

# Tuesday September 24, 2019

# **ASNIC Board Meeting**

# Call to Order at 12:01p.m.

#### Roll Call

President Paul McLeod

Vice President Kai Sedlmayer-Nardi

Senators: Brynna Sumey, Eryn Pierce, Nicolas Espinoza, Abbey Rode

Pending: Hayden Blanks, Jestine Lackner, Kenny Gedde

### **Amendments to Agenda - None**

Minutes: April 23, 2019 Board Meeting – Brynna moved to approve, Kai seconded. Approved

**Public Comment: None** 

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

1. Resolution to appoint new senators.

Vice President Sedlmayer read resolution to appoint new senators Blanks, Lackner and Gedde. Senator Pierce made a motion to approve the senate appointment, Sumey second. *The vote was unanimous. All senators were approved.* The information will be sent to the Sentinal and Graydon Stanley.

The new senators were asked to stand before the ASNIC Board to take the Oath of office.

- 2. Formation of a Constitution Review Committee:
  - The review committee will be a temporary committee that will meet weekly until the Constitution Review is complete. *Eryn Pierce*, *Abbey Rode*, *Hayden Blanks and Brynna Sumey will participate*.
- 3. Formation of ASNIC Student Government Handbook Committee. Seeking to have more structure in the handbook and make it more beneficial for incoming Senators. The committee will meet as needed. *Dodi Stilkey Advisor, Eryn Pierce, Abbey Rode and Hayden Blanks will participate.*

Cecil's Corner: No report

### **Reports**

### Senator Brynna Sumey

Current Committees 1. Campus Safety 2. E-learning 3. Student Union Advisory Board 4. Distance Education Policy & Procedure

I am currently working on a student mentorship program that will connect new students with student leaders who have had experience on the campus and who have gotten involved at NIC. The purpose of this program is to get students plugged into a campus life activity during their first semester, because student involvement has a strong correlation with academic and social success in college. The intention is to provide a resource for interested students to have a friendly face on campus who can help them get around to their classes and provide insight into what NIC has to offer -- college life hacks, if you will -- and hopefully help the new student to get connected in a club, organization, or activity on campus. The long-term goal is to increase retention, which continues to be a highly-discussed issue at NIC. Research shows that students who are not socially and academically integrated in their first four weeks of college are 60% more likely to drop out or transfer, and this student mentorship program is a smart step forward in getting our students engaged on campus, guiding them toward success and graduation from NIC. I have been talking with Kyle on how to flesh out this project and its intents and purposes, and I have also been working with Nicholas, who has kindly agreed to see this project through when I graduate NIC at the end of the semester. I am wrapping up my in-depth proposal and then I will be reaching out to such groups as the RAs, Jess Adams, who is in charge of Orientation, and Jacob and Angie who oversee students involved in SWRC and OP leadership. Once I figure out who can be on board, my next step will be to write up an M.O.U. to get an agreement for action in writing.

### Senator Eryn Pierce

Committee Reports:

- Sustainability committee: Have not officially met yet
- FEAC: Idaho Career and Technical Education Basic Training: Oct. 13th-14th is being debated. Due to short notice does not know if this is manageable. TBD
- SUAB: Sodexo Spokane Representative attended to address the issues with food quality. Has a formal food services customer satisfaction survey that went out on Sept 23rd. Sudexo is dealing with a technical problem for an App to hear direct feedback from customers. Possible changes to student food plans.
- Game room. Discussion on policies pertaining to video games
- Sharps containers on campus
- Possible project: Budget for dining room chairs and lighting.
- Sterling Silver Committee: Was indisposed for meeting
- Nothing to report for all other committees

Project Report: Campus wide recycling. Emailed facilities about the difficulties with added recycling bins and had no response as of yet.

Will take inventory of where there are recycling bins/ Open spaces and departments/ Interview/email faculty and staff about recycling and their awareness of it.

- Marketing for recycling. Propagating funds for ASNIC sponsored recycling gear/ Stickers, pins, patches

Create portal through Cardinal Life/ Make poster to go up in SUB

### Senator Hayden Blanks

Project:

Anti-Vaping/Smoking campaign to highlight vaping issues. Meeting with Time Gerlitz to gather information about previous anti-smoking campaign

Question: Are you trying to change the existing policy?

Answer: Hayden - Definitely, at least trying to make vaping or smoking on campus a fineable offense.

Answer: Paul – Currently we have a guideline in place. Last spring we tried to strengthen the policy but it was shut down in the college senate.

### Senator Jestine Lackner

Project:

I am working on incorporating more art on campus. Dodi suggested a mural behind the ping pong table downstairs in the open area and I thought that was a great idea.

Question: Eryn - Maybe there could be an art contest to determine the mural style/theme?

Question: Tatum - Would the contest be during the school year or during break?

Answer: During the school year.

#### Senator Ken Gedde

No Report

### Senator Nicolas Espinoza

Project:

Met with Chelsie Shackelford and Tom Greene, both from Communications and Marketing, as well as Kyle and Dodi from ASNIC, on 9/5/2019. Discussed the potential and real possibility of reviving a student-focused newsletter on campus. A few hurdles were brought up, including how to distribute and who will take it over after I leave. Upon a survey given at the recent club fair, overwhelming response was both email direct to NIC emails and a printed version around campus. More discussions and a more formal layout soon.

Committee meetings:

College Senate - Going over a total of approx. 17 policy and procedures, currently 3 are in review. Have a deadline around February time frame to complete all.

Foundation Grants - Met once, have selected individuals to receive awards based on previous meetings.

Judicial Council - No meetings to date, which is good news.

Student Fee Advisory - No meetings yet, nothing has crossed table to review.

## Dual Enrollment Representative Abbey Rode

Project:

Working on the cost of water bottle refill attachments. There was grant given to Career Technical Education building for the attachments so I will research that.

### Vice President Kai Sedlmayer-Nardi:

Committee Report: Intra Club Council held one meeting on September 3rd, which served as a training for Cardinal Life and setting up clubs for success. The next ICC meeting will be on October 1st. The Diversity Council will have meet later this week on Thursday, and the Judicial Council plans to only take action when needed. At this time, there is no reason for the council to act.

Project Updates: The club fair was on September 12, and over half of the clubs were present. The club fair was a way for clubs to try to recruit new members and expand their presence on campus. In addition to this, I've been working with prospective clubs to review their constitutions and prepare them to present at the next ICC meeting. Currently, I'm working on finding ways to improve the ASNIC tabling supplies, a set tabling schedule, and a guide for conversation topics at the tables as well as devising how-to's for existing and prospective clubs to help them maintain their presence on campus and recruit members by having one on one conversations with club leaders and holding an open discussion at the next ICC meeting. I also plan on putting together a survey/comment card system for tabling's to find out what the student body wants student government to do for them.

#### President Paul McLeod

Committee reports

SUAB - At the beginning of this month, I met with the Student Union Advisor Board. Since this was our first meeting of the semester we reviewed SUAB's mission and Purpose and elected new officers. We were joined by the area marketing coordinator from Sodexo and discussed the actions that would be taken to improve the food quality and meal plans of the dining services.

Constituent Leaders – I met with the constituent leaders across campus in preparation for the Board meeting. We discussed our reports in addition to the meeting agenda. The Board of trustees Meeting – I gave my report to the board of trustees which covered ASNIC's activity over the summer as well as the first couple weeks of school. Health and Wellness Committee – This past week I met with the Health and Wellness committee. We discussed the Health and Wellness Fair which was a wonderful success. We also discussed the situation regarding the tobacco free policy how we want continue in that regard.

### Project reports:

Constitution Review – ASNIC has created an Ad Hoc committee with the intention of updating the constitution. This will also encompass formally recognizing the Duelenrolled representative. Hiring of new senators – These past few weeks I have been heavily involved with the hiring process of the new senators.

Next Steps: I'll be serving on a search committee for a new Director of Athletics starting in the next few weeks .I'll be organizing a time for the ad hoc committee for the constitution review to meet.

Remarks for the good of the order. None.

Adjourn: 12:54p.m.