A regular meeting of the BSUSA Student Senate was called to order at 5:08 pm in the Crying Wolf Room of Lower Hobson on October 30th, 2019. The President served as the chair, and 19 members were present with 2 members absent. The agenda was moved to be amended by Chair Samantha Frenz to insert Beaver Points Discussion for 10 minutes under New business. With no dissent the item of business was added to the agenda. The agenda was then moved for approval by Senator Lawrence Hanenberger and seconded by Chair Alexis Bugera-Brown, with no dissent the agenda was approved.

The minutes were moved for an amendment by Senator Lorser Wuanti to strikeout the word vertically and insert horizontally in student org updates. The minutes were then moved for approval by Senator Lawrence Hanenberger and was seconded by Chair Nathan Datres, with no dissent the minutes were approved.

Our Public Hearing was open to the public in which we had Margie Giuaque from Career Services present on a Strengths Training course that was interactive with all the senators. There was a second presentation during this time given by the Chair of SAFAC, Corey Stockman, in which he presented to the senate his committee for SAFAC for this fiscal academic year. After his presentation he asked the senate to approve his committee members as it is a responsibility of the senate to do so stated by the Constitution and Bylaws. Chair Samantha Frenz moved to approve the SAFAC committee as written and the motion was seconded by Chair Alexis Bugera-Brown. Due to no discussion a motion was made by Senator Lawrence Hanenberger to call to question, with no dissent the motion was brought to a ballot vote on the approval of the committee. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor, 1 vote against, and 5 votes who abstained.

During new business, Chair Frenz opened a discussion about the Beaver Points Auction by moving to Suspend Robert’s Rules for 7 minutes at 6:02pm. The discussion was about dates and times to host the event. At 6:09pm Robert’s Rules were reinstated, and discussion ended on the topic.

In Cabinet Reports, Chair Alexis Bugera-Brown Discussed the success of the One More Light event hosted last week and thanked the senate for their help in getting this event up and running. She also brought the senate’s attention of a potential Event hosted with Public Safety and asked for input and suggestions to be discussed during her committee meeting after the senate meeting. Office Manager Maggie Lowrey discussed volunteer opportunities to be available for senators to participate in by next week to help senators complete their volunteer hours for the academic term. Chair Nathan Datres informed the senate of what his committee is working on, which includes: a potential bill being presented to the senate by a committee member, an identity and cultural all-inclusive event, parking policies, and Safe Zone training on November 13th. Chair Tatum Tufte informed the senate on her committee’s current tasks which include meetings with faculty of the university to discuss academic policies. Chief of Staff Jonathan McNicholes updated the senate on a scholarship program he is working on establishing with Advisor Travis Greene. This Scholarship Program will be created with the intention of it going to students who go above and beyond in the community and on campus. Vice President Noah Wendland spoke next with his report informing the senate on the progress of the apparel orders along with a time change in the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee meeting, this committee now meets at 9:00am on Wednesdays. He also informed senators that he will be adjusting committee assignments due to an imbalance in committee representation. President Matthew Sauser provided a few informational points: senate photos which will be hosted on November 13th, name plates for all senators will be completed next week, university policies will be reviewed in committees, Cabinet to Cabinet meeting on Friday November 1st, and Student outreach will be done through tabling every Wednesday for the rest of the semester from 11am-1pm at Lakeside.
A motion was made by Chief of Staff Jonathan McNicholes to allocate $150 to purchase suggestion boxes to place around campus as an addition to student outreach. This motion was seconded by Chair Nathan Datres and discussion was opened to debate the allocation. A motion was made to call to question by Chair Alexis Bugera-Brown and was seconded by Senator Sarah Peck. The motion was dissented against and discussion resumed leading to an amendment to the original motion. The amendment made by Chair Nathan Datres and seconded by Vice President Noah Wendland was to strikeout $150 and to insert $250 so the motion would now read, I move to allocate $250 to purchase suggestion boxes to place around campus as an addition to student outreach. A motion to call to question was made by Chair Alexis Bugera-Brown and seconded by Senator Sarah Peck. With no dissent, the amendment was brought to a vote and passed with 11 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions. The original motion was amended and opened for discussion with $250 on the table for allocation. A motion to call to question was made by Chair Alexis Bugera-Brown and seconded by Senator Sarah Peck. With no dissent the motion was brought to a vote and passed with the results being 9 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

For Student Organization Updates, Chair Nathan Datres updated the senate on People for Theater and their successful event this past week and their initiatives to continue with events. Senator Zach Nelson updated the Senate on the Soccer Club and their main concern and need was funding for their org in which Senator Zach Nelson referred them to SAFAC to help get funding for their org.

During Advisor’s reports Advisor Nina Johnson told the senate about a new way to log their volunteer hours on Beaver Link.

In other Reports, Councilman Michael Meehlhause from the city council presented to us a city ordinance that is currently in the works in the city council. This city ordinance pertains to street parking for boats and trailers. There are lots of concerns from members of the community regarding boats and trailers being parked on the street overnight. The city council is working on scheduling a public forum to discuss this ordinance.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn at 6:55 pm by Chair Alexis Bugera-Brown, was seconded by Senator Zach Nelson and was approved by unanimous vote.