



Minutes: October 7, 2022

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present: President Tolman, Vice President Shutty, Senator Smith, Senator McNowelly, Senator Cruz, Senator Thornton, Advisor Sorenson, Advisor Fiedler, Advisor Boughton
 - b. Absent: Senator Burrell
- III. Guests
 - a. President Dr. Schaffer – updates on student activity fee funding for RAC.
 - i. President Schaffer started with asking the students to tell a little about themselves and shared biographical information about himself.
 - ii. He would like to plant a seed about student fees.
 1. He explained mandatory fees/purpose/department.
 2. Student Fees are for student activities.
 - a. Wellness Fees, Intermural Sports Fees, Health Education, PE Wellness Fee, Laramie ACC Fees.
 - b. Facilities Fees for both campuses. (Cheyenne and Laramie)
 - c. Athletic Fee, Technology Infrastructure Fee, Student Technology Fee
 - iii. President Schaffer would like to see lower fund balances.
 1. There is a need for and students want a RAC.
 2. High fund balances can have implications that we are charging unnecessary fees.
 - iv. He worries about the fund balance growing too much and gave the following comments for Student Government to consider:
 1. Why charge the students if it isn't going to be used by the students paying the fee.
 2. He would like to see the fee structure modified.
 3. Most of the fee funds go to student Clubs.
 - a. How would you reach a wider swath of the student body?
 - b. Give serious thought to the student fees and how to restructure.
 - b. President Tolman asked for clarification of the fund balance used for the RAC.
 - c. Senator McNowelly asked if the 800,000 has already been pulled for the RAC. Yes

- d. President Schaffer recommends 10% in savings and spend the rest or adjust the rest of student fees.
- e. President Schaffer recommends that SGA talk to Dr. Miller and Budget Director Ziegler about better allocating and understanding SGA funds and student fees.
- f. President Schaffer would like to apologize to the students. This year he did not put out a memo concerning the Student Open Forum.
 - i. He knows there are questions about the Education Program. Please invite VPAA, Dean of A&H/M&S, and Program Director of HPS to the next meeting for an update on the issue that came up at the last open forum.
 - 1. Vice President Shutty gave positive feedback concerning action on other issues discussed from the open forum, but acknowledged many students are still wondering if anything was done with the education program.

IV. Public Input

- a. President Tolman explained that this is the time the public can speak about issues.
- b. This is also the time a senator can let the SGA know a student has spoken to them about a concern.

V. New Business

- a. Parli Pro Training – Advisor Sorenson provided training and an overview on parliamentary procedure
- b. Officer Nominations- Advisor Sorenson encouraged Senators to become familiar with these positions as nominations will take place at the following meeting for the positions below:
 - i. Secretary – Advisor Sorenson described the role per the constitution
 - ii. Treasurer – President Tolman described the role per the constitution
- c. Committee Reports (Discussion of standing reports on agenda and how these will be included in future meetings)
 - i. College Council
 - 1. President Tolman recommends that students join College Council. It is a fun council to be on and they want student input.
 - 2. Advisor Sorenson says that College Council is the committee where student concerns are heard so the SGA member will be expected to bring concerns from students.
 - 3. Advisor Sorenson – make sure you check and respond to emails at least once per day as that is how committees communicate.
 - ii. ITGC Committee
 - 1. Senator Smith assigned
 - iii. Food/Advisory Committee
 - 1. Advisor Sorenson will attend until a student can be appointed
 - iv. DEI Advisory Board
 - 1. Senator McNowelly and Senator Thornton assigned
 - v. College Council
 - 1. Senator Cruz Assigned
 - 2. Vice President Shutty Assigned

3. Third student not assigned because no other students have meeting times of college council available. All are in class.

- VI. Vice President Shutty makes a motion to extend the meeting for 5 minutes.
 - a. Senator Thornton and Senator Smith seconded the motion.
 - b. Passed unanimously
 - c. SGA members signed up for desk hours in the extended period of time.
- VII. Senator Thornton makes a motion to adjourn, Senator McNowelly seconds, passed unanimously.
- VIII. Adjourn