University of Iowa Student Government

STUDENT SENATE SESSION

October 15th, 2019

A.) Call to Order (7:00)

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access (60 minutes)

✓ Barry Schreier- University Counseling Services

- Presentation
  - Update on the service model. Moved to a levels of service model, helps up take a look at the severity and what your needs are. We offer quick same-day services that we rolled out a few years ago. We also have workshops where you might not need counselling but could use some help with mood or anxiety. We also have active case management where we work with insurance, transportation, etc. Also work with health services for medication. Because we have expanded our services, we have seen an increase of students come in. We have also created a survey where students fill out questions like, have we respected your identity, have you been improving personally and academically, etc. There has been a giant increase in groups, group counselling is also a long-term solution as well. Is group as good as individual? There is statistically no difference between the progress in group and in individual counseling. We are also doing more outreach to tell people what we are doing and train some as well. The people that we see are very representative of the actual population on campus. Why do people come in? Mood and anxiety make up more than 50% of the reasons why people come to see us. We have seen by session 6, most students will feel better. 99% of the students say that we are doing around an A-B grade. We have expanded a lot because of UISG. Our 2 main offices are in westlawn and the other is in the capital center.
We have services in athletics, dentistry, law, and are getting someone for the business school. We also have our collegiate recovery program where students that are coming to college while in recovery or during college go into recovery. Active minds on campus is incredible and we are rated 5 stars in the country. Cognito is a new system through ICON where it’s a suicide prevention module where you can interact with avatars. Fresh check day is tomorrow! Raising the mental health fee last year we have been able to create a position for the business college and tons of other positions too on campus. With all of the mental health events and posts online we want to do #youmatteratiowa so if people are com

- Questions
  - Senator Miera: How many staff members are there during the drop-in hours in the residence halls?
    - One staff member.
  - Senator Muller: How many students come to these drop-in hours?
    - Around 4-5 students each time.
  - Senator Barron: Explain what you mean by non-western counseling?
    - Pretty much that we don’t ask you to fill out paperwork and that you don’t have to give information before the session.
  - Senator Smith: What kind of feedback have you gotten back from cognito?
    - At the first part of the cognito, there is a survey and then at the end they ask what you have learned. A few weeks later, cognito will send out another survey. So we have a lot of data on what students are learning and if they are retaining any of the information.
  - Senator Miller: How can people get an embedded counselor because I know students who are students with disabilities would love to get an embedded counselor?
    - It depends if the place has the resources to hire a counselor unfortunately. It’s not equitable at all but we are working to see if we can work with more groups on campus.
  - Senator Haggerty: I was wondering why you have seen less students with ADHD and learning disabilities?
    - We have mostly pushed them to go to the disability center to get help, but I can’t really speak upon that.
  - Senator Muller: Is there more information on the green bandana project?
    - Not a lot but we have contacted U of Wisconsin and they have given us some data on what worked and what they’re doing with it.

✔ Nicole Peterson- Native American Counsel

- Presentation
  - I am going to tell you a little about the native American resources on campus. This is also to tell you about how to be an ally on campus, you don’t have to be
Native in order to join these groups. Events include the powwow, indigenous People’s day, Native American Heritage Month, Iowa First Nations, etc. We go out into the community and hosts tons of events and fundraisers in order to fund some of the things we do on campus. Student numbers are really low and have been low, we have been trying to get those numbers up for a while and it’s all going to be word of mouth.

- Questions
  - Senator Smith: Do you think there would be a specific location where they can recruit more Native students?
  - Yes! We have told admissions recruitment where to go but they have not gone. But they will be okay if one of our representatives they’ll give stuff to us. Admissions have not been sending people there and we want to be able to send people out there to reach out to more Native students.
  - Senator Folkers: Is there a Native students graduation celebration on campus?
  - Yes, now the diversity office actually supports it. During the powwow we do have a moment where we honor the Native graduates.

✓ Emily Manders- GIF Bylaws/Compost bins in the IMU

- Presentation – Compost bins
  - Right now, contamination in the compost bins at the IMU is too high so we are not actually composting and it’s all going into the landfill. The current problem with the bins, the labeling is not consistent with what is usual for recycling and composting. There is also nothing different about the lid for the compost bin and the trash bin. The contamination rates are extremely high and we are not able to use the compost that we are collecting. The solution is new bins, these new bins follow conventional colors and signage. The signs for what can and cannot be composted will be on top.

- Questions
  - Senator Teagan: What do the small bins look like?
  - Just a smaller big bin.

- Presentation – GIF bylaws
  - We updated the Green Initiative Fund bylaws. So we changed the funding model

- Questions
  - Senator Heid: Where can we find these bylaws?
  - In other funding under GIF

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D.) Old Business

E.) New Business
✓ S.S.R.#5- TAP Description Proposal

- Presentation – Senator Smith
  - We made the description of TAP to be more detailed. A giant committee met over the summer to change the description of the Threat Assessment Program. The last step is to have it be approved by all of the shared governance groups.

- Questions
- Debate
  - Senator Smith: I’ll be voting yes because this new description is more in depth than what it was before.
  - Senator Rodriguez: Called previous question.

- Voting
  - Aye have it

✓ S.S.B #12- IMU Waste Receptacle Purchase

- Presentation – Senator Heid
- Questions
  - Teagan: How soon could we see the bins in the IMU if this passes?
  - Oscar: How long will this program last?
    - We will be keeping it for a few months and then run an audit.
  - Jack: How likely will it be that we get the grant money?
    - Maybe but more likely than no. We can never be certain of anything and we can’t know until we try it.
  - Anna: Do you know why it costs this much for these many bins?
    - Just from the baseline, they’re expensive because of the signage and the hindges.
  - Caleb: Who in the IMU is helping fund 1/3 of it? Have y’all consulted the IMU leadership team about the new bin? What is the cost of the bins we have now to compare?
    - The current sets are around $1,500 for the 3. We are working in conjunction with Dr. Nelson and Cory Lockwood who is in charge of the facilities.
  - Lindsey: How are going to measure how successful these bins are?
    - Waste audits and we are going to have to strive for less than 1% contamination in compost.
  - Ruth: Have these bins been used in the past or at other schools?
    - No but we worked with the cognitive psych area of U Iowa.
  - Folkers: Did the office of sustainability have anything to do with the old bins?
    - No, it was actually bought by UISG
  - Claire: How will the colors actually help students know what bins to use?
Those colors are universal, and they will be seeing them outside of campus as well.

- Claire: Can we paint the current bins?
  - No because there still wouldn’t be any signs on it or lids.
- Tomy: Have you talked to facilities management?
  - We have reached out to university facilities management and they said no because the IMU has its own facilities management.
- Oscar: Where are the old bins going to be if they are replaced?
  - Since UISG bought them we do have a say and we might be able to place them in other buildings.
- Muller: Do you see the cost of the bins will prevent other buildings also get them?
  - Not sure, but it can be a factor. But
- Senator Miller: What is the advantage of only getting a few big bins and a few small bins?
  - We wanted to do a complete swap out of the bins in a few places so we wanted the big bins.
- Teagan: Is the composting service coming out of UISG funds?
  - No.
- Teagan: Do you know how much the university spend on that?
  - No.
- Muller:
- Miera: Are those old bins compostable?
  - No.
- Pinho: Do you have a backup plan in case these don’t work?
  - We are not sure, but we are just planning on this new
- Komen: Did you see difference after the signage was posted?
  - We weren’t able to conduct an audit before the signs were posted but I would hope that it helped.
- Miera: Were students surveyed as to why they weren’t throwing away their trash properly?
  - So, the colors are universal standard, the graphics behind the bin we did consult the psychologist. In terms of why students are disposing properly, I think it is an issue of people caring and actually wanting to do it right.
- Dickens: Where is the grant coming from?
  - I’m not entirely sure. It’s not really something that we take care of.
- Tamlin: Are there any other options other than the bins we want to get?
  - Not really.
• Debate
  o Haggarty: I’m in full support of this legislation. All of these points that people are bringing up have been thoroughly investigated by the office of sustainability. There are people’s jobs that revolve around this. So, these things seem silly, but it works. Waste management is so important to move forward in sustainability and us as an institution should push how important this is for us.
  o Schnack: I think I want further information as to why painting the bins or adding a hinge
  o Senator Correa: I want to motion to table this bill until the 29th because this is really important, and I want people to do their research. I also fear that if we vote on this it’ll get shot down and I want people to be able to read more about it before making a vote.
    ▪ Passes

✓ Governing Documents Legislation- Review

  o We made some major changes in the governing documents, so we don’t have to keep doing large updates throughout the years. One big thing is that we changed impeachment to removal and the process has been clarified. What’s highlighted in yellow, is just little changes like grammar and spelling. Next is the acronyms. We got rid of any of the acronyms that weren’t relevant anymore and added a few more. Most of the last sections are just little things for clarity. With the bylaws this is just a reading process, they will be voted on in 2 weeks.

F.) Announcements

✓ Herky’s Hero

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