**Senate Agenda Public Forum: (5.3.23)**

**I. Call to order 12:09 -arkie welcomes attendees**

**II. Introductions**

**Standing Guests**

**•Joe Wightkin presents 12:10 joe wightkin and lori johnson**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**V. Reports 🡪** Club reports

**VI. Old Business:**

**VII. New business:** Vote to change senate bylaws regarding stipend payments. Summer kick-off feast, Swearing in of new officers. Handing out Merch to two-time+ attendees(?)

**VIII. Announcements:**

12:10 Joe and Lori present – budgeting – balancing revenue from tuition and expenses through non-personnel and personnel costs. 46% state appropriations – 38% tuition income. Majority is spent on salaries and a smaller amount on upkeep/maintenance/non-personnel. Hennepin tech is something around fifteen dollars cheaper (before additional costs) per credit earned compaered to anoka tc and DCTC. Looking to increase tuition by 3.5% - its likely that state allocation will pay for this. Differential tuition – funds expensive supply cost programs – EX. Welding programs/culinary/dentistry for supplies etc. culinary program costs have increased 60% over the last year. Even with the proposed increase HTC costs will still remain about seven dollars lower than St. Paul College. Supply costs have risen enormously and must be addressed.

12:20 Stephen presents – Student fees and proposed increases. Student total fees per credit currently rest at $19.91 -

Student life fee has not changed since 2017 – currently $3.90 per credit – no longer sustainable and requires adjustment to move forward with a continued ability to function and run programs. May only increase fees a maximum of 2% of SLB fees – this 2% would amount to $5,405 in FY24 to the SLB budget. Possible referendum in FY24 for a larger FY25 increase.

Also looking out for sponsorships for additional supplemental funding.

Commencement and student life support comes from this allotment of money.

Fund raising would be better facilitated through the foundation –

Schools with the higher end of fees have larger club autonomy and things like sports teams – larger staff.

12:35 hennepintech.edu/currentstudents aint workin’, Marissa D. is currently renovating the schools online capability/presence. Proposed to put “Faculty/staff before directory on the list, add “student” to resources and services.

12:43 swearing in new senate officers – President Michael, Secretary Zack, Public Relations Tiffany, Treasurer – Johnny.

New officers have been sworn in.

12:47 Sam motions to vote on changing the bylaws – motions to change article VII par. 4 – Tiffany Seconds – Unanimous Bylaws changed.

Changing from sole power of stipend withholding in presidential hands to all five executive board members being able to motion to with-hold the stipend as well as the advisor may vote – requiring a majority vote to withhold.

12:52 two time senate attendees star their star id on the sign in sheet – we’ll make sure they get a towel and tote bag.

12:54 may 10th 4-8 or 9 for auto tech club. Café Zupas.

12:55 hands on ink and graphic design are in the process of putting together an applicable design on a food truck –

12:57 Tiffany motions to adjourn, president Michael seconds.

12:58 meeting adjourned.