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Vice President | Michael Kruse
Secretary | Elizabeth Gilbert
Speaker of the House | David Deniston
Treasurer | Justin Rode
Publicity Director | Mackenzie Ross

Trine University | Student Government Meeting Minutes

Roll Call:

- 27 Members of Student Government Present
- 8 Members of Student Government Absent
- Notes Sent: 5
- Voting Quorum: 17/24

Section 1: Call to Order

The weekly meeting of the Trine University Student Government was held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:35 pm in Best Hall 221.

Section 2: Executive Board Reports

- *President, Caleb Kruse:*
 - I met with Gretchen Miller to discuss funding. They will be able to give us enough money to finish the semester. Eboard will be discussing how much we will need to ask for after this meeting.
 - We also discussed the ice machines in the dorms. She really likes the idea, but we need to do more work toward that. It is
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out of our hands right now, but we will keep you updated as we know more.

- Eboard had an extended meeting this past Wednesday regarding the state of the senate and correspondents. We are very disappointed with how after two weeks of not meeting, 75% of the senate had stated that they had no report. We are also upset with the lack of events and engagement with the student body. With elections coming up, it is easy for us to talk highly of those who have been involved and had many engaging events throughout the semester, however, it reflects poorly when we cannot say the same for others. We are not disappointed in everyone, if you have been putting in a lot of work we see you and are very grateful for that. We also don't have enough in the budget to support your events, so you will need to start actually going on the students. We don't mean to put a damper on things, but at the same time, there are only three weeks left before our transitioning meeting on April 14th. We would really like to see you all step it up these last few weeks before the elections and the transition of positions.
- The election process changed slightly due to scheduling conflicts. The debate is now going to be on April 12 at 8:30 pm. The new president and vice president will be announced on April 13. This still allows for one full week of campaigning.

→ *Vice President, Michael Kruse:*

- Applications for the Senate and Eboard are due on Wednesday at 5 pm. You will turn these into Blake Grosse. Please ask any of the Eboard members if you have any questions.

→ *Secretary, Elizabeth Gilbert:*

- Continue working on all of your engagement events!
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→ *Speaker of the House, David Deniston:*

- Our final House of Representatives meeting is this Thursday. I also emailed the clubs that were in bad standing and got them all figured out.

→ *Treasurer, Justin Rode:*

- There is currently \$10,155.12 remaining in the budget.

→ *Publicity Director, MacKenzie Ross:*

- Thunder Olympics will be April 17-21. My committee is going to be narrowing down the events for this. Once we have figured out the events, we will be sending out information for volunteering.

Section 3: Senator Reports

→ *Freshmen Senators:*

- We had a blast at trivia night! We are also discussing our last engagement event.

→ *Sophomore Senators:*

- We wanted to say thank you to everyone for helping with the trivia night and spreading the word!

→ *Junior Senators:*

- Last week we finished our third engagement event, trivia night, with Senator Pacer.

→ *Senior Senators:*

- We are working to help with the senior breakfast.

→ *Franks School of Education Senators:*

- 90% of student teachers are on spring break right now, fun for them!
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→ *Allen School of Engineering Senators:*

- We are working on doing something for the senior design teams!

→ *Jannen School of Arts and Sciences Senators:*

- We are working on our last engagement event, but it is hard due to absences.

→ *Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences Senators:*

- This Friday we are going to be having a voter registration event outside of the cafe. Come out and register! Next Tuesday we will also be doing a media night engagement event to learn how to do self-branding for their organizations.

→ *Ketner School of Business Senators:*

- No Report

→ *International Senators:*

- We had our first engagement event last Friday. Our last engagement event is going to be with MSO.

→ *Greek Senators:*

- We sent out a survey to CPH and IFC to see what they want from greek life senators.

→ *Commuter Senators:*

- We are finishing up finalizing the tin caps plans. It will be on April 16 from 1-5 pm. This will be first-come, first-serve.

→ *Correspondents:*

- No Report
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→ *Advisor, Blake Grosse:*

- I have not received many applications. If you are currently in a position you would like for next year, you still need to submit an application. Applications are due March 29 at 5 pm. You will also be getting information regarding volunteering for Take Back the Night.
- Engagement events are a constitutional requirement. You could be held accountable heading into the election season. Get those done as soon as possible.
- At the end of April, marketing will be doing a photoshoot with MSO and Student Government. We will be taking this opportunity to also get our headshots in for the next year.

→ *Public:*

- No Report

Section 4: Committee Reports

→ *Binder Committee:*

- We will not be meeting again for the rest of the semester. Thank you for all your hard work with the website!

→ *Oversight Committee:*

- Keep an eye out in GroupMe!

→ *Outreach Committee:*

- We will no longer have any more meetings this semester.

→ *House of Representatives Committee:*

- We will be meeting Wednesday. Please check GroupMe.

→ *Finance Committee:*

- We will be meeting after this.
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→ *Student Activities Committee:*

- As we find out more information, we will keep you updated!

→ *Public Relations*

- We haven't received any new headshots, so you will not be posted on Instagram because of this. Below is a list of who we still need:
 - Sophomore Senators
 - Junior Senators
 - Senior Senators
 - International Senators
 - Greek Senators

→ *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee:*

- We met with the president of GSAN and BSU to discuss things in the HAC Lounge. We also went to a call-out meeting for HOLA.

→ *Bon Apetit Committee:*

- We had a meeting today to discuss how to collect our data. Last week we had a total of 200 wasted meals. We are also working on creating advertisements for this initiative. We will also be doing advertising for two days next week. We will be sending out information in GroupMe.

→ *Food Bank Committee:*

- We will be meeting with the mental health committee to plan a mental health and hygiene product drive.

→ *Mentor/Mentee Committee:*

- We have had issues planning a meeting with the administration. We will keep you posted in GroupMe as we know more information.
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→ *Mental Health Committee:*

- We made the brochures for April to be put up in the bathrooms around campus!

→ *Basketball Court Committee:*

- We will have the donation website up and complete by the end of this week.

Section 5: Old Business

→ There is no old business to be discussed at this time.

Section 6: New Business

→ We are going to be setting up a table outside the cafe tomorrow and Wednesday from 11 am - 2 pm. Please go on SharePoint and sign up now for a shift!

→ International night is this Saturday from 6-9 pm. This will also be an engagement event. Please let Senator Rivera know if you will be helping.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 pm by President Caleb Kruse.
