

Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC)
December 7, 2018
Minutes of the Meeting

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[**In these minutes:** All Campus Elections Commission; Student Elections - Presentation of Seat Allocation for 2019-20 Student Senate; SSCC Updates]

PRESENT: Catalina Anampa Castro (chair), Aleksander Holleran (vice chair), Beulah Momanyi, Amy Ma, Kelly Wallin, Austin Evenson

REGRETS: Sophia Vrba (ranking student representative), Ethan Johnson, Mckenzie Englund, Sierra Brown, Elizabeth Pascuzzi

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Brianna Hanson, events commissioner, All Campus Elections Commission (ACEC); Heather Chatterton, community collaborator, ACEC; Taiwo Aremu, project commissioner, ACEC

OTHERS: Julie Reuvers

Chair Catalina Anampa Castro welcomed the committee, and members introduced themselves.

1. All Campus Elections Commission - Castro introduced Brianna Hanson, events commissioner, All Campus Elections Commission (ACEC), to provide an overview of the ACEC and what the group will be doing for spring elections. The ACEC is composed of five commissioners and two community collaborators, said Hanson. The purpose of the ACEC is to facilitate open, fair, and professional all-campus elections such that the student body can elect their leaders and voice their opinions with confidence for any registered student group or student government, including MSA, PSG, COGS, and the Student Senate.

Hanson then laid out the elections timeline for the spring semester. Candidate filing would take place starting on January 2 and ending February 10, 2019, began Hanson. Campaign and voter engagement will occur from February 10 to March 15. Finally, voting will take place the week of March 11 with results announced on March 18. Some proposed changes happening within ACEC include re-evaluating the roles of referenda on campus and the process for proposing and voting on referenda, hosting outreach events for all candidates, increasing transparency through election liaisons and open meetings, and replying to emails within 24 hours for candidates.

Castro asked for more information about specific outreach events for student senators. Hanson responded that they would be holding open houses as well as other possible events. Castro asked what the best method is for advertising open positions. Hanson said that providing position descriptions can be very beneficial. There will also be all-campus emails sent out to students as well.

2. Student Elections - Presentation of Seat Allocation for 2019-20 Student Senate - Members intended to vote on approval of the Student Senate seat allocation for 2019-20. However, a quorum was not present at the time of the vote and Castro indicated that the vote will take place electronically in the coming days.

3. SSCC Updates - Castro asked each SSCC member to provide an update from their respective groups and the responses were as follows:

- Amy Ma reported that the Minnesota Student Association (MSA) had its last forum of the month this past Tuesday where ACEC gave a similar presentation to the one that was given today. MSA also passed resolutions to expand medical amnesty as well as personal privacy protections for students. In addition, they are working on a mental health campaign called “Listen” for next semester.
- Kelly Wallin said that at the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) last general assembly the proposed recordkeeping fee change was discussed further and members were not in favor of the proposal as it is currently structured.
- Ethan Johnson reported via email that the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) will be holding elections for new senators as their current senators are all graduating.
- Evenson said that the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) Student Association (UMDSA) held a meeting regarding their HEAPR request for the upcoming year. Also, Bulldog Lobby Day is coming up and UMD is preparing for their day in St. Paul at the State Capitol.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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