Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, November 10th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
   A. James Martins proxy for Senator Benzmiller
2. Approval of the Agenda
   A. Approved
3. Approval of Minutes
   A. Approved
4. Open Floor Guests
   A. None
5. Unfinished Business
   A. Resolution 21.F.013
      i. Senator Marshall motions to vote
      ii. Senator Schleich seconds
      iii. Motion passes
   B. Resolution 21.F.014
      i. Senator Quizon motions to vote
      ii. Senator Thooft seconds
      iii. Senator Zaug abstains
      iv. Motion passes
6. New Business
   A. None
7. Open Discussion
   A. None
8. Chief Financial Officer’s Report
   A. The people that set up the professional headshot event forgot to account for tax. Does anyone object to pull $80.60 for 6.5% tax?
   B. Director Headley: I sent an email to CFO Emery about additional salary dollars for Nancy Beets. When I took over Surbeck as the Director of Surbeck Center, the information desk came with that. Nancy manages that for me. We did not adjust her salary at that time, we just included it in her other duties. Shelly Grinager works in Admissions. When she left Res Life to work in Admissions, Dean Mahon asked if they could have Nancy take over the mail room. I agreed. She took it on with no salary increase for those additional duties. I talked to HR last week to look at the position. Nothing warrants a reclassification, but they are recommending giving her a $0.50 per hour raise. It comes to about $1200 to cover that. I have requested the Student Association to allocate $1200 to my budget to cover that increase.
      i. Senator Marshall: Is that going to be a resolution next week?
      ii. VP West: It will be a supplemental request.
9. Vice President’s Report
   A. A student came into the office asking about the parking situation. There was some additional info about parking by the stadium. People assume there is more of a risk for break-ins there. I will be talking to Senator Marshall and CFO Emery about parking. Doug and some other people have talked about the parking situation more and it will be worth listening to his ideas. I think we should start up open forums again. I will talk to SA about hosting a monthly student forum and at least attending one a semester is
reasonable. I don’t know if we’ll do one this semester, but we will start next semester. We have eight rebranding documents right now. We have been talking about our own rebranding. If you have ideas, let your committee heads know. We need a tablecloth, a sign with details of all the committees, a pop-up sign with our logo on it and Hardrocker Discount Program stickers.

10. President’s Report
A. We were approached by some SDSU students to get involved in changing a BOR policy to allow alcohol sales on campus. It would allow each school to decide for themselves whether they can sell alcohol. It would mainly be at athletic events, but it opens it up to anywhere on campus. We are working on a resolution for next week to say we are either in support or not in support of it and it will be brought up at the next BOR meeting in December.
   i. Senator Naufal: Are we set on what our take is on that?
      1. President Jurrens: That will be what the resolution is for.
   ii. Senator Marshall: Another big driving force in this is the Fermentation club and the fermentation classes we have on campus. Right now, it is complicated because it is a legitimate industry for the Chem E department.
   iii. Senator Tomac: Do we know why the BOR is proposing this?
      1. President Jurrens: It is student led.
   iv. Senator Tomac: Do we know why the BOR is leaving it up to each school to decide whether they want to sell alcohol on campus?
      1. VP West: Around 2014, there was a BOR task force that was set out and Joel Lucken and Michael Keegan sat as members. They looked into allowing alcohol at tailgating events. This came around to President Jurrens to further open up the policy because right now the BOR says no alcohol on campuses except for written permission from the President. They want to change that to say each school has the right to decide if they want to sell alcohol – just beer and wine, no liquor – on their campuses. They are meeting tonight with Director Maher. Talk to people. Ask what their pros and cons are. It is student led. It is not coming from the BOR or the administration at this point. It will not immediately allow alcohol sales on campus.
   v. Senator Frazer: Will it be just Facilities that will be allowed to sell alcohol?
      1. President Jurrens: That would come later, this has to pass first.
   vi. Senator Marshall: Are they trying to get all BOR schools on board with this?
      1. VP West: Yes, they’ve talked to all the schools. If you want to know more, we do have their contact information.

11. International/Veteran/Graduate/Non-Traditional Senator Report
A. International: There has been a presidential proclamation that establishes a requirement that non-citizens or non-immigrants, specifically, non-citizens or non-immigrants that are traveling to the US by air from any part of the world, must establish that they are fully vaccinated with some limited exceptions. All air travelers must continue to show negative results of COVID-19 tests three days preceding their flights into the US. If international students are looking to fly out of the US, they should make sure they get vaccinated in their home country or get vaccinated before flying out.
   i. Senator Marshall: Is there a chance we can do COVID tests for international students?
1. Dean Dlugos: If you are symptomatic, you can go to the student health center. If you are non-symptomatic, they can set you up with one of the off-campus sites. Are you asking if we can do a clinic?
2. Senator Marshall: Yes, so they don’t have to pay out of pocket for tests.
3. Dean Dlugos: Tests are free for our students if they stay inside Monument Health. I am meeting with our liaison from health services Friday.

ii. SA Chair Harroun: If we can make that happen before Christmas break that would be very beneficial to our international students.

iii. Senator Naufal: There is a provider called Vault that still offers free COVID testing. You will get the results in 2-7 days.

1. Senator Marshall: The only problem with that timeline is if you need a negative result three days before flying out.

B. Veteran: Chili Cookoff went well – raised $2280 in raffle tickets and food sales. $1000 of that we donated. Today we had Veteran’s Day Salute. Vets club will be in the parade that starts at 11:11. I met with Cicily Strong about military transfer credits and take up where I left off with Samantha Smith. I talked to General Oster today. His group is looking to bring a bill to the state legislature to change from 50% state tuition assistance to 100% for guard members. A lot of other states around us have the 100%. This would make us more competitive in recruitment.

i. SA Chair Harroun: Have you thought about having the Salute in the evening? I heard some students saying that they wanted to go but couldn’t because they had class.

ii. Senator Marshall: I can bring it up and see if we can’t have it at a different time.

C. Graduate: I was able to establish a way to email graduates now.

D. Non-Trad: None

12. Committee Reports
   A. Constitution: We have been talking to a lot of orgs and getting stuff done.
   B. Public Relations: VP West, I know I promised I would give you the list, I need more time, we can give it to you by the next meeting.
   C. Governmental Relations: We haven’t heard anything new from the city. After Thanksgiving, we will start preparing for SHED.
      i. VP West: Were you able to get ahold of Jarelyn Roberts?
      ii. GR Chair Else: Not yet. I am waiting for a response from Steve.
   D. Student Affairs: We want to try to have an open forum before the end of the semester. We got the Hygiene Bank supplied. We started talking about a sign for office hours and will have updates about that next week. There is a Beautification committee meeting on Monday. We are going to present the hammock poles.
   E. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees
      i. None

13. Upcoming Senate Business
14. Announcements
   A. Mines Day 02/04/2022
      i. Dean Dlugos: There will be more info coming. Orgs, SA and others are invited to go to Pierre to represent SD Mines.
         1. SA Chair Harroun: Will the administration be able to help students miss class?
2. Director Headley: Dean used to send out an excused absence email.
3. Dean Dlugos: It would be covered under our excused absences.
   ii. Director Headley: On January 13th from 5-7 PM, there is an event at the capital that Ann Brentlinger is looking for about 6 people to go to. If you are interested, let me know and I will put you in touch with Ann.
B. Senator Marshall: There are 3.214 fortnights until Christmas. We will have Secret Santa at the last meeting – December 1st.
15. Adjournment
   A. Senator Quizon motions to adjourn
   B. Senator Zaug seconds
   C. Motion passes