

Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
UTTC Student Senate  
10/31/2011 Jack Barden Center Rm 210  
Regular Meeting

Student Senate Members-

Devero Yellow Earring, Laramie Plainfeather, Nicole Montclair, Elizabeth Hattaway, Wendy St. Cyr  
Quorum present-Yes

Others Present-

Drew Grant, Kathy Johnson, Kathleen Thurman, Jeff Moser, Buffy Cartwright, Janna Lynn Soberg,  
Rhonda Breuer, Sherry Toman, Tammy Marshall, Mark Mindt, Tim Hattaway, Lydale Yazzie, Luann  
Poitra, Jaylene Pretends Eagle

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by SS Vice President, Laramie Plainfeather at 12:08

Introductions of all present

Student Senate Advisor report-

Nothing to report

BEC Billings trip Reflection-Nicole stated that it went well. The group agreed. Laramie stated that it was a good learning experience and it promoted student involvement. Kathy Johnson asked each member what you took from the seminars. Nicole said that she gained several ideas on group management, such as a Charrette, where a group of people collaborates to come to a consensus. Wendy said that she learned a lot about team building and how to incorporate the ideas into action. Elizabeth stated that she attended a Project Planning and Delivery seminar where she was made aware of the idea to build new or renovate. Devero thought the name of the retreat, Building Engaged Citizens, was just that. It engaged everyone. Mark mindt stated that he feels that the group and himself formed relationships, which is great for our professional relationship. And that we really learned how to work as a team.

Meeting interrupted for meal prayer and more introductions.

Louann Poitra-IT department also the Green Committee. Sherry Toman-Gen Ed. also part of the Green Team. Sherry explained that the Green Team needed to be reestablished on campus. The Green Team has a biofuel bus that runs off of used vegetable oil. Also mentioned that they hosted an "Air Fair" where they would air participant's tires to use less gas. Buffy Cartwright asked if they were responsible for the bottle shaped containers. Sherry Toman stated yes, and that they are a big part of their campaign to go green, which is where she needs students help with delivering the bottles/cans to recycling center.

Historian officer as of today has not been officially sworn in and has not showed interest in accepting the office. Wendy made motion to rescind the motion of having Linda White Clay as Student Senate Historian. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Devero stated that the group spend time in Billings, MT with Lydale Yazzie who also attended the BEC conference and that she really fit in with the group. Devero made motion to appoint Lydale Yazzie as Student Senate Historian. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laramie. All in favor. Motion passed.

Kathy Johnson asked if Lydale accepts the office position. Lydale accepts. Group welcomes their new member.

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Laramie brought up the giving back project that Student Senate hopes to establish. Nicole stated that we could team up with Anita Charging for the open your heart project. Kathy Johnson asked who will all be here over Thanksgiving break? Group all stated they're here on campus. Kathy then stated that there is usually a Thanksgiving potluck followed by bingo.

Devero left the meeting.

Janna Lynn asked if we could do the drive and bingo for Thanksgiving and the food drive? Nicole said yes probably. Kathy said we need more students and representatives involved. Nicole stated that we made plans to visit classes and recruit. Sherry Toman said that there are no representatives for Gen. Ed and that she will try to recruit someone. Motion made by Wendy to table potluck and bingo until next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nicole. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dora from Hungary joined the meeting.

Wendy takes floor. She stated that she had a proposal made up for a year to initiate a Student Cultural and educational group. She proposed that they could do beadwork, start a dance troupe, go to powwows, or just get together and learn about Native culture. Laramie asked what do you need from SS? Wendy said that she wants her group to be officially recognized as a student group. Rhonda asked if the elementary school students could learn from this group about culture. Wendy said yes. Motion made by Nicole to recognize the Student Cultural and Educational group as an official group. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Kathy stated that she should follow up with Russell and herself to get the plans in action.

Future events with Strengthening & Lifestyles Tammy said that every Sunday at 3 there will be story telling in the healing room. Laramie asked if they will be traditional stories. Yes. Their goal is to cover everyone's tribe and if they have a story to share they're welcome to attend. This will be held every Sunday throughout November and possibly December.

There will be a Healthness & Wellness Fair on Nov. 17 from 1-5 pm in the wellness center. There will be a webinar on the IVN at 1 pm at the Skills Center in room 113.

The November events calendar will be out that day. Any plans for Thanksgiving please notify her as well.

Open floor-

Jaylene Pretends Eagle notified that there has many problems with students regarding the Student Accts. Department as far as financial aid and accounts. The school education board made a proposal to raise the credits from the 4 yr. program from 98 per credit to 200. The planning wasn't accurate for students to make preparations for their schedules. She goes on to state that students need notification prior to adjustments made. Kathy Johnson goes on to state that Financial Aid has been requested to inform students of the new credit amounts via Professional Development. Any questions will be addressed at Professional Development.

Jaylene went on to state that the parking for the Education Bldg. isn't adequate. She brought this matter up before to Admin. They suggested to walk or ride bikes to class which isn't feasible for all students. She suggested that it would work for All Nations Circle to become a one-way street. Kathy stated that this is a positive idea and that Student Senate should draft a memo to Dr. Gipp and Dr. Swagger and also Kurt Maynard about the parking issue and solution.

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Another idea brought up by Kathy was that we could have a closed suggestion box during Professional Development for ideas, questions, concerns from students/staff.

Motion Made by Laramie to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy. All in favor. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Montclair, Student Senate Secretary

Approved/Disapproved

Devero Yellow Earring, Student Senate President