

Student Senate Eden Prairie- Minutes

- I. **Call to Order: 12:05**
- II. **Introductions:**
 - Executive Board members— Serhii, Nechytailo, Asani Ajogun, Yen Duong, Hakim Abduraman, Ericka Hulm
 - Student Senate Advisors— Jese Ledbetter, Sue Schmitz, Laura Otieno
 - Senators— Ariel David, IT & Veterans Center;
- III. **Special Guests:** Susan M., Academic Program Coordinator
Jean M., Associate Vice President of Equity and Inclusion
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda:**
 - a. Review of agenda:
 - i. Kale made a motion to approve the Agenda
 - ii. Vale seconds it
Agenda Approved
- V. **Approval of the Minutes:**
 - Review of minutes:
 - i. Yen made a motion to approve the minutes
 - ii. Asani seconds it
Minutes Approved
- VI. **Reports:**
 - **Pulse APP:** Helps students to access both campuses' calendar, events, courses on D2L, and notifications as well;
 - **EPC upcoming senate meetings:**
Wednesday, May 13 from 12-1pm
 - Clubs:
 - Committees:
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - i. Student Senate:
 - Acknowledge the new senate members for 2020-2021
Welcomed Asani A., our new Senate President for Eden Prairie Campus
Welcomed Hakim A., our new Senate Vice-President for Eden Prairie Campus
Welcomed Ariel David, our new Senate Treasurer for Eden Prairie Campus
 - ii. Book Club—Background: Gathering from *Original Local* by *Heid Erdrich*; a reading about the recipe, a short video, a set of slides, and a brief discussion about family recipes were all part of the activity; this was the first time the club had an e-meeting; Jean M. plans to keep this gatherings for next school year too; the link and the two ppt slides below were part of the Book Club presentation;
[The Chef Bringing Native American Food to Your Table: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocm6DRIF9oU&feature=youtu.be>](#)



Discussion Questions: Gathering

Question 1

- What caught your attention about the video or reading?

Question 2

- Is there a special recipe your family traditionally makes for holiday gatherings? Why is it special?

SOURCE: Image of fall feast from <https://special-images-for-feeding.com/>.



Background: Gathering

Starts with Bangs and Ends with Gizzards from *Original Local* by Heid Erdrich

"When we gather as a family, we cook. Our annual big family get together is a tremendous feast and a feat of indigenous cooking. Mom makes at least one turkey with manoomin-corn bread stuffing and, to skip ahead to dessert, Juneberry pie, and cherry pie from our parents' own tree, as well as Secret Ingredient Pumpkin Pie..."

"Remarkably, our family feasts include vegetarians, people who stay dairy free or gluten free, and others with requirements of a diabetic diet—all satisfied by our offerings. Perhaps that's why our dishes have grown so varied—many needs, and equally diverse opportunities (the luck of hunters, a good squash crop) means much to share."

"And we have always gathered our food as well. What is called foraging to us was just getting food. To many Native people living in the Upper Midwest, gathering remains an important part of eating right, protected by treaty rights."

"Our big family visits and the feasts involved require the expertise of our sister Dr. Angie Erdrich... Angie e-mails a list each year to help us remember what to bring to our family feast. Last year the list snowballed to over one hundred items and contained requests for an enormous variety of goods from the usual to the specific to the mysterious, and grew more eccentric as we e-mailed back and forth... Still, everything you need to know about our family feast is revealed in the first and last items on a list that starts with "bangs" and ends with "gizzards."

SOURCE: Image of Juneberry pie from <https://images.com/gallery/peGrE/comment/2489000386>. Content from *Original Local*, pages 94-95.

iii. Clubs—**TEAM Channel App:**

- This App is used by the Club's presidents, so they can connect (via-video) with other club members; after downloading the App, an email will be sent through MNstate confirming that you have been added to this particular channel; if any Club member is interested in this App, please talk to your Club's advisor;
- BREA—has held Zoom meetings; budget request for fall, updates from the Student Life Board, looking for new members to join the club; and making cards to encourage students were important points discussed at the meeting;
- Real College Survey:
Our school is participating to assess student's needs; it takes about 10 minutes to fill it out;
- Census Questionnaire:
8 students will be picked every Monday and will receive a **gift card**;

VIII. **Good of the Order:**

IX. **Announcements:**

i.

Adjournment: 12:58 p.m.

- Hakim made a motion to adjourn the meeting
- Kale seconds it. Meeting adjourned.

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Serhii Nechytailo
President

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Ajogun Asani
Vice President