on expanding on that.

VIII. Old Business
a. B.S15C030 – ODK Gala
   i. Questioning
   ii. Initial Debate: Against
   iii. Sponsor:
       1. I want to thank you all for your support. I, and all the members of ODK, we are really passionate about doing something for the university for the students and staff. We feel we can do a lot with this event. I encourage you all to encourage the faculty and staff members of your college to attend this to honor this. This is aimed more to staff and faculty.

   iv. Support:
       1. Ballard: I think it is a great event and Finance Committee has already approved of this and think its great so we should pass it.

   v. Moved to final questioning: UC
   vi. Roll call vote: 18 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstentions. The bill is passed.

IX. New Business
a. B.S15C031 – IDS Alumni Career Panel
   i. Introduction to bill:
1. Fleming: This bill is to allocate for an event for IDS and IDS Alumni panel, which will be hosted on April 8th on 3pm in the Innsbruck Suite. The most common question we hear is “what do I do with my degree?” For the career panel we bring in IDS Alumni to talk to current IDS students about career pathways. This event is to help find out what to do with degree, how to sell degree, and those who went to grad school to explain how they did it and how it helped. Someone from career services will be coming and will talk about resume building, etc. The event will be about 2 hours long, 3-5pm.

   ii. Questioning:
      1. Aucoin: why the Innsbruck suite?
      2. Bauer: I think that’s the only location at the time, we aren’t really sure.
      3. Leshe: Is the only open to IDS or is this open to everyone?
      4. Lepori: Open to everyone.

   iii. Motion bill to finance: UC

b. B.S15C032 – ZTA’s BOBC

   i. Introduction to bill:
      1. Mills: This event is Batting Out Breast Cancer to raise money for breast cancer. All the money goes towards the foundation. We get teams to come out and that is a way we get donations. Each team is about 8-10 members, and it is about $200 per team and you get a shirt. We give an award for who wins.
      2. Aucoin: This event is usually funded by Student Government.

   ii. Questioning:
      1. Early: How much does it cost per person?
      3. Talbert: Since this is a reoccurring event, how has the food been? Has it been too much too little?
      4. Mills: Last semester we had just enough food for everyone.

   iii. Motioned to finance: UC

X. Nominations and Appointments

a. Megan Miller, College of Liberal Arts

   i. Miller: I am a freshman. I want to join SG because I want to get involved here and see how happens behind the scenes.

   ii. Aucoin: What is your major?

   iii. Miller: International studies.

   iv. Leshe: Will you be running on the 10th for the senate for next year?

   v. Miller: I think I might, yes.
vi. Hollis: Do you have any prior experience with SG?


viii. Christopher: You are the non-senator member for the Finance Committee?

ix. Miller: Yes.

x. Initial debate: Against

xi. Initial debate: For

1. Christopher: I think she will be really great senator. She joined as the non-senator member for finance, and she has attended a lot of senate meetings. I haven’t seen anyone coming to every meeting who wasn’t a senator.

2. Early: She did mention SG at Privateer camp this summer. She is very interested in learning what really happen at SG and why students tend to be very angry about x. y, and z.

xii. Open Discussion

xiii. Final Debate: Against

xiv. Final Debate: For

xv. Roll call vote: 18 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstentions. She is appointed.

b. Theresa Fleming, Student Affairs

i. Fleming: I came to be a senator to be more and involved, and I came to realize that senators are involved in SG more than just being a senator. I want to be more involved, and Student Affairs seems like a good way to do that.

ii. Hand vote: 18 – yes 0 – no 0 – abstentions. She is appointed.

XI. Open Forum

a. Aucoin: SG use to fund STD, and the price of the test did go up, and I don’t think it’s the best of our resources right now. I have looked into partnership with other organizations. It would be no cost to us. The only cost will be advertisement.

b. Willis: Email him if you want to help him out with that.

c. Christopher: We are working very hard on the new Constitution to be very user friendly. We want the average student to be able to open it and understand it. That’s why it is taking so long.

d. Ballard: I have an encouragement to say. The beginning of the semester we didn’t have any senators in IDS and now they are on the ball and writing bills. I think, including me, we need to step up because they are killing it!

XII. Adjournment

a. 5:11pm.