Minutes from the Student Senate meeting 02/12/14.

Call to order at 4:03, with the pledge of allegiance, there was a quorum present.


- Old Business
  - The old minutes were approved
  - We talked about our luncheon with Dr. Rugg which will be at noon next Wednesday the 19th.
- New Business
  - Paul Tuss the interim chairman of the board of regents addressed the senate.
  - Paul Tuss talked with the senate about the board of regents and how much it cares about the students.
  - Paul Tuss answered the senate’s questions.
  - Paul gave the senate his number and email in case there is something we need to tell him.
  - We talked about how the Board of Regents meeting that is in May will be held at Northern.
  - Paul talked about how MAS gave their leadership award to chancellor Limbaugh.
  - Paul invites the senate to attend the 45th anniversary of bear paw development.
  - Chancellor Limbaugh addressed the senate.
  - The chancellor talked about how this university system Board of Regents is the most supportive one he has ever worked with and they truly do care about the students.
  - The chancellor talked about his need for help with getting students to sign up for the emergency notification system.
  - The chancellor said to thank people in the community, because they have given a lot to this campus.
  - The chancellor talked about how the budget is now based on enrollment, he also said to tell him if you find something on campus that you simply don’t like.
  - Joe invited the chancellor to attend recycle high lines meeting next Wednesday at 6pm, at triangle communication.
  - Ron talked about the nomination of faculty or staff to be rewarded the golden N, which will be awarded at the student excellence banquet on April 17th.
  - Joe brought up the issue of students not being able to attend the career fair; we talked about some possible solutions to this problem.
• Wendy made an appeal concerning the fact that almost no IOC reps come to the IOC meetings and that according to the by-laws and the constitution they should be terminated. We talked about some different solutions and decided to send a letter to the different clubs, warning them.

• Committee/Club Reports
  • PAS made a presentation to the senate requesting money to be able to go their annual competition.
  • The representatives of PAS gave a handout that gave all the facts about their budget and the amount they need.
  • PAS requested their full allotted amount since they generally don’t go to 2 competitions in a row, but this year is a special case.
  • The senate told PAS that they would get back to them about the possibility of getting the money, by next Wednesdays meeting.
  • The senate resumed talking about the possibility of allowing Joe to spend $1100 a year from sustainability’s budget, to ship #5 plastics to be recycled. This would be a gift to the community.
  • We talked more about the logistics of this idea of shipping the #5 plastics.
  • We talked about the possibility of getting a workshop to show people the different types of plastics and also the possibility of getting numbers up on the website and maybe making a board showing how much Northern is contributing to recycling, in the community.
  • We decided to give Joe a 1 year pilot program to see how well this #5 plastic shipping works, when done for the full year.
  • Ron moved to allow Joe a 1 year pilot program to ship #5 plastics, and that the senate in the spring of 2015 will bring up this topic again, to look and see how it is doing. The motion was 2nded and the whole senate voted yes. In the spring semester of 2015 this topic will be readdressed.
  • Wendy said she would be the chairman of a committee to look through the by-laws and to make changes, and to email her with changes you would like made to the by-laws, and to have these changes emailed to her by Friday the 14th.
  • Ron moved to suspend the reading of the by-laws till the by-law committee has looked at it and made the changes that they see fit, the movement was 2nded and the senate all voted in favor; the reading of the by-laws is suspended until the by-law committee has looked at it and made the changes they see fit.
• Meeting Adjourned at 5:50