Minutes
of the
Northern Iowa Student Government Senate
2016-2017 Session
19th Regular Meeting – January 18th 2017

I Call to Order
   ● Called to order 8:00pm

II Roll Call
   ● Absent: none

III Identification of the Press

IV Student Forum and Announcements
   ● Covarrubias: Social event after HLSU tomorrow
   ● Miller: Women In Politics Conference Friday
   ● Ahart: Coffee with Kristen
   ● Flesch: Eddie Moore next Monday, Lang Hall 7pm
   ● Hummel: World Cafe, Union 6-8
   ● Aldape: Uncommon Sense this weekend

V Call for Changes to the Orders of the Day

VI Approval of the Consent Agenda
   1. 18th Regular Meeting Minutes
      a. Bernhard motion to approve, seconded by Hirdler

VII Special Business
   1. Mary Braun, Jim Wohlpart, and Kim Heffernan Moss
      a. Braun: see powerpoint
         i. Forums at AEA 267 Friday 1/27 4:30-6:30pm
         ii. Bernhard: Panther PAC and Panther Caucus?
            1. Separate groups
         iii. Flesch: Governor's Budget cuts?
              1. Wolphart: Percentage equating to about $4 million and would hurt our spending
         iv. Bernhard: Change in governor affecting budget cuts?
              1. Wolphart: Change in governorship won't affect governor’s recommendation
         v. Flesch: Rod Library spending changes affected?
              1. Braun: No, infrastructure is separate
         vi. What can students do?
              1. Write letters and tell your story

VIII Say Hello to Connie
   ● Connie greeted

IX Reports of the Executive Branch
   ● Flesch:
      Student Fee Committee:
         ● Finalizing Panther Shuttle and Safe Ride Requests this week
Had a call with Mark Little to discuss costs

City Council:
- Attended City Council
- Drew will have more on the Student Rep… but it was approved!

Civic Action Plan Committee:
- 1st meeting next week
- Goal is to improve community engagement in alignment with our strategic plan

Meeting with Secretary of State:
- Next Wed.
- Discussing Election Integrity Bill (Voter ID Legislation)

Relay for Life, Out of Darkness Walk
- Johnson: Above and Beyond Awards, Working with GALA to create a Chief of Staff position in Upper Cabinet, Graduation with Leadership Distinction Proposal
- Massey:
  - Budgetary Process
    - Total budget to work with for Fiscal Year 2018 = $315,000
    - Mandatory Informational Meetings: January 23rd, 24th, 25th 6-7pm
    - Application closes: February 22nd
    - Budgetary hearings with organizations to review their budgets: March 6-9th 5-8pm
    - Readings of the budget as a whole to Senate: April 5th and 12th
  - Meeting with Tonya in Business Ops
- Miranda: PICK UP CLOTHES, Catching up on work since I’ve been gone, Those who signed up for panther bash committee, look out for an email from me
- Majeed:
  - Diversity Advisory Council
    - Meeting Friday @ 2pm
    - Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. will serve as the keynote speaker for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration on Monday, January 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Lang Hall Auditorium.
  - Bias Reporting Team (BRT)
    - Meeting tomorrow @ 2pm
    - Will be finalizing the purpose statement
  - Inauguration concerns
  - Diversity and Inclusion Council
- LGBT(ea) Time a monthly discussion series. Join us over the noon hour in the LGBT* Center for facilitated discussion on hot topics within the LGBTQ+ community. We encourage participants to arrive prior to noon to settle into the space, but welcome those who would like to stop in for part of the conversation.
  - Topics for this month are:
    - January 18th: Laws You Should Know
February 15: LGBTQ+ Black History
March 22: Herstories - Queer Women in the Workplace
April 19: Spill It - Queer Culture

- Dixon:
  - UNI Day
    - Student organizations
      - Meeting held to facilitate transfer of info
  - City Hall Rep
    - City council meeting held -- It's a go!
  - External Relations

X Reports of the Standing Committees
1. Organization and Finance - Oliverio
   - Met with orgs on budgetary, bill meetings Jan 23-25
2. External Relations - Drew
   - Letter writing, and City council update
3. Campus Relations - Tristan
   - First meeting today, working on partnerships with senate and lower cabinet
4. Government and Legislative Affairs - Tanner
   - Bill for Supreme Court, meeting next week

XI Report of the Speaker: Open Senate seats, SNOTH Feb. 1 and upcoming game nights
- Blatt (LGBT): Pride week in April, pronouns at UNI
- Whiting (Athletics): Rock, paper, scissors, networking event for athletes with campus

XII SHOW AND TELL

XIII Old Business

XIV Non-Controversial Docket
1. SSB 2017-57 Funding For Art For El Salvador
   - Hirdler move to PQ, seconded by Chalupa. Roll call vote passes 17-0-0
2. SSB 2017-58 Funding For UNIFI
   - Finn move to PQ, seconded by Bernhard. Roll call vote passes 15-0-2.
     - Abstain: Covarrubias, Filip
3. SSB 2017-59 Funding for Colleges Against Cancer
   - Hirdler move to PQ, seconded by Finn. Roll call vote passes 17-0-0
4. SSB 2017-60 Registration for Jamal-Tristan for UNI
   - Bernhard move to PQ, seconded by Goodman. Placard vote passes 16-0-1.
     - Abstain: Bernhard
5. SSB 2017-61 Registration of Pre-SOMA
   - Aldape move to PQ, seconded by Hirdler. Placard vote passes 17-0.
6. SSB 2017-62 Registration for Panthers for DREAM Iowa
   - Hirdler move to PQ, seconded by Stensland. Placard vote passes 16-0-1
7. SSR 2017-08 Support of Nametag Pronoun Accessibility
   - Finn move to PQ, seconded by Collins. Placard vote passes 17-0-0

XV Controversial Docket
1. SSB 2017-63 Funding For American Choral Directors' Association
   a. Hirdler Move end first reading, seconded by Stensland
2. SSB 2017-64 Funding For Black Student Union
   a. Bernhard Move end first reading, seconded by Smith
3. SSB 2017-65 Funding For Leadership & Management Association
   a. Hirdler Move end first reading, seconded by Chalupa
4. SSB 2017-66 Amendment to NISG Constitution: Judicial Branch changes
   a. Covarrubias Move end first reading, seconded by Stensland.

XVI Adjournment
Covarrubias Move to adjourn, seconded by Collins. Senate adjourned at 9:33pm