NMT SGA Meeting Minutes Tuesday November 5th, 2019

I.                    Call to Order (8:00)

II.                  Approve Agenda (second)

III.               Approve Minutes (second)

IV.                Student Concerns/Announcements

-Food Advisory club would like suggestions for the upcoming Midnight breakfast theme and the deadline will be the middle of next week so they can set up.

-President, Vice President, and Supreme Court should apologize for their lack of professionalism during the past SGA meeting.

-SGA should stay away from personal attacks in the future and be better at communicating with each other.

-Meeting Minutes will be structured with differently and be more summarized

Ms. Lyons: The OSL will be moving to Skeen library to give more room for the OSL to better help the students and the tutors. The Dec 11th Extravaganza will be in Spear still. OSL will be moving to Skeen after finals and the Materials department will move in temporarily to Spear due to the Jones Hall renovations.

V.                  Reports

a.   Dean of Students

University is doing space a study assessment and anyone who would like to become a part of that committee is welcome to help. More students should become a part of committees such as, facility reservations, and protecting speech based on the law to have things done in a civil manner, student handbook and code of conduct which includes academic and nonacademic. If you are interested, please let Dr. Phaiah know. Any student whether they are a part of SGA or not are more than welcome. Best way to contact is through email and in person in Brown 20B.

b.   President

No Report

c.        Vice President

Two more SGA meetings before finals and I am proud of the senate and all the work that has been done.

d.   Supreme Court

Apology to President Sherman for actions at the last senate meeting. Elections were supposed to be this week but will be rescheduling to the week of the 27th due to three weeks’ notice on an election.

-Dr.Phaiah asked if it would be better to have elections before or after thanksgiving

-Senate should send recommended dates to Supreme Court ASAP

e.        Student Regent

Board of regents meeting on November 22nd from 1-5pm in the Fidel Ballroom and office hours will be held Tuesday and Thursday in Brown Hall basement from 12:30-1:30pm.

f.        SAB

Talking with Chartwells on midnight breakfast and trying to have that figured out along with the theme.

g.        SATD

Working on a lot and trying to get the SAC to be available for students. The Radio is up and is playing music with multiple of genres. Hopefully there will be no dead air and have constant music playing soon. A major event that will be happening is getting more training for the technicians because there is a lack in some skills and we want to make sure all our technicians are well rounded for a good foundation. During finals week or dead week there will be a streaming of Avatar the Last Airbender over three days and this will be made as a study session or an area to give students a break from being stressed out.

h.   Paydirt

New issue coming out and last week we had more people getting pick up the issue so that’s a plus. More science and research articles so there will be a lot of information. The pole that was sent out gave feedback on having the article be more informational. Three people will get picked to win cards against humanity.

i.         CFO

Operating as normal as far as paperwork and there are a few new event grants coming in as well.

VI.                Committees

a.   Financial

Working on recommendation for clubs

b.   Club Advisory

Cyber security told about their situation and we recommend to grant SWE and Cybersecurity club status with probation continuing to next semester.

c.        PR

Emergency meeting due to large amount of concerns/complaints. On 11/11 there will be an SGA outreach 10am -2pm in Fidel main lobby to help SGA image because there is a lack of communication with the student body.

d.   Legislative

Met this past week to review the constitution and made recommendations that the Vice President should send out reminders and if club packet is turned in 10 days after the due date then they may have to be on a type of probation.

Recess (8:47)

VII.             Business

a.   IMECE Bill

Not Present

-Tabled to move to next meeting

b.   CFO Recommendation

The Finance Office is recommending to the VP’s Office and Club Advisory Committee the following for the four clubs, Tri-Beta, SWE, SSAR, and Cybersecurity that were granted late status this semester: Financial Probation for Spring 2020 semester, barred access from any forms of new funding from the SGA this semester. This means that no Senate Bills, Event Grants, Community Grants, or Research Grant Requests can be submitted by these clubs this semester. This serves to reprimand late submissions of Club Packets while also allowing these clubs access to their current finances.

* Recommendation Approved and clubs will be informed ASAP

c.        Martinez-Claros Memo

The conduction of the rebuttal process was not well. The way the rebuttal was handed came from an intention to prove a point but was careless on the grievances on the public and everyone is entitled to due process but there is no procedure to handle an appeal as such. There was a lot of lack of due process.

-Motion to dismiss memo (Approved)

- Justice Aliser commented on the memo after it was dismissed

VIII.           Discussion

-There should be more communication between the President, VP, CFO and Supreme Court

-Decision was that the three clubs be reinstated

-Going forward everyone needs to be less emotional and have more communications

-SGA could issue a statement about that last two weeks as an official apology

President Sherman: What happened with Tri-beta?

AFO Fischer: Tri beta did not give a heads up on their packet being late and did not shown up to the club advisory committee meeting

* Motion to add tri-beta and address this issue with prejudice to CFO recommendation and include in outline

-Motion approved

IX.                Adjourn Meeting (9:30)