

10-24-2024 Senate Meeting Summary

Senate Attendees: Shantell, Gabriel, Houre, April, Iman, Samten, Amira, Monte (Advisor)

Absent: Kwadwo, Chidera

Club/Org Leaders: Lynette (Psychology Club), Josie (GrooveVerse), Matthew & Dylan (Anime & Game Club), Heather & Denisha (Paralegal Student Association), Timothy (PTK), Shay & Qwendell (BSU), Sylvia (Art Club)

Executive Team: Dawn Belko (VP of Finance & Operations)

Food Vendor Options/Update

- Dawn Belko shared updates on a potential food vendor. Discussions have occurred and the vendor would utilize the cafeteria in the Campus Center, offering a variety of menu items and rotating them quite frequently. Feedback on keeping prices low and including taxes was shared in addition to accommodating dietary needs/restrictions.

Approval of New Clubs/Orgs:

- GrooveVerse presented their mission and vision to Student Senate as new dance-focused club/org, creating a dynamic and inclusive space for students of all backgrounds to express themselves through dance, inspiring growth, confidence, and promoting well-being. The club aims to partner with other clubs on campus for dance and Zumba-type parties.
 - GrooveVerse was approved to become a new club/org by a vote of 9 Yes (in favor) to 1 No (against).

Mantra Health Resource: <https://mantrahealth.com/nhcc> ; this online app has easy-to-utilize mental health resources at Minnesota State institutions, offering 24/7 support line and crisis resources as well as personalized wellness activities on its app.

1. Networking and Collaboration Among Clubs (Potential for Club Olympics)

- Emphasis on fostering friendly competition among clubs rather than rivalry. Ideas for events that encourage clubs to collaborate were discussed.

- Suggestions included providing food and drinks as motivators for attendance, such as food trucks or receptions.

2. Event Ideas and Structure

- Consideration for organizing an event like the “NHCC Olympics” to bring clubs together in a fun, competitive way.
- Suggested activities include various athletic competitions and possibly themed spaces.
- It was noted that a one-day event would likely be more effective than a multi-day event to ensure better participation.

3. Feedback on Facilities

- Updates on restroom facilities: Hooks were added in the women’s restrooms in the science building after previous concerns. Most men’s restrooms were confirmed to have hooks as well, but some limitations were noted regarding larger items like backpacks.

4. Upcoming Events

- Updates from student organizations on planned activities:
- Paralegal Student Association: Recent successful movie night; upcoming study session on November 15th.
- PTK (Phi Theta Kappa): Honors in Action event on October 30th and volunteering opportunities at Second Harvest Heartland.
- Black Union: Trivia night and costume contest planned.
- Student Nurses Association: Discussions on nursing resumes and potential pet therapy on campus.

- Environmental Club: Recent cleanup efforts on campus and upcoming projects.

5. Election and Voting Information

- Discussion on early voting, polling places, and resources available to students for the upcoming election on November 5th.
- It was noted that tabling would occur on campus to assist students with voter registration and information.

7. General Announcements

- Updates about the Halloween decorating contest and Trick-or-Treat event scheduled for October 31st.
- Reminder to stay engaged through the mobile app for event details and voting.