Present: Rob Wills, Mike Brunner, Megan Brandt, Richard Davenport, Scott Olson, and Patricia Swatfager-Haney.

1. **President Davenport opened the meeting.**

   B. **President Davenport** addressed the upcoming Student Forum scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2005, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If weather permits, the Forum will be held out on the Mall. Otherwise, it will move inside to the Hearth Room. President Davenport will work with Chartwells to have food and drink for those who attend the Forum. Rob stated that the main focus of the meeting will be Landlord/Tenant Issues such as landlords fabricating reasons not to return security deposits, leases starting and ending at different times at the different apartment complexes, a tenant association, etc. Dr. Davenport encouraged Rob, Mike and Megan to have key questions/talking points outlined prior to start of Forum on October 13th.

President Davenport also announced some items he would like added to future MSSA agendas for further discussion.

- Health and Fitness Strategic Priority
- Intramural Recreational Sports – Ask Kevin Buisman, Director of Athletics, and Todd Pfingsten, Director of Campus Recreation, to attend a future MSSA Meet and Confer to do a presentation. President Davenport indicated that when he first arrived at MSU only 30% of students took part in intramural sports, now it is up to 60% and Todd Pfingsten would like to get that up to 80%. This would undoubtedly be the highest percentage of students participating in intramural sports at any University in the U.S. and would make a huge statement for health and wellness at MSU. Additionally, the President outlined some ideas the University is looking into to enable some outdoor sports to be played during the cold months.
- President Davenport would like to create/develop a Leadership Institute for Women. This is a charge he has given to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Professional Development Committee. It would be available to female students, faculty and staff.
- President Davenport would like to sit in on more Senate meetings – as a guest – not necessarily to participate in the discussions.
- He would like to visit more about coordinating student lobbying issues.
- Parking Ramp

D. **Vice President for Student Affairs**

Vice President Swatfager-Haney indicated that the student consultation process for Residential Life and Student Union is in progress. Cindy Janney, Director of Residential Life, has her timelines set for the process and Mike Hodapp, Interim Director of Student Union, is working with the Union Board to finalize their timelines.
The student consultation letters regarding Residential Life room and board rates and Student Union fee proposals and finance plans are due in to MnSCU in February (changed from the January date) per MnSCU revision dated October 21, 2005.

President Wills indicated that they will invite RHA representatives to share information regarding Residential Life consultation process and Union Board representatives to update them on the Student Union consultation process at regularly scheduled Senate meetings. They will contact Vice President Dean Trauger if they have any financial/budget questions.

Vice President Swatfager-Haney congratulated MSSA Executive Board on the start of the academic year and thanked them/students for their participation in Homecoming.

Additionally, VP Swatfager-Haney stated that work on the schematic design for the new housing project is in progress. The Request for Proposals for Food Service is out. Students will be invited to open sessions on both of these projects. Vice President Swatfager-Haney will get dates for the open sessions to the President, Vice Presidents and MSSA Executive Board/Senators/Students as soon as they are finalized.

C. MSSA President Remarks

President Wills distributed a copy of the MSSA Mission Statement.

MSSA Mission Statement:

The Minnesota State Student Association is the leading voice of over 14,000 students attending Minnesota State University, Mankato, to the MSU Administration. MSSA represents on-campus and off-campus students and students in the Colleges of Allied Health and Nursing, Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, Science and Engineering Technology, Social and Behavioral Science, Graduate Studies, and those students who are undecided majors. Our organization values non-biased, objective, and ethical practices to represent each constituency in matters relating to academics, student affairs, and legislative affairs at university, state, and federal levels. We are committed to building leadership through civic engagement at MSU, the community in Mankato and the surrounding communities, and through our partner organization, Minnesota State Universities Student Association (MSUSA).

Strategic Vision:
Objectives: (to be met within 5 years)

• To keep student fee’s at the cost of inflation or less.
• To align all the surrounding off-campus housing facilities under one common agreement with help from the City of Mankato, MSU students,
MSU administration, and local landlords, and to ensure decisions made regarding the on-campus housing facilities, new and old, are consulted with students before they have been made.

- Continue to look deeply into academic and student affair policies and procedures to make sure they are in the best interest of students and have had adequate consultation with the MSU administration.
- Assist Financial Aid in informing students of the different programs available to pay for tuition.
- Inform more non-senators about MSUSA and invite them to become active members.
- Orientation for faculty on technological devices.

They will gather information, foster student involvement, formulate and implement plans and finally, assess the outcomes.

2. Old Business
   - **Alcohol and Drug Policy** – President Wills indicated that the Reporter has concerns regarding this policy because of potential loss of revenue. MSU cannot prohibit Reporter from running the advertisements in question; however, it was suggested that appropriate journalistic responsibility be practiced. It was decided, after a brief discussion, to come back to this on the next agenda.

3. New Business
   - **ADD Status of Greek System to next agenda**

4. Discussion Items
   - **College of Business New Capital Campaign Building Proposal**
     This may be kicked off this year and run three to five years. Funds would be used for building more classroom space and more graduate assistant space at no cost to students or taxpayers. This kind of campaign has never been done before.
   - **Policies for Review**
     Post Secondary Enrollment Options – Informal Review
     Graduate Enrollment – Informal Review
     MSSA will submit written comments regarding these two policies to Warren Sandmann by due dates.
   - Dr. Davenport indicated that MnSCU wanted each campus to begin discussion about Common Term Start Dates. MnSCU believes it will be key to creating a seamless enrollment process for students transferring from on campus to another. This would mean common registration times, payment due dates, drop/add dates, coordination of financial and other procedures and services. Dr. Davenport was questioning whether it would be in our best interest to be a part of this bigger system. Would we be
disadvantaged by these future changes in policy and procedures taking place?

- Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is coming to campus February 6-8, 2006.
- Need student representative to serve on Health & Wellness Task Force (time commitment for Fall Semester only)
- Need student representative to serve on search committee for Vice President for Finance and Administration.
- University will go forward with search for Student Union and Student Leadership area.

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Thursday, November 3, 2005
12:00 p.m.
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