

# Student Meeting Minutes

10/09/13

**In attendance:** Andrew Potter, Sarah Peterson, Nick Nichols, Anthony Little, Brad Shields, Andrew Shall, Kim Watson, Denise Brewer, Ashley Betzel, Molly Grubb, Jesse Majeres, Lois Gilge, Joseph Vernon, Maure Murdock, Ron Kling, Annie Kling, Darlene Bricker. Meeting started at 4:02, with the pledge of allegiance, with a quorum present.

- **Old Business:**

- Read the old minutes, the minutes were approved and put into record.

- **MAS:**

- We talked a little more about MAS and the situation about how MAS wants to increase the cost of the dues, to be in MAS. Sunday is the day that MAS is planning to have the official vote for the new due system. Annie would like everyone in the senate to send her a paragraph, about why this new due system, should not be implemented. Annie will send anyone that wants it, a copy of the power point of MAS, to help them with their decisions on the due system. It was agreed upon in the meeting, that if MAS would write out a list of why they need the money, what the money would be used for, everyone would feel much better about the possibility of accepting the new Due system. Sarah brought up the idea of making a motion to table this motion of the new due system, until they write out what they are planning to do with the extra money. The vote for this new Due system, will be a majority vote, and since we are the only school who is currently opposing the motion, Annie is afraid it will go through, unless we can bring forth enough evidence of why it shouldn't go through, and try and get some other schools on board, the College of Technology in Great Falls is also on the fence about the motion.

- **Halloween Party:**

- We talked about the Halloween party, which is taking place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. Denise is currently working on getting all of the clubs to let her know what they're planning on doing for the Halloween party. The senators will be able to help, by helping set up the tables, and other items that need setting up. Anyone who can help out during the day will be able to help out any time on the 31<sup>st</sup>, come whenever your classes will allow. The Halloween party will start at 5:30, and usually lasts till around 7.
- **Pumpkin Carving:**
- October 30<sup>th</sup>, in the evening there will be pumpkin carving at the community center.
- **New Business:**
- **Chancellor Limbaugh talks to the senate:**
- Chancellor Limbaugh came to the senate meeting, to make himself available to anyone who has questions concerning the campus, or campus related things. The MSU-Northern foundation has agreed to raise \$275,000 a year, part of those funds will be used for the playground at student family housing. Another thing is they're raising money to conserve the Native American collection that is at Hagener. Chancellor Limbaugh said that they are moving along with the conversation to turn Morgan Hall, into a new Assembly Hall, which the Chancellor mentioned is a very important project, because the more enrollment increases, the more rooms we will need, and until we get more room, we will have a cap on how many students we can have. The Chancellor said that he is working on assembling a fundraising coordinating council, so that we can coordinate our fundraising, and not wear down the community by always asking for money. There is a reception on November 19<sup>th</sup>, that will show what the community's generosity has done for Northern. The Chancellor also mentioned that he is putting a formal thank you to Joe and the sustainability committee for all of their hard work, on this week's Northern network news. Annie asked the Chancellor about the possibility of using the theater, in a sort of fundraiser, doing a fundraiser that is more original than the normal bake sales and

raffle drawings. The chancellor said that you are able to use the theater, as long as they're not using the theater for rehearsals. The Chancellor said that the new tennis courts look awesome, and that once the cement has sealed, he is planning on having a ribbon cutting event, as a grand reopening of the tennis courts.

- **Halloween party on the 26<sup>th</sup>:**
- We had Lois Gilge, who is the Merchants' Association Manager came and talked to the senate about a Halloween party that is taking place at the atrium mall on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. At this Halloween party, currently the band "The other brothers and sister" are playing, there will also be a dance. Lois is wanting feedback from the college students, because she wants this party to be adult oriented. Lois is planning on having a chili feed at the party, but she isn't sure if she should make the chili cost money, or just have everything free, and if you want to, you can give a donation. The dance will take place at 7. Lois is trying to figure out some fun things to do at this party, she had an idea of a Zombie auction, which we could use as a fundraiser, and the senate and the atrium could split the money from it. Brad mentioned that Joe Vernon would be a good candidate for the Zombie auction. There is going to be a moaning, cackling, and other creepy Halloween sounds competition at the party, which will be broadcasted on the radio. Lois said that they're planning on having a costume contest; Annie mentioned that it would probably be best, if they split the costume contest into different categories. Annie talked about the idea of maybe having an egg race; Sarah said that, since its Halloween, it would have to be an eyeball race. Annie brought up the idea of maybe having a scavenger hunt. Molly mentioned the possibility of maybe having a murder mystery going on while everything else is happening, and that you can guess at any time during the party, on who you think the murderer was, whoever guesses right first, wins. We talked about figuring out a time when we could meet at either the atrium, or the community center, and discuss the plans for this party at greater length.
- Discuss need of a senate member to help with a program in November.

- **Accreditation board:**

- Kim Watson said that on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> the Accreditation board, is hosting a question and answer session on the school, which will be at the fireside conference from 4:15 to 5:15. Annie and Brad volunteered to represent the senate.

- **Bingo Night:**

- Kim is working with a couple of different groups on campus to have a Bingo night in November; Ron said that the sweet grass society would help out with the Bingo night.

- **Cancer Awareness day:**

- October 26<sup>th</sup> is going to be the day that Northern is going Pink, for breast cancer. We are going to work on getting the media to film everything we are doing on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Darlene brought up the idea of instead of only doing the color pink for breast cancer, do pink for breast cancer, and if you had a loved one who died from a certain cancer, wearing the color that represents the type of cancer that the persons loved one died from. We are going to get this information into the Northern network news, and try and get posters up, that explain the different colors.

- **Committee Reports:**

- **Media Council:** Nick met with Jim Potter, to ask about the pictures; Jim said that he has hired a guy to help him with the pictures. Nick also met with Marian to talk about getting the website updated, concerning the student senate.
- **Program Council:** There was nothing to report.
- **Recreation Council:** There was nothing to report.
- **Finance/Vending:** There was nothing to report.
- **Campus Affairs:** There was nothing to report.
- **SUB Committee:** There was nothing to report.
- **Diversity Awareness:** There was nothing to report.

- Facilities Planning: There was nothing to report.
- Traffic: Nick said that the Traffic committee had their first meeting; they are going to meet once a month. Nick said that when someone gets a ticket, they can voice an appeal within 7 days, a lot people don't know about this, and we need to try and get the information out there.
- Sustainability: The sustainability representatives had an interview, and were not able to give a report, but promised a nice report for next week.
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:18.
- After the meeting the Senate had a video taken of the senate performing the fight song.