September 30th, 2018

6:30 PM, Plains Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order @ 6:31
2. Roll Call
   1. 24 present, 1 absent
3. Approve Agenda
   1. Approved
4. Approve Minutes
   1. Approved
5. Consent Agenda
   1. CR-01-19 *“National Society of Black Engineers”*
   2. CR-02-19 *“Institute of Transport Engineers”*
   3. CR-03-19 *“Institute of Transport Engineers”*
   4. CR-04-19 *“Clay Target”*
   5. CR-05-19 *“Clay Target”*
   6. CR-06-19 *“Clay Target”*
   7. KNDS FY19 Budget
   8. Chess Club FY19 Budget
   9. ALL Items approved
6. Guest Speaker
   1. *Dean Bresciani*, President of NDSU
      1. A couple things I’d like to update you on: Last year we hit $59.8 million dollars of private support. We’re on pace to meet our funding support goals. The Sudro Hall addition is going well. Our state needs more healthcare workers, and this addition is going to allow us to double nursing enrollments and add a PhD program. We’re adding a new major as well! Our sister institutions are struggling to keep their doors open, while we are investing in infrastructure on campus more than all the other universities combined. One of the most important things our state can do is diversify our economy. We are lobbying in the spring to enhance funding to the research universities, to buoy the economy. UND and NDSU being successful means the rest of the state will be successful. The most important differentiator of us compared to other institutions is our faculty numbers – we absolutely had to protect tenured faculty. This ensures faculty-student ratios stay the same and makes sure your education doesn’t change. Talks with legislators about budget cuts for higher education has been reduced as the economy turns around here in ND. I also believe that we will get the renovation of Dunbar Hall passed through as well, which is much needed. There is also a lot of talk about renovations of Harris Hall as well. We do believe we are going to bounce back from our down freshman enrollment numbers. Our analysis for this – we have incredibly low unemployment in this state, so people can go straight from high school to working. Minnesota schools have also been good at advertising to North Dakota students. Also: Our athletic program continues to do incredibly things not only for athletics, but also for our national visibility. Student athletes are also doing amazingly well academically, socially, and professionally. One compliment – You all model what a public organization looks like and should run like. The respect that you earn on this campus and from others is extraordinary. You bring a level of professionalism and thoughtfulness that isn’t present in a lot of Student Governments.
      2. Questions
         1. *Mach:* Being that campus is growing, what would you say is the reason our enrollment is down?
            1. *Bresciani:* Large job availability, low economic status, Minnesota schools are growing and enrolling ND students. But, due to several factors, I see record numbers coming in our future.
         2. *Mach (cont):* What are we doing to combat the low enrollment rates tuition raise-wise?
            1. *Bresciani:* It will be interesting to see how state legislators will handle this. We’re being very successful at retaining our graduation rates.
         3. *Arndt:* I’m interested to hear, for research, what should students see in terms of promoted research?
            1. *Bresciani:* Undergrads will see more opportunities for involvement in research. There is a lot of money coming in for research, and with all of that growth coming in we will see an even larger involvement rate than we already have. We also want to see a rise in graduate student rates rise, so that they have more opportunities for research as well.
         4. *Fleck:* I was wondering where the capital drive will be coming from? And what is the time period?
            1. *Bresciani:* It is really a combination of individuals investing and corporate gifts. We have seen a huge boom in corporate investment as well – since we are creating the employees and researchers that will run their businesses. Extraordinary personal gifts have been given as well, which are the ones that touch me the most. A large portion of these gifts are estate gifts. The timeline for that is varied, since these gifts come at different times. But, we’ve seen a rise in 5-year commitments. We are also pushing for a lot of that money to go to undergrad/grad scholarships. We are also seeing pass-through and estate combined gifts.
         5. *Sanger:* I have a question about engineering – is there any discussion about the curriculum about bio-medical and medicial engineering?
            1. *Bresciani:* The college of health professions is already growing, and engineering is coming next. We’re hearing a lot of demand from the engineering firms in the state. We find that once students come here, they want to stay here. An engineering building will be the first thing on the top of the list after Dunbar and Harris Hall. We’re looking forward to growing our engineering enrollment in the future.
         6. *Hasan:* When I talk to grad students, one concern is that scholarships for graduate students are not enough. They do not get scholarships for summer. Health Insurance is also an issue for many. What long-term plans do you have for keeping our upper-graduate students focused on research?
            1. *Bresciani:* Our donors and legislators have traditionally thought of graduate students as just “older undergrads” and we’ve been working to push against that and educate our donors. We’re working not only on undergrad scholarships, but absolutely graduate scholarships as well. We have to have the resources to keep the graduate students, and donors are coming around. But legislators have a way to go. We have to convince them that graduate students are state employees, and this would really make it easy to help fund and take care of our graduate students.
         7. *Evenson:* On the topic of athletic success, are there any ideas to move club athletics into the NCAA?
            1. *Bresciani:* My answer for hockey is unfortunately never – we don’t want to marginalize our hockey program further. We are cautious about our athletic program growing. Unless we go and start charging students more fees, there is not a lot of room to grow our athletic teams. We also do not want to water down the funding for our current athletic program. There is also the title IX balance, since we’d have to essentially grow two teams.
         8. *Benson:* What is your long-term vision for the college of business?
            1. *Bresciani:* Unfortunately, our business college is underperforming in terms of graduation rates. That’s not going against the college, it’s doing everything it absolutely can. One of our biggest campaigns coming soon is pushing the CoB, as our business relationships are telling us they desperately need the college to grow.
         9. *Yankovec:* My question is regarding the construction of Harris Hall, is there plans of growing the university to accommodate the additions?
            1. *Bresciani:* The Harris Hall replacement will be a good size building, and its replacing some unused buildings.
      3. Thank you, President Bresciani!
7. Public Comment
8. Advisor’s Comments – *Matt Skoy* and *Laura Oster-Aaland*
   1. *Laura:* A couple things – our graduation rates are actually at 37%, which are high compared to other institutions near us. Thanks for your homecoming participation as well! We are doing aggressive marketing in terms of Minnesota, and I ask those who are from Minnesota to shoot me an email and tell me about the deciding factor about NDSU was for them. Email: laura.oster-aaland@ndsu.edu
   2. Questions
      1. *Benson:* Does your graduation rate include early graduation?
         1. Yes, it is all rolled together.
9. President of Senate Announcements – *Marisa Pacella*
10. Secretary of Senate Announcements – *Andrew Parsons*
11. Court Report – *Alexander Pacella*
12. Executive Reports
    1. Finance – *Zachary Sanger* and *Chad Blank*
       1. Question
          1. *Knoblach:* Why were the certain recommendations for KNDS made?
             1. *Sanger:* They came to us, and we worked with them to fund their non-event expenses. So, we have budgeted for what they have quotes for, and they are free to file for CRs as well. For tier-twos as well, we do a 70% funding.
          2. *Knoblach:* KNDS was not a contingency request, what does that mean?
             1. *Sanger:* It was passed through, and we fund these budgets through our CR in-year request.
          3. *Knoblach:* With their budgeting now, it’s a 1/6th of what they usually get. Are there plans to supplement what they usually get?
             1. *Sanger:* The 70% is based on what they request. There’s a big difference in what they received comes from stipends, since tier-twos do not receive stipend pay. There was also a discrepancy in quotes. We’re doing all we can do get them the funding they need, but we also have to follow our financial code.
          4. *Hasan:* Clarification: Under CSO Status, there is nothing for KNDS, what does this mean?
             1. *Sanger:* It’s probably just a grammatical error. It is mostly an internal measure of how much we fund.
       2. Fund Numbers:
          1. In-Year Request: $20,000
          2. Reserve: $264,033.96
    2. ExA – *Landen Einarson* and *Joseph Vollmer*
       1. Questions
          1. *Wahlund:* Is there a time for blood drive?
             1. *Vollmer:* 10:00-2:30 in the Alumni Center
    3. CSO – *Kassidy Skuza*
    4. ASA – *Dominic Fettig*
    5. PR – *Brenan Chase*
       1. Questions
          1. *Wognin:* What do you think about backpack pins?
             1. *Chase:* Definitely! I’m down for whatever marketing material ideas you guys have.
    6. Technology – *Adam Muske*
    7. President– *Chase Grindberg*
13. Vice Chair Report – *Ben Mach*
14. Funding Requests for Student Organizations
15. Unfinished Business
    1. Appoint 2 Senators to the Student Fee Advisory Board (SFAB)
       1. Previously Nominated: *Varshini, Fleck, Mach, Nichols, Wognin, Schoenenberger, Arndt, Benson, Leier*
       2. Movement to open nominations by Nitsch, second by Mach
       3. Nominations (2nd)
          1. *Leier:* I rescind my nomination
       4. Questions
       5. Discussion
16. New Business
    1. Appoint 2 Senators to the Student Media Board
       1. Movement to open nominations by Nitsch, second by Simmer
       2. Nominations
          1. *Knoblach:* I nominate myself
          2. *Wahlund:* I nominate myself
    2. Appoint 2 Senators and 2 Proxies to the Constitution and Code Review Committee
       1. Movement to open nominations by Yankovec, second by Wahlund
       2. Nominations
          1. *Nitsch:* I nominate myself
          2. *Knoblach:* I nominate Fleck
             1. Declined
          3. *Pouliot:* I nominate myself
          4. *Benson:* I nominate myself
          5. *Wahlund:* I nominate Schoneneberger
             1. Accepted
          6. *Fleck:* I nominate Friedmann as proxy
             1. Accepted
          7. *Leier:* I nominate myself as proxy
          8. *Wahlund:* I nominate Garrison
             1. Accepted
17. Student Concerns
    1. *Schoenenberger:* I have had a lot of concerned students come to me about picking up packages from the bookstore.
    2. *Knoblach:* I was speaking with a student today about knowing what is going on within Student Government.
    3. *Fleck:* Something I encountered was curriculum changes – one concern was cutting of entry level classes. I suggest everyone talk to your chair, they always appreciate student input.
    4. *Wognin:* I spoke with Matt Skoy about Active Shooter Resolution: First video is done, and he forwarded me to another for the rest of the info. I will report back.
    5. *Pouliot:* HD&E students are not aware that they do not have representation in Senate.
18. Reports off the Floor
    1. *Benson:* Did anyone take my padfolio? It has non-SG related items in it, and if you find it please let me now.
    2. *Hasan:* I was working with graduate student council to write out a bill of rights of graduate students, and it was submitted.
19. Announcements
    1. *Benson:* I nominate Senator Arndt for Senator of the Week, she has been incredibly involved the past few weeks.
    2. *Wahlund:* If you want to make my day, buy a ticket for Ms. NDSU from either myself or M. Pacella!
    3. *Wognin:* Point of information, big thing with student concerns is following up with them or asking someone else to follow up, not just declaring them!
    4. *M.* *Pacella:* If you are going to purchase ticket, purchase one from Wahlund!
    5. Our Senators for SFAB are Fleck and Benson! Congrats!
    6. *Wahlund:* Additionally, my goal is to raise $50!
    7. *Grindberg:* We won the marker! Yay!
20. Adjourn
    1. Until October 7th @ 6:30pm