Chadron State College Student Senate Minutes
December 6th, 2010

I. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Weiss at 5:02 p.m. on December 6th, 2010.

II. Roll call was taken by Chief Justice Nelsen.

III. VanSkiver moved to approve the minutes. Burrows seconded. Motion carried. VanSkiver moved to approve the agenda with submitted changes. Burrows seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Reports
   A. Student Trustee: Room reservations fees are changing from a $100 deposit to a one-time $50 fee. The number of credit hours needed to graduate may change from 125 to 120. The determining vote will take place in January. Karmazin said that 5 credit hours may not seem like much of a difference in obtaining your degree, but in terms of the college that is a lot of revenue coming in that would be lost. Hansen questioned which classes might be eliminated from the general studies program. Rhine answered that they are looking at each program independently to determine what course(s) to drop. This transition is not only occurring in Nebraska but all over the nation in an effort to shorten the time spent in college and lower the cost of education. If interested, Dr. Veath is a good resource and may be willing to come in and discuss the possible changes further. Dye felt that this was a good idea in order to help lower costs because there are those classes you have to take that do not relate to anything you are interested in and you do not take anything from them. Shaykett said that she did not see how 5 credit hours would make a difference of graduating in 4 years or going longer. Dietrich explained that if a student would take 16 hours each semester for 4 years the total comes out to 120 credits. Machal suggested that instead of cutting classes, offer the classes at various times instead. In her experience with limited class offerings, it has made scheduling a hassle because many classes conflict with one another. Shaykett also asked that if the credit hours would decrease if the cost per hour would go up to make up the difference. Rhine said that he can only speculate, but he does not feel that a rise would occur because that refutes what they are trying to do by lowering the cost of education. Dye inserted that online classes are more expensive, which in turn has stopped him from taking courses online over the summer. Machal said that CSC was the only college she looked at that had an increased/flat rate for online courses. Nelsen said that the registrar’s office justified the increased rate as the difference of the money you save by not having to drive to class. Rhine explained that often times those classes don’t fill up and in order to be able to offer that technology they have to be slightly more expensive, and each college will be different according to online platform they use.

B. CAB Report: Aye was ill. Sinn reported that at tomorrow’s meeting, CAB will meeting will be electing a new secretary.

C. Officers:
   i. President:
a. For clarification, downsizing will mostly pertain to the specialized labs and not the general labs. The specialized labs will be evaluated to see if they are being used and to what degree and changes will be made accordingly. The technology fee committee approved the funding for labs in the Tutoring Center, Math/Science, Old Admin, and in the Library. Doht said that the redundant internet will be progressing through January. Also, it was decided that they will not purchase Microsoft Office for students as a version of MS Office is available through the eaglemail accounts. Another point of discussion was retiring the Z drive and having everyone switch to using their skyedrive on their eaglemail account. Instead of handing out yet another survey it was decided to set up a student forum where student interested in technology wants/needs can show up and voice their opinion. Forums will be conducted by department or areas of study however the faculty in attendance will be asked not to input as this forum is to discover what the students want, not what the professors think they need. The next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. this Thursday in Miller. Also, December 1st was the last day to access the old MyCSC as it is now officially closed.

b. Kingsbury presented the new color scheme for the Student Center that will hopefully start going up over Christmas break. She said that the old color scheme has been up for 15 years and this one will be up for at least 10 years before it will be repainted next. Sinn said that she thinks having a change of color is a great idea – it shows that progress is happening on campus and after 15 years, the old one was starting to show its age. Senate unanimously agreed in favor of the color scheme selected. Also, senate agreed on the addition of the second glass case for advertising and the executive board will write a letter of approval for it. There will be a survey regarding the changes which will hopefully be sent out electronically, if not there will be a booth set up on either Thursday or Friday. Lastly, a thank you card was sent around for the senators to sign for all the people involved in making these changes happen.

ii. Vice President: No report.

iii. Secretary: No report.

iv. Treasurer:

a. Dye moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Doht seconded. Motion carried.

b. Burrows moved to allocate no more than $400 from the foundation account for the Christmas party meal. VanSkiver seconded. Motion carried. There will be a white elephant gift exchange – bring a $5 gift if you wish to participate.

v. Chief Justice: No report.

vi. Parliamentarian: No report.
vii. Corresponding Secretary: No report.

D. Schools:
  i. School of B.E.A.M.S.S.: No report.
  ii. School of E.H.P.C.P.S.W.: No report.
  iii. School of Liberal Arts: Not present.

E. Other:
  i. Senators at Large: The Art Guild will be having a Christmas sale in the Student Center from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Women’s basketball is on the road this week as they take on Regis University on Friday and Metro State on Saturday. Also on Saturday, wrestling will be at Kearney and there will be a holiday concert in the Student Center Ballroom.
  ii. Sponsors: No report.
  iii. Vice President E.M. and S.S.: No report.
  iv. Coordinator of Student Activities: Stop the Hate was last Friday. Next Tuesday is the annual finals breakfast, sponsored by CSC Dining Services. It is free for everyone regardless of having a meal plan and will be served by the faculty and staff. Plans are already in the making for next semester and we are taking ideas. One idea is to have a Mardi gras celebration with a parade, masquerade dance, lots of fun activities, and the history behind the day. That would take place at the end of February or the beginning of March. Have a good break and good luck on finals.

F. Committees:
  i. College Affairs: No report.
  ii. Student Affairs: No report.
  iii. Internal Affairs: No report.
  iv. Food Committee: No report.

V. Unfinished Business: No report.

VI. New Business: No report.

VII. Announcements: Don’t leave until you have signed the thank-you card. The Admissions office is asking your help in recruiting new students. If you are interested in going back to your local area to recruit, pick up a Friend-to-Friend card from the admissions department. Students that participate will be rewarded a t-shirt. Swiftbird official resigned as a full Senator at Large. Woroblewski volunteered to be on the parking committee in his place.

VIII. Adjourn
  A. Hansen moved to adjourn. Doht seconded. Motion carried.

I believe these minutes to be true and accurate.

Rebecca Kathman
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