A.) Call to Order (7:00)

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access (40 minutes)

✓ Lucy Wiederholt & Tammi Goerdt- Safety and Security Charter Committee

- Discussion
  - We are here tonight to start a dialogue about the blue cap phones on campus. There are 23 on campus and they were installed in the early 1990’s. The technology is basically obsolete, and we are here to say talk about whether or not we should keep purchasing them or we should discontinue them. We are proposing as the blue cap phones die, we want to either not replace them or replace them with no phone and a better camera. We are spending around $20,000 a year fixing the blue cap phones. Every time we get hard rain, we will get a few that go out of order. An option we have the RAVE guardian app where you can report a crime, have a safety timer where you can designate a guardian either UIPD or a friend that will notify them if you don’t get to your destination on time. With the money we would like to put it towards advertisement for the rave guardian, expansion of nite ride, expansion of SHOUT, and other things related to security on campus.

- Questions
  - Senator Correa: Where is the money for repairs coming from?
    - DSP budget
  - Senator Correa: How many calls have we actually gotten on the blue cap phones?
    - 500 calls, 30 were actual emergencies.
  - Senator Haggerty: How successful has the rave guardian app been?
- Senator O’Connor: Does it track always or just using the app?
  o Only when you’re using the app
- Senator Barron: Can you elaborate on the app a little bit? Also, I went through orientation and I didn’t hear anything about this app and would have loved to know about it.
  o Right now, we are going
- Senator: I know those 23 blue poles are in dark areas on campus is any of the money going to go towards lighting on campus?
  o I know that there is a group on campus that does lighting surveys and see which parts of campus needs additional lighting. So yes, some of the money can go to that.
- Senator Haider: Will all the blue cap phones go away?
  o No, right now we want to take away the phone part and add camera systems to the all the poles. One thing I’m not clear about, is if we can keep the activation system and just take away the phone.
- Senator: I was wondering if the rave guardian app is mentioned in success at Iowa?
  o I’m not sure and I will find out.
- Senator: Do you get student input on the lighting survey?
  o I believe historically we have had student input on for the lighting survey. But if anytime there is any feedback you have please tell DPS about it.
- Senator Miller: So, I heard about the rave guardian app and I didn’t download it. I think the blue phones could be good because there are some people that just won’t download the app.
  o I think with your concern is that even with the blue cap phones, they’re not everywhere and some of those don’t even work so it gives a false sense of security.

✓ External Relations Committee- Event Requirement Emails

- Presentation
  - So, beginning of Spring 2020 we are requiring senators to go to 2 events on campus. These are not going to replace your office hours right now and cannot be groups that you’re already part of. We want you to see the space around campus that you may not usually go to. You’re not going to be a liaison but rather an ally for the org.

- Question
  - Senator Kepner: If you already went to an event, can you count that?
    o Yes
  - Senator Heid: does it have to be a multicultural event?
- Senator Haggerty: Why did you settle for 2?
  - No but we want to encourage you to go to those meetings.
  - This is a pilot program to see if this works and if 2 may be too much or see what we need to change.
- Senator Miller: Does it have to be a structured event, or can it be a meeting?
  - Since you don’t want to go to something that you’re already part of, we want you to make sure that you’re not walking into a closed meeting.
- Senator Miera: To what extent are we supposed to engage in the event?
  - It’s to what is your comfort level.

✓ SABAC Committee- Q&A Session

- Presentation
  - We sent out a survey asking you if you had any questions about the finance committee. First on is how will we make sure that Chauncy will use the SAF for the equipment? So, the money is going to go toward bijou only and their equipment if it breaks. How are non-USG affiliated students consulted on how much money their org will get? Orgs will receive money only after submitting request and are all reviewed under the same guidelines. If there are cuts it’s going to be the same across campus. How are funding decisions are made if the orgs are controversial? We are not allowed to make decisions in favor or against a group based on their beliefs. The only thing we look at is if they meet the funding requirements. We have also funded counter events as well so there are two sides to the event. How often are SSO audited to justify giving them so much money? SSO’s have a large impact on campus and can apply for $50,000 annually. Just because they can get that much, they don’t necessarily get that amount of money. They can only request each time they need funds rather than giving them a lump sum. Where is the $1.8 million going? Most of it going to fixed off the top costs. Right now we are trying to be 50-50 for the amount of fixed costs and funding for student orgs. We want to go back to the notion of where we use the SAF to actually fund student activities. What proportion of the USG budget going to student orgs? 16% for student org requests, 10% for operational budget, 3% for salaries, 64% goes for fixed costs.

- Questions
  - Senator Stucky: How often do you have cut funding requests?
    - Probably every time we’ve reviewed, we had to cut costs. It’s going to be different each period because of the amount of
  - Senator Kerst: Has there been any controversy about ISA being the only SSO?
    - It was the only org that was originally a CFO and was grandfathered in. We do want to eventually get other orgs into that category.
  - Senator Haggerty: How will you determine who will get audited?
    - It depends on how much money they requested. If they get more money, they are more likely to get audited.
- Senator Miller: How are summer events reviewed for funding?
  o Basically, the same way but a lot of the times we can’t fund it because we don’t have a lot of money left after the school year.
- Senator Barron: Can you elaborate more on where the fixed costs money going to?
  o It’s pretty much costs that go to students but are not directly student orgs.
- Senator Komen: So I know that any money that doesn’t get spent goes to the next year, is that the same for the fixed costs?
  o No, but because most of the money is being spent so there is nothing much that can be reverted.

D.) Old Business

E). New Business

✓ Read-Only: SSB#26- Transfer Student Representative
  ▪ Presentation Senator Verry
    - This is pretty much legislation that adds a liaison position for transfer students. There is a large transfer student population on campus that are not being represented here on campus. This will make sure they are included in UISG.
  ▪ Questions
    - Senator Miera: Is the transfers leading change the same as the think tank?
      o No, they are paid individuals
    - Senator Haggerty: Has there been conversation about having a transfer constituency senator, so they have voting rights?
      o Not to my knowledge. But you can present legislation to change that and create a constituency senator position for them.
      o VP Henry: Constituency senators are for identities that have been marginalized in society in general and not just at the university. That doesn’t mean you can’t try to create that position, but I wanted to explain why those senators were placed.
    - Senator Muller: Do you know how many transfer students are at Iowa?
      o In 2019-2020 its 2,336 students that transferred to Iowa.

F.) Announcements

✓ Herky’s Hero