

Minutes 10/25/2018

President's Report:

Drew mentioned the LeadMN conference that occurred last weekend. The main goal that was discussed was food insecurity. We are thankful that our faculty and administration is so involved with student government.

Treasurer's Report:

Meghan mentioned the nonpartisan candidate meet and greet scheduled for 10/29 from 11-1pm. Over 10 candidates have accepted the invite. Food will be offered. Media coverage is expected. She also reported the progress of the finance committee. It approved a Geology Club \$1,149 Bell Museum and Planetarium field trip request. The committee also approved the \$84,000 carpet renovation request for the cafeteria, CC fourth floor and Heintz Center Commons. The motion passed 3-2, with Drew, Meghan, and Kevin for it and Prakash, Karla against. An E-vote is scheduled for the geology guest speaker request. It is scheduled for Friday at 3pm.

Renovation Discussion:

Drew addressed the carpet style choices. He asked for questions. Brad asked about what colors would work for Heintz. Karla mentioned that students should have a say in the colors/styles. Drew said that students should contact him or Laura with any questions. There may be initiatives to get more student input in the future. Brad mentioned that Nate Stoltman talked with him about colors. No pink or nonneutral colors. Laura mentioned that it would be wise to not repeatedly bring up the renovations at every meeting.

Making committee appointments a paid position:

Prakash stated that students who are willing to participate fully in student senate committees should be compensated for that work, like student senators. It would encourage participation. Savannah said that students should participate on their own and do it because they want to be involved in student government, not just for money. Karla mentioned that it would be hard to track hours and participation for pay. Drew and Meghan brought up the concept of \$12/hour. The measure was turned down 5-3.

Student Parent Club Constitution Approval:

This club addresses the need for child care options, providing a way for students to provide care for their children and find resources for parents on campus. There would be space designated for childcare on campus. Constitution approved unanimously.

College Show on Local Television:

Kevin brought up how Nate Stoltman and others want to showcase activities on television. Activities, news, and campus goals would be discussed on air. Other possibilities are being discussed.

Backpack Food Initiative:

Prakash brought up how the plan was for student government to provide funding for the backpack food initiative that faculty have been pushing for students. This involved giving backpacks filled with food to students in need (in the learning center). Drew stated that this would not be in line with rules because

the food would have to be provided to everyone and advertised to the entire campus. The peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that were supported would also not be provided because staff and others have expressed concerns about peanut allergies. Brad concurred. Carroll mentioned that this food could be provided in the cafeteria. Laura will investigate this.

Adjournment:

2:45pm.