

# Student Meeting Minutes

9/18/13

- In attendance: Andrew Potter, Brad Shields, Wendy White, Darlene Bricker, Denise Brewer, Molly Grubb, Ashley Betzel, Eric Neal, Joseph Vernon, Nick Nichols, Kayla Townsend, AJ Little.
- Meeting Started at 4:05, with the Pledge of Allegiance, with a quorum present.

## Old Business:

- Read the old minutes, Kayla motioned to have her name added to the Attendance list, Andrew made an amendment to have Kayla added to the Attendance list, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kayla's name was added to the Attendance list. The minutes were approved and put into record.

## Hello Walk:

- We talked about how the Student Senate's Hello walk step didn't get painted; we also talked about setting a time to get together, to repaint the Senate's step. We decided that Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, around noon would be the time that we are going to repaint the step, and to see if the nursing club, and northern diesel racing would like to come at that same time, and paint their steps. Nick said he was going to talk to the nursing club, and get them to come paint their step. AJ said he would talk to northern diesel racing, and get them to paint their step. We also discussed, seeing if the other clubs who didn't paint their steps, would want us to paint their steps a solid color, for them, while we are out painting the steps.

## Bonfire:

- We brought up the issue of needing pallets for the Bonfire. AJ volunteered the use of his truck, to help collect pallets. Nick and Joe volunteered to clean up the Bonfire remains, on Friday morning.

## New Business:

- Fight song/Senate Pictures:

- We talked about getting the Senate Pictures done, and to get a video of the Senate singing the Fight Song. We decided on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> as the date to have the Senate pictures taken, and the Fight Song recorded, both done by Jim Potter, and that we should wear Northern clothes, and to bring ideas of things we could do for the recording of the Fight Song.

#### Bike Racks:

- Andrew brought up the topic of possibly getting more bike racks around campus. We decided that it may be pointless, due to there not being a whole lot of bikers on campus, and that for the majority of the year; most people aren't riding their bikes. We decided this topic should be brought up with the Traffic Committee.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Media Council:

- Nick talked about how he tried talking to IT, to get access to the website, to be able to make changes to the Student Senates part of the website. Molly mentioned to Nick that, IT will not give you access to the website, and to make changes, to the Student Senate's part, he should just make suggestions to them of what they could add. Molly said she talked to Rick at the College radio station, and that he was all for the Student Senate being broadcasted, but that Molly just needs some ideas of what we want to announce on the radio. Molly mentioned that, if we ever want anything posted to the Ambassadors Facebook page, we just need to email the Ambassadors, with what we want posted.

##### Sustainability Committee:

- Brad and Joe went to the recycle drive, this last Saturday, meeting many great people, and getting word out about MSUN's recycling. Joe has been talking with the bookstore, about getting two more containers for Cardboard. Joe got 11 people to sign up for the sustainability committee, at the club fair. They will be going around Friday to collect more recycling.

##### Program Council:

- The program council just has been having all of the things involving the Homecoming happening.

##### Recreation Council:

- We didn't have very much to discuss, most of the activities aren't starting until October.

#### Finance and Vending:

- There was nothing to report.

#### Campus Affairs:

- Brad gave a summary of the UAC meeting; they discussed the new protocol for when a shooting is taking place. He talked about how we need people to join the response Committee, so the Senate can stay involved, where the Campus safety is concerned. Eric volunteered to be on the response committee, along with Brad. Kayla brought up the fact that in D2L you can add your number, and have it send you updates, she brought up the idea of seeing if we could get it to send updates whenever there is a snow day, or a situation like that.

#### Sub Committee:

- We had nothing to report.

#### Diversity Awareness:

- We had nothing to report.

#### Facilities Planning:

- We had nothing to report.

#### Traffic:

- We had nothing to report.

#### New Appointments:

- AJ Little joined the Student senate.
- Eric Neal, and Brad Shields Joined the Response Committee.
- Kristin Galphin, Gabe Finey, Allan Brown, Damian Robinson, and Malcolm Pope, Joined the Media Council.
- Cassy Taberna, Janice Griebel, and Sara Peterson, joined the Program council.
- Sara Peterson, Mary Kaeracher, and AJ Little joined the Recreational Council.
- Brad Shields joined the Camps Affairs Committee.
- Brad Shields Joined the SUB Committee.

- Dakota Music, AJ Little, Brad Shields, joined the Sustainability Committee, along with the people Joe got to sign up.
- Michael Dibrizzi agreed to be the faculty advisor for both the Judicial and Legislative Committees. He will try and get his criminology students to fill the student positions, in those Committees.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:44.

# Summary of the Open-Forum meeting.

9/25/13.

## Enrollment

At the Open-Forum meeting, the chancellor talked about enrollment being up, and how at the board of regents meeting, Northern and Bozeman were the two schools with the highest increase in enrollment, and that Northern is the school to watch.

## Projected Upgrades

They talked about how they are working on getting wireless into Mackenzie and Morgan, and are planning for both places to have wireless at the end of the year. They are working on upgrading the rest of the labs in hanger. They are working on raising 4.5 million dollars to renovate the auto-diesel facility; they are trying to do this as quickly as possible, in hopes to stave ahead of inflation.

## New Grants

- They talked about getting a grant for 1.7 million that will help beef up the auto-diesel program, create 5 new jobs, allowing them to expand, and do things that we haven't done before.
- We also got a grant to work with Fort Peck to help deliver Indian Education on their campus.

## Miscellaneous Reports

- They talked about the new changes to the library, how they added new rooms to study in, and also some new office space.
- They talked about how everyone should get a flu shot this year, and that students can sign up to get a flu shot on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the flu shots will cost 18 dollars, paid at the time of the flu shot.
- They talked about the proposal to knock down Morgan hall, and rebuild with an apartment like building.
- They talked about repurposing Donaldson, and how they are considering switching it to a state building.

- The Chancellor talked about getting a master plan together for the future of the school, so when he goes to the legislation, he will be able to show very clearly, what the future plans for the school are.
- The Chancellor talked about how excited he is for the new fight song, and how he had a football player talk about how much he loved getting touchdowns, just so they can hear the fight song.
- The Chancellor talked about how the student government has become very strong this year.
- Brad Shields asked about when they are planning on filling Stacey Gonzalez's position, The Chancellor replied by saying, they are going to be working on getting someone into that position, they had been waiting to fill the position out of respect for Stacey, but that they recently found out that she is officially too sick to come back to work, causing that position to now be officially open.
- Joe Vernon got recognized for all of his hard work on the sustainability committee.
- They talked about how they assembled a search committee consisting of 11 people, to search for a Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs/Provost position, and how they have had many applicants so far.
- Annie Kling talked about how they have opened up the community center, and are working hard at renovating it, and turning it into a good place for students to come and study, or to just hang out, She also talked about how they have been hosting a pot-luck every two weeks, that is held at the community center, the next pot-luck is being held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.
- She talked about how they are cleaning up some of the toys from the old day care facility, so that students with family's will be able to bring their kids to the community center, and the kids will have something to play with, the community center will be open from 8am-10pm.
- The Chancellor talked about how the Foundation's Board of Directors are planning on raising 240 thousand dollars a year, on top of the 4.5 million that they are raising for the auto-diesel facility. These 240 thousand dollars will be used for things like a swing set at the family housing, and things of that nature.
- The Chancellor talked about how they are raising funds to turn the Native American artifact collection, which is in Hagener, into a small museum, in hopes of preserving the artifacts.
- The Chancellor talked about how he knows that the salaries at Northern are lower than they should be, and that he is working with the union to get the salaries increased.
- Ron Kling mentioned that the Student Senate has switched back to standard Government procedures, so you will see people from the senate in many of the meetings on campus.

- Becky Toth talked about how they are having themed dinners at the SUB once a month, and that each theme has proper attire, and if you wear that attire you'll get 1 dollar off your meal price.
- The chancellor talked about the programs that they are in the process of terminating or have been placed in moratorium, and that if you are currently in that program, you will be able to finish, they are simply not letting new students into those programs.
- They are going to examine the programs in moratorium over the next 3 years, and see if they could make certain changes to the programs, to improve them, or to see if they should just permanently cut the programs.
- Ron Kling mentioned that this week is Native American week in Montana, and that Friday there will be a teepee rising on the east lawn.