

SGA Minutes 2 Oct 2017

7:32pm-8:59pm

Roll Call

Added Secretary Kalley Wilkie to Roll Call

Approval of agenda: added YU PB 0917-01 Reaffirm mission of Yellowjacket Union Board Policy, YU PB 0917-02 Changes to Yellowjacket Union Policy, and SIC 1017-01 Recognition of Student Organizations

Approval of old minutes

Move to open student forum

Presidents Report

- Julia- international student from Brazil YU food drive looking for volunteers, those interested to send an email
- Gary Johnson from First Nations may want to petition to change Columbus day to indigenous day- audience member claims official email will be sent out regarding information about this should attend the forum at 11am Oct. 12th Earlanbach
- Cable issue
 - Now some channels on campus
- Event last Saturday: mind reading event- 85 people, 51 students in attendance

VP Damberg Report

- Superior Days are coming up
 - 5-8pm @ WITC Oct. 25th- Superior Days information issues meeting, community will identify issues and lobby legislature- wants to see some University representation

Speaker Niemi Report

- Jazz band playing this week at the YU, support local musicians

Jerald, Diversity and Inclusion on Campus

- Talked about plan to engage diversity and inclusion on campus
- Open forums starting next week: Oct. 12th 10am-11am, Oct. 18th 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Department of Equity and Inclusion
- Passed out copies of the plans
- New mission statement
- Institution's definition of diversity
- Strategies:
 - Communication- emphasize UW-Superior's campus commitment: publication of the plan through marketing department, embrace Native American culture, improve hate/bias and discrimination incidents by getting a reporting tool anonymously
 - Assessment Implementation, measure growth through: campus climate survey, campus pride index (score based upon performance)- will use the score for future use, Improve Workforce Diversity through affirmative action plan- look at work force diversity focusing on women and different ethnic groups, implement program of Inclusive Excellence
 - Inventories in order to communicate
 - Diversity and Inclusion committee will continue to work on plan
 - Look at equity gaps, recruitment practices, look at retention rates

- Engagement in Education: wants to reach the entire student population, want to ensure students are informed to have knowledge and ability to work with others with different backgrounds, how to work with other organizations in the Twin Ports area
- Methodology: talked with government groups, diversity networks, institutional data, previous campus data
- Open to suggestions and new ideas
- Next step is to finalize the plan in the next few weeks, following will determine which actions to take next

Dean Harry Anderson Report

- Student budgets finalized
- Tuition is frozen
- Veto: campuses cannot define own metrics, board of regions will
- Next: recommendation from the board will determine
- Enrollment: 1-2nd year retention rate up 4%
- Access institution- many students
- Actual enrollment up 3%, credited to grad school enrollment
- Enrollment up 346, record year last year while averaging 350 over last 5 years
- International student enrollment now 10% of total student enrollment on campus
- Goal: on campus interviews this fall semester for on campus Provost
- YU food pantry- to be put in Swenson
- Less funding to organizations who have the ability to fundraise

New Business

Office Hours

President Walfridsson

- Office hours
- Walk-in basis versus set hours
- Good atmosphere, can do homework while there
- Encourages all to take action

Senator Ross, Senator Morgan, and Speaker Niemi

- Senator Ross and Senator Morgan: would like to see more participation in office hours, preferably 2 people present at once, be more productive
- Senator Morgan: communication and more interaction, actually do something during office hours
- Speaker Niemi: wants to get poster of office hours: encourages all members to communicate their office hours (when/where)

Senator Nguyen

- Office hours- confirmed to be in Earlanston

VP Damberg suggests to do other legislations before continuing new business: confirmed

Legislation

Motion to consider YU PB 0917-01 Reaffirm mission of Yellowjacket Union Board Policy

Motion

PASS

- 11-0-0

Motion to consider YU PB 0917-02 Changes to Yellowjacket Union Policy

PASS

- 11-0-0

SJC 1017-01 Recognition of Student Organizations- remove BBQ Club (not everything turned in on time)

PASS

- 11-0-0

SJC 1017-01 Recognition of Student Organizations

PASS

- 11-0-0

Back to New Business

Dean's List for non-traditional/part-time students

President Walfridsson

- Student emailed inquiring this subject

VP Damberg

- Claims no other school has this
- Has been brought up before
- Would have to get passed by Faculty Senate and the university would need to go to Provost Council and Chancellor's Council and possibly the Board of Regions

Senator Ross and SUFAC Chair Knusdon

- Believe this would be easier for students and do not agree

Senator An

- Is unsure, refers to last year that no conclusion was made

Senator Morgan

- Believes this may be too advanced or complicated

Motion to vote for discussing later on (non-traditional/part-time students)

PASS

- Later on: 10-1-0

Filling Our Senator Seats

VP Damberg

- Fall election process

Speaker Niemi

- Will have election packets ready to go
- After elections in the fall, can appoint senators
- Needs full attendance for quorum

Senator Ross

- Man interested in being a senator

President Walfridsson

- Not sure the process will be enough to fill all of the spots

Senator Gigliotti

- Believes there was not enough advertising regarding meetings, they are unaware but may be interested in coming
- Often times, nobody in the SGA office

PR Olivia

- Will begin working on posters

- Thinks we will be able to fill the seats
- Needs to do tabling
- Will be working on Facebook page, not a lot of students follow the Facebook page

VP Damberg

- We do have Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat
- Will provide passwords and get to Olivia

SGA T-shirts

President Walfridsson

- Needs to know costs of ordering t-shirts

PR Olivia

- Does not think we should spend money on t-shirts, believes it does not do well advertising

Senator Gigliotti

- Costs with t-shirts, averages \$9 per t-shirt

VP Damberg

- Agrees with Olivia
- Believes doing jobs correctly will help spread the word about SGA

Speaker Niemi

- Agrees

Senator Olson

- Get things going if people are interested

Discussion about Removing Senator Seats

Senator Button

- Elections should be able to fill the seats
- Does not believe it is relevant

Senator Olson

- Possibility of moving seats

Senator An

- Wait for fall elections

Speaker Gigliotti

- Wait until after fall elections
- Looks poor, could be cutting out voices

PR Olivia

- Thinks we can get them filled
- Cutting for the future may be bad
- More student involvement is good

Senator Olson

- Duluth City Council

SUFAC Chair Knudson

- Wait

VP Damberg

- Wait also, would end up limiting diversity on the council

Motion to table Discussion about Removing Senator Seats until after the election

PASS

- 11-0-0

Old Business

Lunch with the Chancellor

VP Damberg

- Student Affairs meeting discussed: wants to propose sign-up list for senators for slot once every 2 weeks to sign up to sit in one of the positions
- +1 date with the Chancellor
- Help facilitate the discussion with themselves, the student, and the Chancellor
- Not there to push agenda but rather to interact with the Chancellor

Senator Olson

- Posters: those interested to speak with senators or SGA office to get information

President Walfridsson

- Great opportunity
- Put somebody in charge of the list: VP Damberg

Motion to have VP Damberg in charge of the list

PASS

- 11-0-0

Start Having a YU Hour

President Walfridsson

- Having a YU hour every other week for office hours

VP Damberg

- Floating hour set up board either in SGA office, lunch period table
- Answer any questions students may have
- May be taking away time from other students with tables

Senator Olson

- Need somebody to be in charge

Motion to move to next week

PASS

- 11-0-0