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Student Government Association
Senate Meeting
12/05/2016

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Roll call
 - 1. Executive Board: Aisha Ghimire, Ciara Peoples, Maddy Norgard, Monica Kizer, Nikita A. Subba, Quincy Hughes
 - 2. Senate: Amun Kharel, Anjila Takhachhen, Ashruti Pant, Brianna C Plott, Diptika Raut, Prakshyapan Prasai, Shristi Humagain, Suveksha Bhujel, Tamara King, Katy M. Osborne, Kaylyn J Bolton, Jessie R Smith
- III.** Old/Recurring Business
 - a. Thanksgiving Basket
 - b. Festival of Trees
- IV.** New Business (for spring semester)
 - a. S.G.A Spring Elections
 - b. Update Constitution
- V.** SGA Committee Reports
- VI.** Executive Officer Reports
- VII.** Announcements
- VIII.** Adjourn

Call to order at 7:07 pm

*all comments assumed to be stated by Senate President including feedback from senate, unless specified.

- I. Old Business
 1. Opening statement was thanks to senate members for their contribution towards the Thanksgiving baskets. Chair proceeded to discuss the Festival of Trees decoration/design.
 - a. Frosty the Snowman was final decision; signup sheet for decoration time slots was passed around.
 2. Team Bonding exercise
- II. New Business
 1. Spring Election preparation; briefly gave overview of methods and procedures of elected and appointed exec position; will follow up January senate meeting to further discuss.
 - a. Quincy-exec are preparing exit reports for review by advisor and potential candidates; if interested in positions be sure to express interest and begin to shadow desired office
 2. Constitution Review will be conducted spring semester; any amendments or suggested changes will be recognized at the time; should also consider the constitution review to coincide with spring elections and relativity.
- III. Committee Reports
 1. Quincy-expressed a reevaluation of senate committees; combine or disband as needed to address more common concerns; wishes to see increased involvement from individual senators including individual, or collaborative programming relative to respective college or majors.
 2. Senate Feedback
 - a. Prakshyapan-increased concerns for weekend and holiday food options; campus safety/id checks more consistent; security system if not campus wide then to monitor traffic;
 1. Quincy-iterated that the implementation and education of the activity fee would solve some of these questions; being a senator is to remind students of their authority and express their concerns in a way that would benefit the whole-the continued pursuit of an activity fee should be broadcasted in various ways to ensure student voices are not only heard, but action can be taken with the desired support.
 2. Jessie- communications building lacking desired lighting for late night students may also require security cameras;
 - a. Kimone-students should exhaust their options so that the campus [authority] will know where student's needs are and what is or isn't being done; promoting the activity fee can help students address these needs.
 - b. Tamara- stated SGA was/is a great experience that develops leadership and responsibility

- c. Amun- SGA should seek to be more flexible/accountable for its programming and the inquiries of the student body.
1. Jessie-shared that she hosts a radio show and would be willing to have SGA members come for interviews, share information, and answer questions; SGA needs to earn trust of student body.
 2. Chair-possibly record meetings live and answer questions from social media feedback during live meetings.
 3. Prakshyapan- highlight the events of SGA possible future initiative; decipher and host events that cater to “veteran” and freshmen students
 4. Quincy-share agenda campus wide which not only shows students what we discuss, but invite them to add things to the agenda; will also help with invitation to senate meetings.

d. Feedback included and conclude increased programming to broadcast SGA and its cause and purpose; more involvement throughout campus and collaboration with organizations and offices such as Library Services etc.; host effective events, and educational events such as citations, statewide elections and other government functions;

1. Quincy-we should poll students regularly of what things do they have the most trouble with throughout college and from that information, build our programming.

e. Prakshyapan stated a themed Make SGA Great Again session!

3. Team Bonding Exercise

IV. Announcements

1. Amun-shared campus rec flyer and events detailing the end of the semester relative to stress relief and exercise

V. Adjourned at 9:30pm