ASUN Minutes
October 12th, 2016
City Campus Union

Call to order: 6:32
Roll call:
- Absent
  - Springer (unexcused)
  - Williams (excused)

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved (no objections)

Appointments-Campus Wide
Appointment 47-50
Copy of 51 Passed around
- Motion to approve: Zach
- Second: Brunson
- Approved

Open Forum
- Kendall Dawson: President of African American People’s Union. Racism and discrimination is not over. Black Lives Matter is to push for equality of black people. Recent police brutality against black people are now the heart of the problem. Black people are targeted more due to racial profiling—it is constitutionally and morally wrong. More likely to be stopped and ticketed in routine traffic stops. More likely to be searched also. Gun point search story in New Jersey. I call you all to action because now you know what black lives matter.
- Trevor Obermueller: Organizer for Black Lives Matter and ASUN Committee For Diversity and Inclusion. I think you all who no voted need to give an apology. You put procedure over the needs and concerns over the black community. This is nothing new in the black community—their issues being put on the backburner. Since you have the power, you need to genuinely consider how your decision is going to affect the student population. Understand and be open to other people’s needs. Support Black Lives Matters and show the well being of the black community
  - President Hartman Question: the bill was not voted down. Most senators wanted more time. The body will discuss it tonight. The question is: do you feel as an organizing committee member; do you feel you need the permission of this body to hold the rally?
    - Treveor: No, but it would show ASUN is an ally to Black Lives Matter.
  - Senator Reed: Is this rally being supported by any groups that are outside of UNL?
Trevor: No

Executive Reports

- President Hartman: After senate meeting next week, come out for the fall gathering at 84th and Fletcher and a half mile east. Very informal and for community building. Fun ag experience.
  - Introduction: Abby Eperson, gymnastics team, STAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee) representative.
- Internal Vice President Oetken: Went to RHA last night—passed their budget for the year. RA applications open October 19th. Radio show on KRNU can be brought back. Talk about issues in student government or to bring forth new information. There will be a shift sign up. Next week the meeting time for senate will be at 5:30 so we can go to the retreat. Be respectful—do not be on your phones and laptops—make yourself present.
- External Vice President Rezac: Continuing work on the diversity plan with Charlie Foster. Working on changing the bylaws and having a solidified purpose.
- Speaker Zach: Been meeting with senators and discussing projects that they have. Two open at-large senate spots. If you are a committee chair, stop at the ASUN office and write down your committee and meeting time on the white board by the mailboxes.
- Chief of Staff Jensen: Have been working on the “It’s On Us” week of action. Open mic night is tonight—8pm in the crib.
- Appointments Chair Bond: Continuing to do interviews and appointments. Ask me for contact information.
- Government Liaison Committee Chair Shrewsbury: Took packets to the Residence halls and RA can hand them out to residents. Bill up for legislation tonight.
- FCLA Co-Chairs Maciejewski & Traynor: Second meeting, elected internal committees
- Committee for Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chairs Brunson & Aribi: Working with the Women’s center
- Environmental Leadership Program Chair Graff: Committees have been figured out. Some ELP members went to the Mark Lyness event.
- The Big Event Co-Chairs Hundley & Locke: No report (absent)
- Graduate Student Assembly Pres. Correas: Approved university wide committee appointments. Four GSA open positions.

Committee Reports

- Academic Committee Chair Weber: No report.
- Technology Fee Committee Chair Lopp: Having letters going out soon, then will have a better understanding later. Website getting back in order is the main focus.
- Campus Life & Safety Committee Chair Shea: Working an effort for restrictions on smoking. Solidified one date for service (October 21st) and will hopefully have another one. Trying to get in touch with the University Health Center.
- Committee for Fee Allocation Chair Woodworth:
- Communications Committee Chair Blaser: Respond to center spotlight ASAP. Planning on having an event.
• Environmental Sustainability Committee Battes: Just got back from AASHE in Baltimore. 3 ½ days of sessions and learning focusing on zero waste and programming and numerous other things. Hoping to use this information for future projects.

• Student Services Committee Chair Correas: Lot of things backed up because of the transition. Timeline is coming to an end because there are only 4 or 5 meetings left. Bylaws will be for information only on the 26th of October. Final approval version on the 16th of November or possibly the 30th.

Unfinished Business
None

New Business

Correas: Motion to move Senate Resolution #3 to the forefront
Zach: second
Approved

Senate Resolution #3

• Aribi: Timeline may have been confusing. It wasn’t an attempt to blindside everyone, it was a last minute movement of the date of the event. The support from ASUN is important and says a lot about the student body. You may have experienced it and seen it on the news, but no one asked questions. If there are questions, reach out to those who are here and speak to us—googling it may not be the best choice. Look into what it really is. This isn’t us pushing our personal agenda, this is about civil rights and humans caring for one another.

• Brunson: Last week was a learning curve with such a time crunch. Some things were modified so the bill was more clear and concise. I believe the movement stands for peace and justice and equality for all people. It isn’t anti-police or anti-any group of people. Lines 49-51 supports the continued effort for dialogue. Focus on why the football players chose to kneel.

Questions

• Weber: In line 40, what does off campus refer to
  o Aribi: we don’t have any overt issues that have happened on campus, but just because it isn’t happening here. Therefore, in the Lincoln community, start the dialogue. Have knowledge of things on campus

• External VP Rezac: Isn’t a police officer coming to the rally?
  o Aribi: yes. UNLPD and LPD have been contacted

• Pres. Correas: Because this community is an urban population, Lincoln is a big city and UNL is in the heart of the city, so what we do reflects upon the entire city

• Senator Weber: What did the rally accomplish last year? What is the hope that will come of it this year?
Senator Aribi: The root purpose is to start the dialogue—help people understand the issues. It is very informative. People need to be able to talk about these kind of things. Husker Dialogues is a prime example of starting the dialogue—it began because of the rally.

Senator Weber: Is there continuation for new programming or will it be the same as last year?

Aribi: New programming is always yearned for, but it is about coming up with creative ways to bring a crowd with diverse set of views together to discuss the issues.

Brunson: We hope to hold other events related to this. Continuing the conversation is important too—this rally can’t solve all of the issues. It is an ongoing problem.

Sentao Brandow: Why did you want to push the bill so hard?

Correas: The document needs to be acceptable for all involved. The president will sign the resolution after it passes.

Aribi: We wanted it to be able to talk about as it is rare and we wanted to invite communication.

Senator Dittman: Would you be willing to add a line in the LPD in this video.

Senator Brunson: The media doesn’t always portray those who stand behind the core movements of the Black Lives Matter movement. There are always bad apples.

Senator Aribi: Uneducated act out, but a few people aren’t the representatives of a larger group. I don’t think we would need to change the bill. It is on ASUN’s place to make statements like that.

Senator Correas: The bill has a strong foundation and is based on the general welfare of students. I do not see the purpose of the LPD when advocating for the general welfare of the students. We are supporting the student led activity, not running the activity.

External VP Rezac: Suggestion—Is it fair to say that you are planning the operation in cooperation with the UNLPD or LPD? Could you alter line 27—“...union plaza in cooperation with the UNLPD”?

Correas: No, they are just there to ensure safety. The police should not take a stance; they protect you no matter what.

Senator Lagerstrom: People who are uninformed, I think we need to say that LPD need to be involved for safety—not a declaration of support.

Senator Jedkins: Have we included the fact that police are there in other events—is that a regular thing?

Correas: Many kinds of resolutions have been made. But, I don’t remember adding that information. UNL regulations are that the those conducting the rally must contact UNLPD.

Discussion

Senator. Correas: Motion to change:

- Line 42-- further to finally
- Line 43--“....to organize a peaceful black lives matter rally”
President Hartman: We have to figure out how I can participate in discussion so there is no miscommunication. My philosophy of governance—it is not the ASUN student body’s position to endorse rallies. If we endorse one rally, are we willing to endorse them all? It is about empowering RSO’s to endorse rallies. I have visited with the drafters of the bill and Senator Correas. I will agree to sign the legislation if we decide to support the peaceful rally.

Further Debate

- Senator Correas: I never accused anyone of doing anything—I just wanted to give the president the ability to have the power to veto, not that he actually would. I was very much in favor of having this debate last week. The modifications will make this bill stronger and educate all of us, and that is the most important part of it. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to better understand Black Lives Matter. We need to support these activities, even if we don't want to put the ASUN seal on it. We need to bring about a policy to help them address their issues. I hope my following graduate students follow me in supporting this bill.
- Speaker Zach: Thanks for the continued guests that have come to share their thoughts with us. Thanks to the authors for clearing up a lot of the issues. Thanks to all of you for all you've done to reach out to students and move us all forward. Topics like this will be continued to be spoken about
- Senator Reed: I appreciate everyone for reaching out to me about this bill—especially Brunson. I think as written, this bill is perfect in showing our support with all those allied with Black Lives Matters. I thank this body for giving us enough time to have a mature thought. I will be voting yes to this bill.
- Senator Shrewsbury: The bill that has been brought forward today has a lot of positive changes. I am gladly voting yes to it.
- Senator Brandow: I appreciate having this week to communicate with a lot of people and I will also be voting yes.
- Senator Aribi: In terms of time, that was the point of this—to give you more time to understand the issue. There is a reason that we bring these things forward. I appreciate those of you who went and did some research and talked to people. If you have any more questions, ask—reach out to people.
- Senator Jedkins: I want to say, don’t just vote yes tonight, but actually attend this event and related events.

2/3 vote to end debate
Approved
Senator Judkins: Motion for roll call vote
Senator Reed: Second
Motion Adopted--Unanimous

Government Bill #7
- Senator Shrewsbury: Involved in supporting and echoing GLC. This bill would just be supporting their participation. The association of Big Ten Universities

Discussion
- Senator Shrewsbury Motion to amend striking lines 15-16
- Speaker Zach: Second
- Amendment passes

Speaker Zach: Motion to pass by acclamation
Senator Correas: second
Pass by acclamation

Government Bill #8
- President Hartman: Encourage those who are bring outside projects to bring as much information as you can. This bill has been in conversations with many other departments. No money is needed—our part is the making of a poser by Senator Velasco. We are not endorsing anyone. The second half of the program is about students and their goals and hopes for the future.

No questions
Discussion
- Senator Reed: make sure that they know we cannot endorse anything with handouts etc.
  
  Senator Reed: Motion to pass by acclamation
  Pres. Correas: Second
  Passed by Acclamation

Announcements:
- Speaker Zach: ‘It’s On Us’ open mic night starting at 8pm.
- Senator Reed: Proud of Correas for filling the GSA body.
- Senator Ngo: Application to be a NSE orientation leader is out
- Pres. Correas: Graduate students have increased their participation; we are here to stay!

Adjournment: 7:54
Minutes Submitted by Recording Secretary Jazmin Newton