SSA Congressional Committee Minutes

3:30-4:30 pm | February 25th, 2019 | Birch, MSC

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| Director McConville | X |  |  |
| Senator Briggs | X |  |  |
| Senator Korte | X |  |  |
| Senator Halbach | X |  |  |
| Advisor Mell |  |  | X |

1. Call to order at 3:30pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes: Approved
4. Old Discussion
5. Updates on videos
   1. Director McConville: Spoke to Doug Mell, Chris Freeman and Keith (in communications department). Wants to do a why we vote video before the 50th Congress ends.
   2. Discussed people to help make the video and people to be in the video. Have Chancellor Frank in it.
6. New Discussion
7. Tim Shiell (29th Assembly candidates to campus)
   1. Shiell: In terms of planning- keep SSA in the loop. Some candidates are excited, and some are not, but republicans have been reluctant to come to campus. Might think it is more worthwhile if running for office. To encourage them to come it would help if there were students that lean more to the right. It is best if there is a personal connection with that candidate. Suggested working with the Dunn County Democrats and Dunn County Republicans, which will help cultivate interest. Suggested that League of Women Voters might be interested because they work with voting and candidates. Agreed with Director McConville that late September would be the best time to plan this. Would need help from Committee or SSA to plan posters and/or marketing.
   2. Talked about what Democrat and Republican student organizations are on campus for us to possibly work with. Also discussed people that could moderate this event. Possibly Chancellor Frank, Advisor Mell, or a college dean. Tim Shiell suggested that someone that works with the media or is used to the media would be best to moderate.
   3. Agreed that Monday would be the best day of the week to schedule this. Discussed possible times: having a meet and greet at 5:30 or 6-7 with the event starting at 6-6:30 or at 7.
   4. Discussed whether or not to have the 10th and 29th together or not. Director McConville suggested that the 10th district candidates would draw more people. Senator Halbach said that it would be easier to get the 29th to campus, so focus on the 10th at the moment.
   5. Senator Korte: Suggest recording it for people that cannot attend. Director McConville suggested livestreaming it.
8. AB 898
   1. Discussed resolution to oppose this bill.
   2. Director McConville: Suggested resolutions in favor of or in opposition to legislation should go through this committee.
9. Senator Korte’s Article
   1. Talked about how to actually get voter turnout. To achieve more long-term turnout would be to talk about it more, make it more approachable and easier to talk about. Create a stigma that if you do not vote it is not cool.
   2. Everyone discussed how to increase voter turnout. Senator Halbach: Because it is a public school it is difficult to be able to discuss this. Professors cannot necessarily give lectures about this. Director McConville: Suggested having more tabling in the MSC.
10. Elections coming up (April 7th)
    1. Director McConville discussed postcards that are being sent out to students about voting. Also discussed election day flyers that will be put around campus. Freshman are getting voter pamphlets. Senator Halbach suggested putting student’s polling locations and times on there. Senator Korte suggested putting information about the number of students/people that voted: In 2018 for the 29th Assembly District race, 2,773 people decided the winner”
11. Events (March 23rd and April 7th)
    1. Director McConville showed posters for the April 7th event and discussed button designs with voting themes.
    2. Discussed fun things to do there other than watch. Have each organization have a game, prizes, or a raffle. Would be easiest to have prizes through the Stout campus store. Discussed how to get prizes and how to give away prizes.
    3. Rock Your Vote Event: Director McConville showed poster and discussed what is going to be there, such as the photo booth.
12. Announcements
13. Adjourn at 4:31pm