University of Iowa Student Government

STUDENT SENATE SESSION

September 3rd, 2019

A.) Call to Order (7:00)

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access (50 minutes)

✓ Karen Grajczyk- Campus Recovery Program

- Presentation on the Colligate Recovery Program
  - ¼ of all students at Iowa met the criteria for a substance use disorder
  - .8% of universities had a recovery program in 2012.
  - 18.1% of students at UI have reported alcohol use 10 days out of a month.
  - 5.3 is the average amount of drinks at once for students at UI
  - Initiatives
    - Success not excess
    - Strength in numbers organization
    - SMART Recovery
    - Black and Gold remix tailgate
  - Location,
    - 2nd Floor IMU next to the clothing closet.
  - Goals
    - Having more than one support group on campus
    - Continue to grow in data
    - More leaders in recovery
    - Develop a campus recovery area

- Questions
  - Sen. Heid: We recently decided that the IMU is not going to be open 24hrs. Will that effect the access to the safe area?
- We don’t have any plans for that right now, but we are going to collect data on that
  - Senator: Are there any strategies in making sure that the Greek life knows about this?
    - We want each of the fraternities and sororities to have a poster in their houses.
  - Senator Doungkeo: How can UISG support?
    - Helping us spread the word of the program
  - Senator Roeden: What are you doing in connecting students to non-alcohol-based activities?
    - Once we get more student involvement, we want to know what they think we should do/
  - Senator Muller: Will the room also be open to students who are not in recovery?
    - We welcome people who are in support of recovery as well.
      - Would this room be open overnight?
      - No
  - Senator Rodriguez: How have you been measuring your success?
    - We don’t have a lot of students right now so we have been tracking participating and hoping that we can grow in that first.
  - Senator Barron: What have you been doing for students of color and retention?
    - Right now, we do see white students are a majority. In terms of data we will want to look at that to reach people of color.

✓ Roosevelt Institute

- Questions
  - President Mills: Thank you for your presentation and is very applicable. I think it is important to note that the new buildings that are being created is because they were destroyed in the flood of 2008. The Board of Regents list needs to be updated. Students do have a voice in voting. There is a current plan that focuses on paying off those bonds that we hold.
  - Senator Hagedorn: Are you going to publish this beyond student government?
    - We are currently in the process of creating a more formal document that we can share.

D.) Old Business
Parliamentarian Election

- Nominations
  - Senator Roeder: motion to nominate Senator Heid
  - Accepted by Senator Heid.

- Speeches
  - Senator Heid: I am running for parliamentarian this is my third year of UISG. I am fascinated by this position because this can be very beneficial for the speaker and speaker pro tempe. Perks of choosing me, I was the speaker pro tempe last year, so I do know a lot of the rules that apply during debate.

- Questions
  - Senator Rodriguez: I was wondering for how you are going to prepare for the position?
    - I think the biggest mistake was that I didn’t actually prepare a lot last year. I am going to take the time to read the books and prepare myself that I am in well-versed in parliamentarian procedure.
  - Senator C. Smith: Are you comfortable interrupting speakers on the floor?
    - Yes.
  - Senator Peterson: Is this going to affect the executive pay?
    - This isn’t a paid position, so it won’t
  - Senator Thompson: Would you be comfortable in changing some of the rules to make sure that we are not being elitist and make sure that people are comfortable speaking?
    - I want to make sure that I will examine current practices to see if we can structure things better. But also, I don’t want to take it so far that it creates a feeling of not being able to speak.
  - Senator Correa: How are you going to stay objective?
    - I ran as an independent and I was speaker last year, so I had to experience being objective. I want to do the best in my ability, and I want to be open to feedback with what is doing.

- Debate
  - Senator Roeder: Point of order, seeing that there is only one candidate, can we do a vocal vote?
    - Yes

- Voting
  - Ayes have it. Senator Heid is now the parliamentarian.
✓ S.S.R #1 - Bijou Equipment Request
  ▪ Questions
    o Senator Haggerty: For that rent amount, is there an estimate?
      ▪ Senator Hamstreet: Around $2,100 but they have not clarified that
        they actually have to pay that
    o Senator Correa: Can you repeat that?
      ▪ Senator Hamstreet: Currently in the ped mall location, technically
        that rent is around $1,300 but they don’t pay it.
    o Senator: Is the deferred maintenance fund going to happen no matter how
      we vote on this?
      ▪ Senator Hamstreet: If we said no now, it would not affect the de-
        ferred maintains fund.
    o Senator Peterson: can you explain to the senate to what this is for and the
      deferred maintenances fund is?
      ▪ Senator Hamstreet: The deferred maintenance fund is a pool of
        money that all orgs can request to replace broken equipment.
    o Senator Smith: When was the last time the committee raised the SAF?
      ▪ I’m not sure, it’s been a while.
    o Senator Haggerty: Is this the only conversation that the SAFC of being
      raised?
      ▪ President Mills: Hasn’t happened yet
    o Senator Qi: If the SAF isn’t increased, can we still vote on the DMF?
      ▪ Senator Hamstreet: Yes, but there needs to be new legislation.
        - Senator Qi: Could the SAFC still raise the SAF?
          ▪ Senator Hamstreet: Yes
    o Senator Peterson: Had the DMF been in good standing?
      ▪ Before this there has been no DMF
    o Senator Qi: The equipment eligible for DMF have to be originally pur-
      chased by UISG?
      ▪ President Mills: We have 2 FY to figure it out. But right now, we
        are thinking that it’s just equipment that UISG owns.
    o Senator Correa: If we have a DMF would we need less money in the allo-
      cation fund or contingency fund?
      ▪ Senator Hamstreet: Right now, student orgs are asking for more
        money but right now we can’t give that to them because of caps. I
        don’t see it being a problem. Yield to Adam.
Adam: Right now, with the DMF it would better because right now we are trying to account for that in the recommendations.

- Senator Harvey: There’s a cap on the DMF, is there going to be a cap of how much we can spend?
  - Right now, if it didn’t reach that cap, it would be fine. If it went above, we would put it back to SABAC Allocation
- Senator Meyer: Can we clarify how it would work because we had too much last year in the contingency fund?
  - Adam:
- Senator Miller: Is there any data from bijou for undergrad that actually attend?
  - Senator Around 18,000
- Senator Roeder: How is that data collected?
  - We have a special student line, so it’s recorded like that.
- Senator Correa: Is the number just total student tickets?
  - Yes.
- Senator Jakolska: Can you explain what would happen if we didn’t give their money?
  - They still would be able to operate but their equipment is going to have to be replaced soon and that is going to have to be coming to UISG eventually.
- Senator Correa: is the equipment we are funding for the new location?
  - Yes.
- Senator Jakolska: You said that the equipment is going to be replaced soon at the ped mall location?
  - Yes, and that is up to them to present legislation on that.
- Senator Qi: what is the exact number for how much the tickets are and what they will be?
  - $10.50 now and will be $8 for students if it passes.
- Senator Doungkeo: will Bijou still operate out of their ped mall location?
  - Maybe, but we are not sure, but it depends on filmscene.
- Senator Peterson: Clarify, that the Bijou film board is a student org and film scene is a non-profit and they have a partnership, right?
  - Yes.
- Senator Rodriguez: How much would it be to fund the new theater in the ped mall location?
  - Around $50,000
  - That would come out of the contingency fund theoretically.
- Senator: Right now, tickets are free?
- Yes
- We will charge if we are going to have to pay rent.
  - Senator Qi: When will the Chauncy building open?
    - Sept. 20th, 2019
  - Senator Muller: I’m questioning the estimate of how many students actually go to Bijou?
    - Right now, the estimates are from the last year and we are estimating from the actual number of students from last year and we raised that because of the hype around the new building.
  - Senator Correa: Is there data on how many students go to specifically Bijou and pay for filmscene?
    - It’s all of them together.
  - Senator Schnack: The amount of money the Bijou is asking from now, can we do it as a legislation change rather than a SAF fee increase?
    - Since it’s undergrad and grad, we want to do it with GPSG and we do need more money because of the new SSO system.
  - Senator Doungkeo: Has GPSG taken this up?
    - Got passed in the Fall but they will need to have us vote first before they draft anything.
  - Senator Muller: If GPSG didn’t pass would this not pass?
    - Yep it would make this irrelevant.
  - Senator Miller: Does Bijou currently provide CC?
    - Not right now but we are in the process of getting it.

- Debate
  - Senator Roeder: Motion to limit debate to 45 min.
    - Seconded
    - Division
    - Nay have it, no limit.
  - Senator Heid: Statement by Austin Wu.
  - Senator Peterson: I’ve always approached student orgs as what the students want. Right now, this is an ongoing process and has not been addressed as much as it should be. We want to do what’s right for the University and City and UISG serves the students and this is what the students want. We have a committee for the Iowa City area because we want to serve the outside community.
  - Senator Smith: I will support this because the opportunities that Film Scene and Bijou is an important part of the community and offers a lot of alternative programming on the weekends. This also makes the theatre more accessible and help students do other things with their time rather than being in the bar scene.
o Senator Rodriguez: This new building will provide more opportunity for students to do other things on the weekend.
o Senator Qi: I’m not worried about the $2 increase. But I am concerned about how student fees may change in the future and how the University will implement fees in the future.
o Senator Schnack: If this is something that we can’t afford with our normal fund, we should think about how we are going to raise the fee just to fund something like this. Also, we don’t know what we have spent on equipment in general.
o Senator Smith: I do agree with Sen. Schnack but we don’t know what we spent it on because we didn’t have any money to even spend. There hasn’t been a SAF increase in 5 years so we can assume that there hasn’t been one in a while.
o Senator Heid: I think we should keep track of all of our equipment purchases. I do think that not having the numbers is concerning but it would be good if we do have a security blanket it would help a lot, so we don’t have something like KRUI happen again. Since the money would go back to SABAC’s allocation fund, we can also have that go up and maybe we would be able to actually fund other student orgs.
o Senator Hamstreet: These student orgs do keep a record of what is UISG.
o Senator Khassai: I think their point was going toward the Chauncey project. I think that this money can also go towards other projects. We just want to make sure that this money that the money that students are going to have to pay actually goes towards the students.
o Senator Peterson: All of these organizations that are being based on technology need this money to fund technology that they use. We can’t deny them money for something that is their core.
o Senator Heid: Yield to Molly.
  ▪ Can you speak on the diversity of programming?
    - Yes, Bijou is the only place where we offer two free cultural events every week. I do understand your point that the university needs to fund places that are spaces for POC, etc. I do think that Bijou is one of those spaces.
    - We don’t have a lot of data of the groups that frequent Bijou because we just got the swipe machine. But we do partner with cultural orgs for showings and have partnered with RVAP in the past to make sure that any movies that we have that could be triggering are recognized and that people feel safe in that space.

▪ Voting
o Passed.

E.) New Business

✓ S.S.B. #8- Senator Confirmations
  ▪ Voting
    o Aye have it.

Announcements

▪ Communications
  o Mastura: if you want to make a comms request please fill out the sheet 2 weeks in advance.

▪ GR
  o Community space open house
  o Hawk the Vote Exec board
  o Caucus Task Force

▪ Pres and VP
  o Pausing the FB livestream until we can make the video more accessible
  o ABTS is ramping up social media, if you have pics please send pics.

▪ JE
  o Multicultural get down is tomorrow.

▪ IA
  o Tabling has been moved.
  o UISG Open House
  o Share the link for applications.

G.) Adjourn and Move to Committees (30 minutes)