Student Government Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Meeting Highlights:
- Allocated $150 to the Pre-Health Society, $150 to Math Club, $700 to PRIDE and $1,450 to Latinos Unidos.
- Updated operating budget is $2,480.
- Register for Campus Day!

Complete minutes are as follows:

Roll Call:

Absent: Austin Jacobs

Kristen Wyse was also present.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Reports:
Student Body President Ethan Frederick: No report.

Student Body Vice President Sarah Beadle: No report.

Manager Mary Galanis: Zach Goodrich will be live tweeting our meeting tonight on the SGA Twitter account! I am working on updating our SGA page so that it reflects our current members. If you got an email from me asking for answers to a few questions about yourself, please reply.

Senior Class President, Jessalyn Holdcraft: We have 4 budget requests to hear tonight. Our current Operating Budget (2-2-15): $4930.00. The calculation error comes from our exec money that was allocated to SGA and the removal of the treasurer position put $400 back into our operating budget.

Junior Class President, Austin Jacobs: Austin will be working on a new project assigned to him through the exec. committee and is setting up a meeting with Res. Life & grounds to talk about improper snow removal & how to use salt. Dani has been working with EAC & Sasser on ways to make Simpson more “green.” We are for sure partnering with them to reduce Simpson’s carbon footprint. Kelsey is working with Chard on a TV system here at Simpson. Ben continues to work with Kelley on making sure registration goes smoothly & also said that “all hands are on deck” in Ankeny. Also don't forget about After Hours tonight! Dani has more information. The snack will be nachos!

Sophomore Class President, Robert Lyons: The SAC will now meet Thursdays from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Student Organizations Suite. Robert met with Dean Griffith late last week and the SAC will now be meeting with him once a month to discuss academic issues on campus. Members of the SAC have been assigned the responsibility of finding what parts of the Student Handbook they would like to see in the
SGA Abbreviated Version. Compilation of this Packet will begin this Thursday, February 5th. The SAC will be meeting with Luke Behaunek in the next few weeks to discuss changes to the Student Handbook and the residence life situation in the apartments.

First Year Class President, Zach Goodrich: We had our committee meeting last Friday. Ruth is continuing to lead the Campus Day effort with assistance from Mariah and Teig. Cody is taking over the job of reworking Prexi Club (League of Leaders) into a relevant organization. I have a meeting this Friday with Lynne Jensen to go over the StormFront Organization Accounts.

Advisors Rich and Kristen: Nothing to report.

Cody: The food committee met this week. We talked about making the limited time offers be boards. We are going to meet in Pfeiffer from now on to sample the new food.
Tyler: I know they have this option, but it is not advertised. I know more people would go to Pfeiffer if there was a to-go option.
Cody: Sounds like a good idea. I will bring it up.

Old Business
None to report.

New Business
Jessalyn: I move to allocate $150 to the Pre-Health Society.
Nick seconded it.
Jessalyn: We recommend full funding for the Chili Cook-Off supplies including side dishes, plates, silverware, utensils, bowls, and napkins.
Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: I move to allocate $150 to the Math Club.
Nick seconded it.
Jessalyn: This is money for their Pi-K. It is the second year in a row for this event. They run 3.14k with pies as prizes for participants.
Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: I move to allocate $700 to PRIDE.
Robert seconded it.
Jessalyn: They decided not to send anyone to Mumble Talk this year, which was their original convention budget request. This is their budget request for PRIDE week. The activities include the Drag Show on Campus Day Eve, an Interfaith/PRIDE collaboration, RLC Justice/PRIDE panel-adoption, and tabling in Kent.
Erica: So the money that was supposed to go to the conference is still in there?
Jessalyn: No, their group decided to not send anyone to the conference so they won’t need that $2,000. This $700 is just for PRIDE week.
Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: I move to allocate $1450 to Latinos Unidos.
Olivia seconded it.
Jessalyn: We recommend funding author Sonia Nazario, Mi Barrio/Tu Barrio Vigil with MSA, and Taco Truck round 2 in front of Kent. We cut the Chinese New Year funds because that can happen without
Latinos Unidos. We called the Interfaith intern about that. We cut out the $100 to go to Des Moines because it was in one request and not the other. If you have any questions, there are representatives from Latinos Unidos here to answer them.

Ryan: Can we have a description of the $3200 of petty cash?
Jessalyn: The petty cash concerns are a separate concern. Ulices has explained what happened with that. That has nothing to do with the request.

Ryan: The use of the money within the group is concerning.
Jessalyn: From what Ulices has told us, that is a past concern and they have stopped doing that. That is not within this budget request.

Ryan: Do we know what the money was used for?
Carina (representative from Latinos Unidos): That money was spent on our events. We turned in the receipts to the business office and Walter Lain, our advisor. The receipts would show what we spent the money on. The business office has those receipts.

Ryan: Those receipts would equal exactly $3,200?
Carina: Yes, I have my copies of the receipts. Walter and the Business Office also have copies.

Ryan: I am concerned funding them more money. If we are going to allocate more money, I want to see what it is being used for.

Kristen: They were using petty cash for a period of time when they were a newer group. They now use their accounts and get check requests. This is prior to them knowing how to do that process. The business office doesn’t let a group just take out cash and spend it how they want. They have to go through a specific process with the business office to obtain cash and have to turn in all of those receipts. They are no longer using that process. It is not an issue.

Jessalyn: That was more to let Zach’s committee and Rich know that it could be something we need to talk to future groups about.

Ethan: Even if a group did the more traditional route and used a “P” card, it would just show up “Amazon charged 72 dollars.” I understand the concern you are bringing up. However, we won’t get that level of clarity from any group we have unless we want to start collecting receipts from groups.

Ruth: They have spent the $3200 in petty cash? It has already been used?
Jessalyn: Yes, this was an old concern. But, because it did come up in conversation, we wrote it down to forward it onto Rich and Zach to talk about for future groups.

Ruth: That money is not actually in their account?
Jessalyn: No.

Carina: The money that we don’t use the Business Office takes care of.
Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: Our new balance for this semester is $2,480.

**General Discussion**

Tyler: A person was asking about the greenhouse that is on the roof of Carver. They have been trying to get it revived. The professor hasn’t been cooperating. The committee that is working with EAC and Professor Sasser could look into that.

Also, I am resigning from SGA. I have a heavy workload this semester. I will serve until they can find a replacement. If you have any questions for me, let me know.

Molly: How is the process going for finding that Study Abroad committee representative replacement going?
Ethan: I will look into that.
Announcements
Tyler: This weekend lots are going to be cleared of snow to get parking spots back. Please read the email from Luke! There will be some sort of schedule as to how this goes.
Sarah: Irving Elementary parking lot is available to park in during this time.
Robert: Rotaract is doing another fundraiser for Novels for Nigeria. We will do a three point shot during halftime of the girls’ basketball game on Wednesday the 11th. If you make it, you get a 32 oz. PowerAde. It is $1 to enter. The proceeds will go towards Novels for Nigeria. Next Thursday the 12th is the next Rotaract meeting. The first half of the meeting will be making valentines for veterans and the second half will be professional development.
Tyler: Feb 7th Mockingbird Sun will be performing in the Black Box at 8pm. Feb 13th is Create A Creature. There will be more stuffing than last year.
Jessalyn: Tomorrow from 5pm-7pm in Pfieffer is the Black History Month Food Sampler from MSA. Tri-Delta has an Open House next Wednesday from 2-5:30pm.
Ruth: Campus Day registration link went out. We are trying hard to match projects to preference. Please register!
Cody: Basketball game at Central Saturday!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.