MSSA Meet & Confer  
Thursday, December 7, 2006  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Richard Davenport, Pat Swatfager-Haney, Rick Straka, Scott Olson, Brian Schneider, Michael Fagin, Joel Johnson, Gabe Afolayan, Chris Frederick, Kristeen Giese, Jered Jackson, Ryan Anderson, Brandon Ross, Bill Brozak, Todd Pfingsten, Becky Miller, Michael Fagin.

I. Continuing Items  
A. President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order.

B. MSU President’s Remarks  
1. Advertising will begin soon for new positions:  
   - Vice President for Information Technology – Pat Swatfager-Haney will chair the search committee. Request for two student representatives on the committee. The first meeting of the search committee will be approximately the second week of January.  
   - Vice President for Business in Education Partnerships – Scott Olson will chair the search committee.

2. December 14 is Legislative Day here at MSU. President Davenport has asked that one or two student government representatives be involved. Ryan Anderson will be attending from Student Senate

C. MSSA President and Vice President’s Remarks  
   - Homecoming Task Force – the resolution is being finalized and will be sent to four groups including the Alumni Board, MSSA Meet and Confer, Administration and the Mankato Chamber.  
   - MSUSA Conference will be held here this weekend, included the delegates assembly and leader elections: (Vice Chair vacancy election and 1 At-Large Board member)  
   - Student Union Board has approved a “pilot” to have 24/7 access to the computer lab space in CSU from now until the end of finals week. President Davenport asked about security regarding this – Pat Swatfager-Haney will check on; Gabe will check on the additional cost to keep open the extra hours during the week.  
   - Athletics Issue – the students ask that they be well-represented and well-informed regarding the decisions.  
   - Parking Issue / Free Lot – hearing will take place in February – concern that there are only two student representatives on the Parking Issue committee.  
   - Media Resource and Space Access Policy – Senate needs to decide if the draft should be considered policy or procedure.  
   - Smoking Ban Enforcement – President Davenport stated that we will continue this year with designated areas and if it isn’t working, then we may have to transition to a complete ban with the exception of parking lots.
• Mandatory Student Health Insurance – “on the radar” – no action taken. Sixty-five percent of the students would be in favor of a pilot.
• CSU Renovation – Gabe stated that apparently a decision was made by the Task Force regarding the ISO/IPO offices co-location without the input of the CSU Board. President Davenport stated that no decision was made, but that a recommendation was made. Scott Olson stated that the student input would be welcomed. President Davenport stated that we need to involve the CSU Board in everything that involves the students.
• Gabe and Chris thanked President Davenport.

D. Vice President for Student Affairs
• Welcome to Becky Miller, Administrative Assistant in Office of Student Affairs
• Minutes from September, October and November will be approved at the next meeting
• Thank-you to MSSA for timely follow-through on important issues
• Thank-you to Joel for staying through the meetings
• Trends for New Students Numbers – slightly ahead for freshmen “new admits”; slightly ahead for registration
• University Homecoming Committee will meet after winter break
  • Suggestions include – more activities for students on Friday and Saturday; bigger parade (President Davenport suggested including local high school bands); and possibly moving the time and location of the parade. All recommendations will go to the University Homecoming Committee and MSSA will be a part of that.

II. Action Items
A. Formal Review of Rollerblades, Skateboards, Bicycles, Electric Assistance Mobility Devices Policy – Gabe stated that he will have a response by the deadline
B. Formal Review of Undergraduate Course Repeat Policy
   - Gabe stated that the MSSA supports this policy
   - 45-day clock starts today on this policy (does not include days not in session)
C. Formal Review of Undergraduate Admissions Policy

Kris G. asked for clarification on the 45-day time period for formal review on policies – does it include days not here. Scott Olson reiterated that it does not include days not in session.

III. Discussion Items
A. Athletic Conference Affiliation – President Davenport stated that an open forum will be held on December 13 to share information regarding the
affiliation issue. No recommendation will be made at this meeting. He will make a decision soon after. Gabe asked Rick Straka if any costs could be shared before the meeting. Rick stated that depending on the Division, costs would vary and will be approximate.

B. Outdoor Recreation Proposal – Todd Pfingsten reported that he had presented the proposal to District 77, South Central College and Bethany Lutheran College. Superintendent Ed Waltman stated that the District has interest in use, but no interest in funding. Brandon Ross asked if entrepreneurs in the city were involved; President Davenport responded that the particular person’s interest strictly academics now. Gabe asked if the Alumni Foundation is involved in the fundraising. Rick Straka responded that possibly long-term, after the capital campaign. President Davenport stated that the intramural project doesn’t have to happen right now, and we want the students to be involved with helping to make the decisions.

C. Budget Update – Rick Straka reported that the $2.2 billion surplus does not take into consideration the three percent inflation and the accounting shifts. After this, there is not a whole lot of money left. Is the revenue forecast taken into consideration for budget planning? Yes, we take this into consideration and we look closely at the revenue forecast – it is a good indicator of what the final forecast will be in February. Ryan asked if we will get full amount that MnSCU has requested. Rick answered that there is no likelihood that we will receive what has been requested, but hopes to receive at least the 3.25 percent inflation amount. Ryan asked if larger projects not related to Academics and that have stress on tuition, were taken into consideration. Rick stated that these are taken very seriously and that we are looking at a number of things to evaluate other areas to reallocate funds within the institution.

D. Free Lot Paving/Proposed Parking Fee – Rick Straka reported that the City of Mankato has informed us that we need to pave the free lot. It is an environmental issue as well as a safety issue. Brandon asked if there would be an extension of parking by Trafton. Rick stated that this would not happen. Brandon asked about more parking after Gage is torn down. Rick stated that he could not comment on that at this time, it would depend on long term planning. Kristeen asked about the underpass/overpass. Rick stated that there are issues with time and money. The Stadium pedestrian traffic flow plan will be discussed again in the spring. The City of Mankato needs a decision within six months.