

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
UTTC Student Senate
November 7th, 2011 UTTC Cafeteria Conference Room
Regular Meeting

Student Senate Members-

Devero Yellow Earring, Laramie Plainfeather, Nicole Montclair, Elizabeth Hattaway, Wendy St. Cyr

Quorum present: Yes

Others present-

Jen Janecek Hartman, Joni Martinmaas, Jason Breiner, Jeff Mosor, Wanda Agnew, Tom Spain, Sherry House, Kathleen Thurman, Janna Soberg, Memoree Skinner, Antonio Motis, Trista Phelan, Tim Hattaway, Grace BullTail, Rebekah Olson, Jay Wheeler, Mark Mindt, Rhonda Breuer, Tamera Marshall, Kathy Johnson

Proceedings:

Meal Prayer

12:16 Meeting called to order by SS President, Devero Yellow Earring

Approval of last meeting minutes. Approved. Motion to approve made by Laramie 2nd by Wendy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Introductions.

President addresses representatives and advisors: The reason for this meeting is so that this year Student Senate makes a difference. As a group this is our 1st time in student senate. We need help from advisors and reps to make the student body aware of our goals. We also need students to represent each aspect of our college. We want to make everyone's voice heard on campus. My main goal as president is to get everyone involved. I'm asking each advisor to inform your vocations that we need people to step up and we also need recommendations for those who you think would make good representatives, or of someone who shows commitment. We need your input as advisors to help get SS established. And we would also like to use this as a great opportunity to get staff/faculty involved and be a part of all activities. Do you have any input for student reps?

Wanda Agnew, First of all I'd like to commend you for inviting us. I appreciate being here and being invited by such delightful faces. I know it's not easy being a leader and it may get tiring so I'd like to encourage you to continue. What is a good way to communicate with you? When do you meet?

Nicole, we have a six week schedule of meeting every week in place. After that we will meet bi-weekly. We want to get established. Memoree asked if this will go hand in hand with that schedule already set in motion. Nicole, yes.

Jen Janecek stated that they would like more lead time for meetings because our schedules are not always in sync with the representatives. So if we could set meetings ahead at least a month prior it would be more professional. Kathy Johnson said that sometimes the students don't know about an event until days before, so they're not able to give much lead time. Kathy Johnson, let's start a list for advisors and representatives, if you have one for your vocation, with your contact information. Wendy asked if we should just appoint people or let them vote their own representatives in. Nicole stated, she thinks yes but first talk to advisors. Kathy said we need representatives from each vocation to strengthen SS and student body over all, so when students have issues they can go through student

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senate up to the top. Wanda Agnew asked so your ultimate goal strengthening the student body? Kathy, Correct.

Wanda goes on does SS have a strategic plan or a calendar outline that you all will follow? Devero stated yes, we will cover our plan in our professional development day; we have our own break out group. Wanda goes on, we could use that calendar in our planning and say this is what goes on traditionally the upcoming month that there will also be some non-planned things, I wonder. Devero stated that his plan is to get everyone involved here at UTTC or either in the city of Bismarck or in any type of thing. Nicole added, we talked about Young Professionals and getting a chapter out here. Devero said he wanted to get the reps established as well and so we can have more help as well rather than just the elected officers. Kathy added, our professional development day is on building leadership and cultivating leaders from campus from each vocation. We can get students to come out of their boxes. Devero asked if it's ok for student senate to appoint representatives or should we hold elections? Jay Wheeler said they already have theirs. Memoree Skinner said that it should be ok'ed with advisors before you choose. Nicole added that we are just looking for recommendations so that we can approach these people that they think would make good candidates. Jay Wheeler commends the group for communicating with vocations it's good to see who's interested. When he's communicating with his students he mentions that it's not a big commitment and encourages them to see what you're doing and if they like what you're doing then they can partner up with SS and let their advisors know they're interested and you'll have a person right there for a rep.

Kathy added, our student senate travelled to a conference last week, and Mark one of our advisors took them. I think what we would like from the advisors is suggestions on how you as instructors would like to see that process. Because we know there will be different opportunities for these students and others to travel, with the President to conferences and other leadership opportunities. I want them to be supported when they do attend these things. Coming from your point of view what will help so they're supported when they're gone and they're absent for a couple of days, because they know their grades come first. What would you like to see as a notice? Tom Spain commented, just more than a couple of days' notice that they're leaving. Kathy added, in the defense of the students that sometimes it does happen that the president will call either Mark or I or Rhonda and say "I need students to be in Denver on Friday, get the reservations done today." Then we notify them. I understand that lead time is important. So note that guys. What else? Jay Wheeler answers, I think that lead time is important but from the instructor's stand point, make up work should be done with I a day and they'll be fine. Any longer than that it usually snowballs and is hard to catch up.

Wanda Agnew mentions, one thing she would like to encourage is that there be a policy or system be put in place that when you're selected to go on these trips then it should be part of the process to go through the advisor and let them know their expected time gone so we can give them their homework before. Also a part of being professionals is doing that face to face meeting.

Devero added that this is why he wants to establish the groups based on success, you know the students, maybe if they need help, the vocational group or club can meet and have study sessions so they know what needs to be done. Or even with student senate we can all meet and get back on track. Kathy Thurman said that it would be a good idea for those that do travel to bring back what they learn and share with the student body or even with the class. Because a lot of the time, since these students do travel and miss school that sometimes the others hold it against them. So you could let them know the benefits for why they're gone.

Rebekah Olson added, also these notes from your minutes, if you could send those out.

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Nicole added, we made a motion to have our own corner in the newsletter and we also have plans to archive them on the internet.

Jen Janecek stated that maybe you could use LMS because not everyone has access to the newsletter, but everyone has a JICS account. Or maybe even utilize the UTTC Facebook.

Jay Wheeler added it would be wise to just focus on students that show interest. Jen agreed.

Devero brought the final order of business to the floor. Which was open floor. He asked if any of the advisors have any suggestions on how to get the students involved.

Antonio Motis brought forth a concern that since 10/27 the JBC computer lab has been closed on weekends. Not everyone has a computer and he heard that 1000 dollars was spent on coffee makers for the dorms when most students don't drink coffee. Touch Stone lodge has out of date computers and he thinks it's not wise to not spend money on students. Mark asked, do you have a solution? Tony answered that he doesn't know he just wanted to bring it up. Nicole added that this matter was brought up before. We'll think of a solution. Devero added, Thank you.

Jen Janecek brought up an empty stockings with the American Legion as a fundraiser. Helping fill boxes for the food drive.

Kathy added are there any other concerns? Rebekah added that some students aren't allowed to print certain documents for different classes. Mark stated that it's been clarified and they can now print.

Wendy made motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Laramie. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:55

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Montclair, Student Senate Secretary

Approved/Disapproved

Devero YellowEarring, Student Senate President