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The Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Student Commission Meeting
March 2, 2022

A G E N D A

- I. Introductions

- II. Welcome from the Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students
 - A. [Experience Tech Fee](#) Update
 1. BOT meeting board approved the increase to \$99 per semester per undergrad and \$80 per semester per grad student \$3 increase per undergrad student and \$2 per Grad student
 2. Covers hockey, tennis center, Rosza center, allows student access to events and facilities
 3. Tech fee is designed to create an engaging campus community
 4. Ranit- With the increase will OAP operations be free now instead of charging a fee
 - B. Statement regarding Russian invasion of Ukraine
 1. Sent a message regarding support for students from Ukraine and reminding students there are services available that can support them.
 - C. Student demonstrations regarding Russian invasion of Ukraine
 1. Demonstration continues near the Husky statue
 - D. Carrying food out of dining halls Q&A statement
 1. May be using the wrong language, there is no carryout option but students can make arrangements for sack meals under specific circumstances. If students want to avoid large meals then students can use dining dollars at other “eateries”
 - E. Student commencement speaker
 1. Invited eligible undergraduate students to submit an essay that was opened up to grad students as well.
 - F. Working on Spring Break safety message
 1. Weather outlook on Saturday is not looking good. Be safe if you are traveling
 2. In case of a weather hazard, can we send out
 3. Does public safety manage the messaging system in cases of inclement weather

- III. Welcome and opening comments from student co-chairs
 - A. USG Elections and Nominations



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1. New USG e-board, President-Cheyenne Scott, Vice President- Kaitlyn Black
2. USG is hosting nominations for representatives.

IV. Old Business

A. DHH Dining hall/ Invite Dining services

1. USG held a successful town hall and will be following up on that discussion
 - a) Ethan-It was a productive discussion. In coming weeks more updates will come.
 - b) [Link](#) to minutes

B. Lighting issues by cemetery at start of the hill near Daniell Heights and main crosswalk from Wads to Walker.

1. Dan Liebau- No update regarding the cemetery road
 - a) If any student wants to help write a grant, Dan invites any assistance.

C. Female bathroom in MEEM

1. No update (Gregg Richards was absent)

D. Experience Tech fee expense report

1. Joel Isaacson - Revenue replacement for ticket sales, Ice arena specifically needs to break even. There is revenue from ticket sales that goes into the arena. Facilities is doing an engineering study on the HVAC that is 50 years old. There is \$800,000 in a capital project request targeting spring 2023 for renovation.

V. New Business

A. Elevator in Dow often breaks down (Arslan Amer)

1. Arslan Amer - Elevator has been down for four days. This is not a new issue, the elevator typically goes down twice a week. This is the only elevator that goes to all 6 floors. Many departments use this elevator since it connects to the parking lot below the buildings.
 - a) Why does the elevator break down so often?
2. Daniel Liebau - Elevator breaks down a lot because it has been used for 74,000 miles. It's most commonly used for one floor trips which it isn't meant to be used for. The technician can come in and reset it. The parts are currently on order and there is a two week lead time on these parts. The new elevator is under design.
3. Parts are ordered, should be fixed by the



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4. \$2.1mil cost, work will start in Summer 2023,
- B. Snow plowing across the campus
 1. During the weekend, parts of campus (Daniel heights) aren't being plowed or aren't being plowed as frequently.
 - a) Ranit- Upper Daniel heights path isn't plowed typically
 2. Dan- Grounds are plowing everyday it snows and everyone is brought in when it snows. The issue is that there aren't student shovelers to shovel the paths.
 - a) Working on white noise back up alarms for the plows to not disrupt sleep as much by the residence halls.
 3. A new position was created in grounds however there is still an opening so grounds are short staffed.
 - a) Still short an operator, this has caused the sander to get out later
 - b) Dan- We'll make some adjustments and see what we (grounds) can do
 4. Campus isn't always busy enough during the weekend to warrant being plowed constantly
 5. Grounds has been doing a lot of snow hauling since it has been such a cold winter and there has been less snow melt
 6. Riley Powers- The forestry building, people are falling due to the steepness and due to how slippery it is and there being more snow
 - a) Dan- The handrail was added due to slips and falls. The sander hasn't been getting out as much so this has caused more slips. The V-plow was also taken off the smaller sander so now the sander isn't moving the snow before the ground is sanded
 7. Averages 200 hours of overtime a season
 8. 483 snow line- report slippery conditions and grounds will be there within 15 minutes to put snow down
- C. We are back at Level 1 - Why custodial services are not coming to the Grad offices?
 1. Daniel Liebau - Not going back to the pre-COVID scenario
 - a) Inspecting offices on a regular basis for maintenance
 - b) Inspection and maintenance schedule is in every 2 weeks
 - c)
 2. If we are back to Level 1, are we going to get all the facilities back that we had before?
 3. Mayra- Thank you grounds and facilities!
- D. USG Fall Break working group
 1. Ethan - Come meet the working group and let your voices heard
- E. Voter Engagement Campus All in Project
 1. Danielle - Contact Danielle Meirow If there is any interest in participating in the Campus All in Project



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VI. Public Comments

- A. Mayra - CDI is working on a project called “Point of Contact CDI” to help and support the students of minorities