

Attendance:

Senate Public Assembly Agenda: (03.19.25)

I. Call to order:

II. Executive Board Members:

- a. President – Emmanuel Bewaji
- b. Vice President – Hayden Cordell
- c. Treasurer – Ariana Raborn
- d. Public Relations Coordinator – Anne Lanier
- e. Secretary – Vacant

Joe Curtis is the NEW event coordinator.

III. Guests:

- a. Joe Wightkin (Vice-President of Finances) & Timothy Jacobsen (Financial Aid Director)

Updating HTC next years budgets. There will be tuition increases. The current proposal is to increase benefits and salaries by 4% each year. \$800,000 decrease in state appropriated funds. Tuition for next year will have a 9% increase. HTC is one of the most cost efficient tech schools in Minnesota.

Timothy Jacobsen – financial aid director

Reviewing financial aid use and how it comes into play in students careers. About 60% of students are getting their education paid for due to pell grant, minnesota grant, etc.

They welcome students and staff to come to their office and ask questions about this proposal to increase tuition costs.

IV. Budget Update

- a. Current budget (amount unencumbered): **\$1,138.17**

- b. Amount encumbered: \$14,407.70

V. **Reports:** Club reports

Ford Masters Club got a trip out to Deerborn Michigan in July to learn about ford history and celebrate graduation.

Brea has all their events in in July planned. They are going to be involved with departments around campus like the DEI program and work with Torrion to plan an event in the future. Brea now meets Wednesdays 2-3pm. Details coming soon.

Hands on Ink has been resuming their regular activities irregardless of their T shirt printer being broken. They are still working on projects actively. They are very open to new members and can help students with any printing or digital design.

Culinary club will do a pie baking competition at the next meeting on the 28th of March.

VI. **Old Business:**

- a. Police Center Microwave (is it purchased and working)

Anne has reported that it has been purchased and was supposed to be dropped off before Spring Break. Students in that building said they saw it coming and are very thankful to Senate for making this purchase.

Using a label maker to show students what things on campus are supplemented or funded by the senate. This may help let students know that we are on campus and active.

- b. Fitness center Equipment replacement

Students are happy about the bicycle being fixed. Jacob also has reported that Students are complaining about the brightness of the lights in the work out room. Not a lot of people use the punching bag, but some are.

Dimmable lights or yellow lights could be a better alternative. A film could be used to cover the lights and dim it a bit (This one follows safety and policy for the lights) Heidi ricci is the one to talk to about facility maintenance stuff.

- c. Assignment due date on weekends or holidays. (feedback from meeting with VP, academics)

Executive had the meeting with the board members. Senate also collected data and signatures regarding how students support the change of due dates. This issue will be going through larger executive boards on campus. The proposal will come back to us in May, and we will see if they agree to make the change. M-F is school hours. Evenings and weekends should be limited to free time to the students.

Moving forward, 12-1 on Wednesday there will be no homework or class. If class is in session the students have the right to leave to attend. Professor must allow you to leave, and they must work with you for you to catch up and work with the student to help them attend senate while also being in class. This starts next semester.

VII. New business:

a. Bylaw Reviews (postponed)

b. OCR/Compliance Visit

Torrior is asking for up to 20 students to give their opinion on their schooling experiences. Students will have an opportunity to voice concerns to the executives above the even the HTC executives. April 2nd at 10am. It will be on the Brooklyn Park Campus. Connect with Pang if anyone is interested.

c. Spending unencumbered funds.

Anna has a weekly event coming up for SET that would require an additional \$200 budget. It will be a 'national' week. National gardening day Monday, National Purple Day Tuesday (Wants to buy more coloring books for kids), National banana day Wednesday (Could use money to buy more ingredients), Popcorn Thursday, April 14th-17th.

Emmanuel motions to vote on Anna's event. 14 to 3 voting results. \$200 dollars has been approved to be spent towards "National Day Celebration" programming in April.

Carmen is working with Chef Dennis to plan a campus picnic on May 5th. Senate and Students are interested.

Anne has brought up a workshop company called 'Toastmasters' that could host a campus event to help with student leadership training.

VIII. Announcements:

a. Voting closes March 26th (Check d2l or the HTC website for voting link)

Emmanuel motions to adjourn at 1pm, Peter seconds. Motion passes.

