***Student Senate***

**Minutes**

**03/25/15**

**5:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**
   1. 5:33pm
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes & Agenda**
4. **University update:**
5. **Guest Speakers:**
6. **Announcements:**
   1. Don’t forget the spring concert is this weekend, they are still looking for volunteers and the sign up genius is on upc/senate facebook pages
   2. Keep your coins we want change is still happening this week, please continue attendance, tomorrow night how to street art
7. **Public Session:** last senate meeting there were a lot of questions and comments that were very bias, questions were not posed to all groups, questions were challenging cultural events and had a very negative attitude. Senate has a history of making students of color uncomfortable and we fund their events reluctantly
   1. Tylia Rodriguez here to talk about concerns; our voice is your voice and we are in this together. Mission is to enhance the college experience through the empowerment of students on campus- mission is being failed, we are not being successful. Decisions and things made by senate trickles down can be felt through the culture of the university and we can feel it in the events. We do not feel empowered, we are here because we can improve, take into consideration funding events and challenge yourself to think about the purpose and why we are hosting these events, this history is everyones history, I challenge you to think about how inclusive your mindset is, it doesn’t make sense to preach to the choir, last night we had a panel about inclusivity and we were only talking to people we are already talking to and who feel the same, we come to senate to use the funds allocated to them to help enhance the culture on campus. Even if things are not intended to come off as negative they still do. Think about the privileges that you have and sit in it and understand it. If you are really about being the voice of the students just take a second to think about things. These are inclusive environments, it is your mindset that makes you believe it is exclusive. Please take these things into consideration with the mission of student senate. We appreciate your time and we are hoping things can be changed for future. Now you’ve heard our voice, please use your voice to make change
8. **Representative/Committee Reports**
   * 1. University Program Council (UPC)- spring concert, keep your coins
     2. International Film Series (IFS)- no report
     3. Leadership for Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)- applications are open until the 27th, they are on the LEAF facebook page, Big Ass Fans just passed for the Rec Center, $80,000 will be paying for itself in about 3-5 years
     4. Organization Funding Board (OFB)- NAKland is requesting funding tonight, rest of OFB was pushed to next week, $15,000 left
     5. Student Judiciary- conduct side of things is getting a little more formal as far as paperwork and getting involved appropriately, working to get people hired
     6. Graduate Student Association (GSA)- no report
     7. Residence Hall Association (RHA)- no report
9. **New Business**
   1. Proposal 35:14-15:028: Nu Alpha Kappa
      1. NAKland
      2. Requesting: $2,945
      3. OFB Recommends: $3,000
         1. Passed for $3,000
   2. Conference Grants
      1. Allocation $5,409.25
      2. Requested $16,998.96
      3. 32% funding
         1. Passed
   3. Student LEAF
      1. We need decide if/what to write a recommendation/resolution to the board of trustees
      2. Can we simply tell the board we support leaf and let them choose an option? Yes we can.
      3. Does LEAF have a preference? They prefer option 1 and see more student staff
      4. Option 1 could be better for the first step and the GA can come later, this first option should help make them more concrete on campus, and gives students more opportunity to gain job experience
      5. Both? There is a lot of agreement here
      6. There are a lot of graduate students who could really benefit from a position like this
      7. Alfred will work on writing a resolution- seems to opt for both- next senate meeting we will look at the resolution and voted on; if you have questions in the off week please direct them to Alfred. (Alfred.eastin@unco.edu)
   4. Discussion on SPA- all questions will be answered by the next senate meeting before voting
      1. Marcus Garvey Cultural Center
         1. Is the ballroom construction being considered? Yes, because events are being planned so far ahead they still have time to make necessary adjustments
         2. This program is going to be reaching out to a wide variety of students on campus- if we are all excited to learn about each other, the school spirit will be greater
         3. Meets all the SPA/OFB qualifications
         4. Suggested amounts: full
         5. Moved to table
      2. Fraternity and Sorority Life
         1. Followed all SPA/OFB qualifications
         2. Marketing is sufficient to make it open and relevant to all of campus
         3. Really trying to build a community on campus even if they did not find a niche in Greek life
         4. Suggested amounts: full
         5. Moved to table
      3. University Program Council
         1. One adjustment: speaker fee $5000 did not include hotel- we discussed adding $200 for hotel which brings total $3,070
         2. New because they don’t usually have comedians come speak about this topic
         3. Follows all guidelines
         4. Sometimes comedians cross a line with the disability and that can be a hesitation- caution the event because it can easily cross a line- please stress that it will be a learning night and not just a time to mock
            1. Speakers both have learning disability and are professionals who understand
            2. Comedians listen to scope of presentation and understand this is a learning opportunity and they understand this is still something serious
         5. Suggested amounts: full
         6. Moved to table
      4. Cesar Chavez Cultural Center
         1. Part of our guidelines state that we have to focus on new events- find the new things we can fund to help with the event
         2. Food and catering is part of the anniversary event, $500 for each day are both new, decorations are for new event
            1. I can get more specific information for what is for old and what is for new so we can fund fairly
            2. Suggest we get that information before discussing money
            3. The amount for the new event is for more than what they are requesting from us so we can still fund fully and have them fund just that with our funds
         3. They are hoping with extra money they can do better advertising to get even more involvement
         4. Moved to table
      5. Athletics
         1. Some things have been changed but the overall request is still $4,050- will be providing more information
            1. Seems to be at $3,500 TBD
         2. Everything follows SPA qualifications
         3. Getting more credentials for whomever the performers might be
         4. Their marketing plan is a good start and we are hoping for more thoroughness
         5. Suggested amounts: full;
         6. Moved to table
      6. Center for International Education
         1. Different speaker enough of a change to make this a new event?
            1. New topic makes it a new event.
         2. Suggested amounts: $3000
         3. Hope for the program is to receive permanent funding- but the university has tight purse strings at the moment
         4. There is not much for marketing but it is part of a week long celebration and will be including it with those marketing efforts and social media
         5. Moved to table
      7. Campus Recreation Center
         1. Follow all guidelines
         2. T-shirt price has changed- can we get a check on the final amount being requested
         3. Purposeful about choosing dates that coincide with other important campus events
         4. Very interested in student feedback to possibly change hours later
         5. Addressing the “suitcase campus” issue
         6. Safety of students is a worry but they have done their research
         7. Suggested amounts: full
         8. Moved to table
      8. Asian/Pacific American Student Services
         1. Follows all SPA guidelines
         2. Encourage more collaboration
         3. Distance between cultural centers issues were brought up, have they addressed those?
            1. Hoping to get some offices in between involved as well to provide more incentive to walk from place to place
            2. Could be considered a good opportunity for socializing and promoting healthy lifestyles
            3. Suggestions: SAO, DSS, etc. Veterans center?
         4. Suggested amounts: full;
         5. Moved to table
      9. Marcus Garvey Cultural Center
         1. MGCC was able to find a more cost effective speaker- reduced the budget by about $1000
            1. Will look into finding the most accurate number for funding
         2. Will the new speaker be able to speak more than once to reach more students?
            1. Yes- we are willing to work towards it but can’t currently be guaranteed but it is the intent
         3. Is the book part of any classes required readings? It could be cool to have an opportunity to tie students
            1. His book is not on any required readings but it can be a conversation to have to encourage it where it fits
         4. Is there a limit to the number of students that can attend
            1. There was not one stated
         5. Suggested amounts:
         6. Moved to table
      10. Marcus Garvey Cultural Center
          1. If it is an invite only type event we would still be able to fund them through OFB up to $50 a student for a gift
          2. What are your plans for invitations towards other students on campus
             1. We are hoping to keep it intimate but the doors are open to everyone to come help students celebrate
             2. We have to follow FIRPA law that says everyone on campus who is graduating would receive an invitation
          3. How many students are projected to receive this award?
             1. It varies every year, this number is based on current identified black students that are seniors, plus family/friend invites
          4. Does MGCC currently hold some sort of end of year reception
             1. MGCC started to do something like this last year just for their staff
          5. Will this acknowledge students who graduate at either semester?
             1. Currently the way the event is as of right now is meant for spring term graduations but there are conversations being had about creating a winter graduation event as well
          6. Suggested amounts: full
          7. Moved to table
10. **Old Business**
11. **Senate Reports**
    1. President Eastin:
    2. Trustee DeJong:
    3. Director Talbott- looking to get itech applications out to have a quick discussion on approving technology needs
    4. Director Gardner: working with student judiciary to get an application out before the end of the semester and getting their 2 positions filled before the people leave- please help spread the word
    5. Commissioner Koch: we got tables in the UC for elections- making a googledoc right now and send it out and I need people to sign up- 1 person per table; there will be another sign up going out for anyone to stand at computer labs handing out slips of paper reminding them to vote on campus computers; tabling tomorrow 10am-3pm handing out t-shirts and cups for marketing, as well as word of mouth marketing- there will be posters and banners but since we are representing so many students we can spread this word; please come get your t-shirt tonight or you won’t receive one; non on campus students can email in an absentee ballot; candidate debate Tuesday march 31st columbine a 5pm
    6. Advocate Leeper:
    7. NHS:
    8. PVA:
    9. HSS:
    10. EBS:
    11. MCB:
    12. Assistant Beamish: email going out tomorrow with minutes from the inclusivity is key panel READ IT
    13. Advisor Moss:
12. **Acknowledgments** 
    1. Everyone for being prepared for our meeting this evening
    2. Acknowledging those for a reason they understand
    3. Great conversations being had tonight
13. **Adjournment** 
    1. 7:38pm