

## Minutes for AMSUN Student Senate Regular Meeting December 1, 2008

Kristiny Lorette called the Meeting to Order at 5:15.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken by sign in log.

### 4. Reading of the Minutes

- \*Adoption of the Minutes

### 5. Old Business

#### A) Four Day School Day: Need Questions:

- \*Questions were passed in

#### B) Building Representatives:

- \*Senators not present last week need to select a building.

- \*Christi spoke to Carol Reifchnider about the use of safety equipment in the labs and she was informed that the students were instructed on the location of all the safety equipment but were not required to wear them.

- \*One of the physics professors left the class halfway through the year and was replaced by a retired professor who then suffered health problems and has not been in class for weeks.

- \*This is a disturbing issue to students who are paying for the class but are not learning anything.

- \*Christi will talk to Joe Callahan about this issue and get it resolved.

- \*Dr. Rounquest's testing methods need to be evaluated due to most of his students failing them constantly.

- \*Christi is worried about people getting defensive about the issue.

- \*Kristiny will ask the Chancellor what the correct procedure is for evaluating a teacher.

- \*Right now the sciences are losing students to distance learning because students don't want to take classes that are too hard for and introductory class.

#### C) Director of Sustainability:

- \*Letter of proposal will be ready tomorrow and all the senators need to sign.

D) Imagine Northern Reports: Please submit your findings in the binder:

\*Reports need to be typed up before the end of the semester.

## 6. New Business

A) Presentation: Margaret Meggs:

\*RESPONSE grant has been discontinued, and RESPONSE will be done in January.

\*Their plan of sustainability for the grant involved a few things one of the things that happened was they trained people for the RESPONSE program and spread information about the program. One thing that didn't happen was bringing people into the program.

\*The campus currently doesn't have a counselor who serves all the students. There is currently a counselor in Student Support Services but unless it is an emergency he only services students belonging to SSS.

\*Student Health Services has received a general decrease of funds.

\*Sue Swan retires at the end of the year and many of the health programs will suffer the loss.

\*After RESPONSE disbands students who have trouble can see Bill Lanier, Sue Swan, or just report to any community programs available.

\*A couple options are to hire Margaret Meggs halftime, house her on campus, or to use her as a contract counselor who only takes matters case by case.

\*Denise asked if the senate would be willing to fund someone to be a counselor.

\*Not sure if Northern has the volume of students to hire an on campus counselor, a contracted counselor may be a better idea.

\*Students need a counseling service that they feel comfortable going to.

B) Tree Lighting in Cowan Hall @ 4:30 Thursday:

\*Free food.

## 7. Officers Reports

A) Business Manager

B) President:

\*Kristiny talked to the Chancellor about the conflict of interest in having the football coach also being the Athletic Director.

\*Also concerns about the food services were brought up.

\*The Chancellor really liked the idea of having a Director of Sustainability and also thought Spike would be a good candidate.

\*In their meeting they also talked about where the students fees were going and about getting rid of the yearbook.

\*Advising issues were also brought to the Chancellors attention.

\*As of now there is no mandatory training for faculty and staff to become advisors. This makes it really difficult on the students.

\*Right now there is a problem with professional development among the faculty and this issue needs to be addressed.

#### C) Vice President

i) IOC Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

### 8. Committee Reports

#### A) Program

i) Talent Show Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

\*Kristiny, Darlene, and Denise volunteered to be judges for the talent show.

#### B) Media

i) Yearbook

ii) Newspaper

iii) Radio

#### C) Recreation

### 9. Special Orders

### 10. Adjournment

\*James moved to adjourn

\*Trevor seconded the adjournment.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.