

UNIVERSITY *of*
NORTHERN COLORADO



Student Senate
MINUTES
2/9/2011
5:30 p.m.

- I.** Call to Order
-5:35pm
- II.** Roll Call
- III.** Approval of Minutes & Agenda
- IV.** University Update
- V.** Public Session
 - a. The UNC Opera theater society event on Feb 14th. Italian, love songs musical theater. Fundraiser for the group. There will be treats and drinks sold. Tickets are being sold at the box office in Fraser. 7:00-9:00 at the Sodbuster in.
 - b. Donation boxes are out for the coat drive in Michener and Holmes.
 - c. Next week there will be a meeting from 5:00-5:30 for information on the voting for the Capital Fee.
- VI.** Representative/Committee Reports
 - a. University Program Council (UPC)
 - i. Open mic night valentine's day Michael Jackson themed. Tickets are still on sale for the Sam Adams concert.
 - b. International Film Series
 - i. Showings will continue 7:00 and 9:15 on Thursdays. There will be conversation after the Wednesday shows. Making sure advertising and posters are getting posted sooner.
 - c. Diversity Council
 - i. Met today in Spruce 3. Next meeting is next Wednesday at 2:00 in Spruce C. Speaking of Faith: 4 confirmed speakers, seeking more. My culture is beautiful will be March 31st there is one group confirmed for that event.
 - d. Election Commissioner
 - i. There was a change to the timeline March 24th the open forum will be in Columbine B rather than the Council Room. Candidate information meeting will be in the Council Room tomorrow, Thursday at 4:00.
 - e. Organizational Funding Board (OFB)
 - i. Last week the OFB was able to fund the drawing club \$66. Put on drawing class on Saturday. Campus Crusade for Christ was forwarded to senate and will be heard today.
- VII.** New Business
 - a. Club Funding Hearing
 - i. Campus Crusade for Christ
 - ii. Questions for the presenters from Campus Crusade for Christ

1. Maze Magic Show. Meant to inspire critical thinking. Why do we believe what we think we believe?
2. Director Schiffelbein asked for clarification on the nature of the presentation. Academic Discourse or Ministry Tool?
 - a. Response was that it is more of a philosophy tool.
3. Director Shucard asked for clarification on the progression of the event
 - a. The event is kept mysterious. Only promo videos have been provided
4. Trustee Johnston asked for clarification on what a “ministry tool” is.
 - a. Encouraging individual thought processes, looking toward faith as a whole. Fostering an open discussion forum.
5. Trustee Johnston asked if the event will be evangelical in nature?
 - a. Not sure, presenters have never seen event. It does present a Christian philosophy.
6. Director Lewkow asked how the attendance goal will be reached?
 - a. There have been 5000 flyers printed. There have been funds raised through CRU international. Announcements were being made on campus for the past month. Promotional videos, booths at the UC, mass promotion.
7. Director Schiffelbein did research and has 5 newspaper documents referring to the fact that this event has little description of discourse, in fact they refer to the fact that the event has two parts, and during the second part the presenter invites students who may be uncomfortable with Christian ideas to leave. With the research and sources at hand, how will the event be academic and nature?
 - a. Academic Discourse can occur in different venues, it doesn't have to be a Christian environment or a secular environment. It will foster the conversation between students.
8. Director Shucard: what would you tell a student who approaches you and asks why student fees are going toward funding a religious event?
 - a. There is a right to concern, but part of being on a campus involves being able to hear world views, even if there is a religious bias, the student would have the right to have access to diverse forums.
9. Director Elliott: point of clarification: Last year there was a by-law that stated that it would be unethical to fund a religious or viewpoint biased event. There was recently a by-law change which removed references to viewpoint neutrality as it was incorrect.
10. Advisor Welch: the previous Director of Clubs and Organizations did research on Supreme Court cases which looked into funding religious based organizations with student fees. We must now use the term “viewpoint neutrality” requests for funding must be neutral to all organizations viewpoint. Please look toward the event itself rather than the viewpoint of the group.
11. Councilor Williams asked how the event encourages truth or discourse?
 - a. Having not attended, there is not enough information to say. After seeing videos, the event will probably use general ideas rather than a “stuffing it down your throat” method.
12. Councilor Wolff asks why you chose this performer rather than someone you knew more about, especially after never seeing this event?
 - a. Campus Crusade is a national organization staffed by university outsiders, who suggested this presenter. The event has been done at many universities.
13. President Crowder asked Director Elliott for a point of clarification on funding hotel accommodations and travel.
 - a. There is nothing in the by-laws that says we can't fund those expenses.

14. Trustee Johnston asked for a point of clarification: if there were no Student Senate funding would the event take place?
 - a. Not sure, it will be an critical piece of making the event happen.
 15. Councilor Drum asked if other groups were asked for funding on this event?
 - a. Not sure, most other groups have small budgets as well and would rather contribute services in other areas.
 16. Director Shucard asked if the event is viewpoint biased?
 - a. The response was, absolutely, what event isn't?
 17. Director Elliott asked if the event is being put on by a student group or by this national organization
 - a. The staffs are mentors, the event is student run. The students were given instructions, and are being guided and assisted by the staff members; however the positions are being filled by the students.
 18. Director Schiffelbein asks for the purpose of what this event will set out to accomplish
 - a. Illusionists are popular, and it will be strictly entertaining in this nature. The merit is to encourage more in depth thinking process about "truth" rather than surface level entertainment in nature.
 19. Director Jiang asked how many students are involved in Campus Crusade?
 - a. Over 100 students, 20 people on the leadership team.
- b. President VanDriel moved from questions to discussion
1. Trustee Johnston asked for council members to tread lightly. It is important to realize that a religious group is subject to the same standard of fairness and equality as a non religious group. Viewpoint neutrality applies to the organization giving the money, not the group requesting it. We cannot choose to fund one event from one organization and not another group based on that group's view, it does not apply to the event's purpose. This is more than an event planned by a religious group, and it is event which is evangelical in nature and religious in nature. With the information available and the board policy which we must follow, we cannot fund this event.
 2. Director Lewkow has a concern that the event was not presented by students, it is concerning that the people who are running the group are not affiliated with this university, and echoed Trustee Johnston's sentiment concerning the Board Policy Manual.
 3. Councilor Drum asked for a point of clarification: how much money is in the budget? Answer: about \$24,000
 4. Councilor Drum suggests that students on this campus are excited for the event and looking forward to it throughout campus, and echoed Trustee Johnston's sentiment concerning the Board Policy Manual.
 5. Director Shucard recalls that the OFB voted to not fund a political event last year, which was in relation to the immigration law in Arizona. The request didn't even make it to senate. Now we are changing the policy without updating the by-laws? Our bylaws need to be updated to reflect recent changes by the Student Senate. Secondly, the event itself sounds good, sparking student thought is good, however the fact is, this is a federal institution, what precedent are we setting by funding an event of this nature?
 6. Advocate Fox did research today with the by-laws and there was a word change last year, however in an amendment was taken out.
- c. Director Schiffelbein Motioned to fund \$0 to this event. Trustee Johnston Seconded
- i. Motion Carries 14-2, the event will not be funded.
- d. Student Judiciary
- i. Student: Nick Atzenbeck is the first nominee.

1. Director Schiffelbein Motioned to postpone nominations to the next meeting

VIII. Senate Reports

- Advisor Welch: Meeting today with Director of Athletics, Alum and Dean of Students discussing how to get students to attend athletic events, specifically Men's and Women's Basketball. How can we encourage students to attend?
- Advocate Fox: Judiciary process is ongoing.
- Councilor Brickles: No Report
- Councilor Williams: HSS CSC had a meeting with Student Ambassadors, working to promote student ideas. Moved meetings to the center of the SAO, there are now more people attending with the less professional atmosphere.
- Councilor Wolff: No Report
- Councilor Lee: If you are an NHS students, apply for the new scholarship for \$250
- Councilor Drum: This Saturday at 6:00 is the PVA Gala at the UCCC. There was just a dance and production audition last Friday. Tomorrow the Adding Machine opens in the Norton Theater, tickets are still on sale.
- Director Collier: Went to some classrooms to talk about elections. There was a lot of great feedback.
- Trustee Johnston: Board meeting this week. Preview: federal report, new programs, vice chair will introduce a bill to Colorado state senate, approving the football coach's employment contract.
- Director Elliott: Put together a few pages of when and where club meetings are. Will be posted soon! Hoping this will provide good PR for the groups.
- Director Shucard: Flag burning update, spoke with 3 students who were in the class, their opinion was different from the students who approached initially. The actual act of burning the flag was not going to happen, however the insulation of the act happening was intended to happen.
- Director Ames: Student focus group about strengths and weaknesses of Greeley. Hoping to make real changes, more open forums coming in about a month. Greeley Collegiate Leadership Council is trying to be formed. Application process. Meeting Monday at city hall at 4:00pm. Went to the University Open Forum.
- Director Jiang: SFAP books will be ready next Wednesday. Advertising open forums, hoping to get a diverse crowd.
- Director Schiffelbein: No Report
- Director Lewkow: Advocate Fox discussed how to utilize the election survey results. Will invite clubs to attend a meeting.
- Representative Murray: Bidding for "No Frills" 4 awards. There are many people applying for positions at the regional level.
- Representative Bland: SPEEK meeting yesterday made changes to the and by-laws.
- Representative Allen: No Report
- Representative Weiser: Awarded 4 scholarships to allow employees to take classes. Nominations for employee of the year. Volunteering at the Guadalupe shelter.
- President Crowder: First professional life development event going on next week.
- President VanDriel: Last weekend spoke at Rep Riesberg open forum. Had a few meetings about a potential fee. Next week from 5:00-5:30 there will be an open forum about the proposed capital fee. First SFAP open forum is on Thursday next week, if you will vote in SFAP you need to attend. Trustee meetings coming on Friday. If you are interested in salaries, they are all public! Tomorrow night Women's basketball against Montana State.

IX. Acknowledgments & Announcements

- Councilor Williams acknowledges Advisor Welch for asking opinion. Director Ames and Lewkow for attending the lunar new year Director Shucard for demonstrating follow through in the flag burning issue.
- Councilor Drum for Director Collier in her audition for the dance!
- Advisor Welch took a dream weaver course!

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm by President VanDriel

	Present	Absent	Late	Excused
Matt VanDriel Student Body President	X			
Ben Schiffelbein Director of Academic Affairs	X			
Michael Johnston Student Trustee	X			
Paige Lewkow Director of Diverse Relations	X			
Sean Jiang Director of Finance	X			
Tyler Ames Director of Legislative Affairs	X		X	X
Salynthia Collier Director of Student Affairs	X			
Katelyn Elliott Director of Student Organizations	X			
Ryan Shucard Director of University Relations	X			
Shanda Crowder Graduate Student President	X			
Stephanie Brickles College of Education & Behavior Science Councilor		X		X
Shelby Williams College of Humanities & Social Sciences Councilor	X			
Bri Wolff Monfort College of Business Councilor	X			
Benjamin Lee College of Natural & Health Sciences Councilor				X
Mark Drum College of Performing & Visual Arts Councilor	X			
Kelsey Murray Residence Hall Association (RHA) Representative	X			
Todd Allen Faculty Representative	X			
John Weiser		X		

SPEEC Representative				
Kathi Bland	X			
PASC Representative				
Evan Welch	X			
SRC Advisor				
Samantha Fox	X			
Student Rights Advocate				
Natalie Litke	X			
Administrative Assistant				