University of Iowa Student Government

STUDENT SENATE SESSION

April 30th, 2019

A.) Call to Order (7:00)
B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call
   → Quorum Met
C.) Public Access (40 minutes)

✓ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Presentation - Dr. Melissa Shivers
   - Dr. Melissa Shivers presented the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Presentation
     ▪ Senator Rodrigueuz asked what the plan is after the next two years. Dr. Shivers explained that the plan that is being presented is a foundational goal and in the next two years is when we are going to build a plan in order to train all students, faculty, and staff on diversity and bias. This plan also plays into when the university strategic plan expires, and we don’t want to get ahead of ourselves.
     ▪ Senator Douangkeo asked if we foresee any obstacles and roadblocks from leaders especially from the state. Dr. Shivers explained that they conducted a media discussion and they sat down with the media and explained the plan to them and haven’t received any backlash. But she does expect there to be challenges in the future as the plan is being implemented.
     ▪ Senator Kanssai asked how we can be more transparent especially with admissions. Dr. Shivers said that on the website you will be able to see the full report and people’s stories at the university of Iowa. Once people look at that presentation they can come to the university and ask us questions.

✓ Operational Budget Presentation - Adam Burghduff
   - Deputy Director Burghduff presented the new operational budget
Senator Smith asked what data was used to determine how many people were here at the IMU past midnight. Burghduff answered that the data was collected by staff members and card swipes. Senator Smith asked if it was going to affect students at all. Burghduff said that it shouldn’t affect students.

Senator Kanssai asked that if it is going to affect late night programming, the floor was yielded to President Mills and she said that it wasn’t going to affect any late-night programming.

Senator Smith asked if the library was actually going to be open because he’s been kicked out in the past. Senator Rodriguez explained library hours and where 24/7 areas are.

Some other stuff about hours happened. Weekends are open until 1am in the learning commons.

Senator Kepner asked what the timeline is. President Mills said that they should have it by July 1 and the feedback should start in the summer.

Senator Qi asked if there is going to be a time where feedback could happen before the draft. Speaker Wick said that there is going to be feedback before the draft, so we know what people are passionate about.

Senator ____ asked that if the ideas on the platform are going to be concrete and top priority. Speaker Wick said that the platform is going to be a baseline and what our priority is going to be. Speaker Lenz said that the platform is also going to help in unifying.

D.) Announcements

- President Mills explained presidential charter committees and told everyone to consider applying
- VP Henry announced that the exec committee applications are still open
- President Mills, announced transition day at the IMU from 9-1
- VP Henry announced the one-on-ones they have
- City Liaison Wu announced the
  - Senator ____ asked if we can fill it out if they live on campus
  - City Liaison Wu said sure
- Kyle said that we need to keep giving feedback on Sharepoint
- Connor announced that the legislature has ended and there should be a small increase in tuition and medical amnesty has been put on hold.
– Anthony and Lucas announced the UISG textbook donation drive is coming up soon.

E.) Old Business
– None

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F.) New Business
– Senator __ proposed an amendment to the agenda to have the swearing of the senator be moved after S.S.B. #4
  ▪ Seconded by Senator Rodriguez and ayes have it

✓ S.S.B. #3 - Operational Budget
– Senator Hamstreet presented S.S.B. #3
  ▪ Period of Questioning
    o Senator Meyer asked if the lowering of overall salaries for comms team was in the original legislature. Yielded to President Mills, explained that it was not in the original legislature because it wasn’t fair to have so much money be directed to salaries.
    o Senator Smith asked a question
    o Senator Qi asked that if the vacancies in the exec board are going to still be paid the full amount, Senator Hamstreet said that their salaries will be adjusted.
    o Senator Smith asked if we are going to pass it today with the vacancies. Senator Hamstreet answered, yes.
    o Senator Correa asked for an explanation of including women’s summit, POWWOW, etc. Senator Hamstreet explained it
    o Senator Smith asked another question and it was answered
  ▪ Move to a Period of Discussion
    o Senator Qi called previous question
      → Seconded by many, ayes have it
  ▪ Move to period of voting
    o Aye 29
    o Nay 0

✓ S.S.B. #4 - Student-Athlete Liaison Confirmation
– Senator Correa Introduced S.S.B. #4
  ▪ Period of Questioning
    o None
  ▪ Period of Discussion
    o Senator Rodriguez called previous question
      → Seconded by many
  ▪ Period of Voting
✓ Swearing in of Student-Athlete Liaison
  – Senator Muller was sworn in as Student Athlete Liaison
✓ Senator Code of Conduct
  – Senator Correa presented S.S.B. # 5 (reading only)
    ▪ Period of Questioning
      o Senator Caleb asked who is going to determine who is going to determine what absences are unexcused. Speaker Lenz explained that the speaker, secretary, and speaker protempe are going to determine it. Mental health, disabilities, etc. have been added
✓ Dress Code Policy
  – Senator Lenz presented the dress code.
    ▪ Period of Questioning
      o Senator ___ asked if jeans were okay. Speaker Lenz, said that jeans were okay if they didn’t have holes
      o Senator ___ asked if the unacceptable list was exhaustive. Speaker Lenz said yes, and it is expected senators didn’t wear what was on the list.
✓ Swearing in of Anthony and Senators

G.) Adjourn and Move to Committees (60 minutes)