

MSSA MEET & CONFER
March 17, 2011
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – CSU 238
Minutes

PRESENT: Brett Anderson, Anne Blackhurst, Richard Davenport, Mary Dowd (Chair) , Mike Hodapp, Avra Johnson, Dan Kromer, Matthew Lexcen, Matt Lindquist, Lela Magxaka, Amy Mukamuri (Guest), Henry Morris, Joyce Powell (Recorder), Sarah Revering, Warren Sandmann, Rick Straka, Tom Williams

I. **Informational Items**

Approval of Minutes – The February 17, 2011 minutes were approved and accepted.

MSU President's Remarks

- The President was excited about the Maverick basketball team advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight of the NCAA Division II Tournament.
- President and Mary Davenport enjoyed having dinner with Student Senate members who acquired this opportunity as a Penney Scholarship Silent Auction item.
- There is a listening session for discussion of the FY11 One Time Funding Reinvestment Proposals scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 1:00pm – 3:00pm in CSU 284.
- President Davenport was recently in California doing fund raising. There are good funding prospects for the Big Ideas Campaign.
- There was discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting regarding the MnSCU budget. The House Finance & Policy Committee will be finalizing the budget bill and it should soon be known how this will impact MnSCU/MSU.
- President Davenport thanked Mike Hodapp for his many years of service as well as Mike's many contributions to student government and student life.

MSSA President's Remarks

- Great fun was had at the NCAA Division II Central Regional Men's Basketball Championship on Tuesday.
- Student Activity Fund budget meetings will be held in April. The April Meet & Confer will be the last meeting for the FY11 Student Government officials. Student Government elections will be held April 12, 2011.
- Hertz Connect exceeded monthly goals. The program is at the point it needs to be. Anticipate a decrease in use during the summer months.
- Interviews for the final MSSA Office & Administrative Specialist candidates are being scheduled.

Dean of Students Remarks

- Interim Dean Dowd thanked Mike Hodapp for his nine years of service as the MSSA Liaison. Mike, for over 40 years, has been a strong advocate for MSSA, Student Affairs, and MSUAASF. Mike's last day is Friday, April 8, 2011. Information on his retirement reception will be sent soon.
- Students concerned and/or directly impacted by the earthquake in Japan can be referred to the Counseling Center or International Center for support services. There are 25 Japanese students at MSU and one MSU student in Osaka, Japan. All have made contact with their families. The Japanese Intercultural Association continues with its fund raising activities.
- There is great school spirit at MSU! The Men's Basketball Team advancement to NCAA Elite Eight; Theatre/Dance will be performing at the Kennedy Center this year; and the Atmosphere Concert was sold out. The Mav After Dark, Mav on a Stick Event had record attendance.

- The Town Gown relationship is improving. MSU students showed support for the new Public Intoxication Ordinance. The City/University Student Affairs Committee meets this evening. Agenda topics are shared amongst MSU, South Central College, and Bethany. Rasmussen College will likely be invited to attend these meetings as well.
- Student Senators attended a Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting on Tuesday. They presented a draft brochure about students becoming better neighbors. The attendance and presentation were very appreciated.
- On Friday, 3/11/11, a South Central College Summit meeting was held to continue collaboration efforts and assist with recruitment of transfer students.
- Enrollment numbers are up compared to last year at this time. As of 3/15/11, New Entering Freshmen admitted applications have increased by 6.6%; transfer student admitted applications have increased by 5.4%. NEF Resident Life reservations are up over 200 and the residential halls will be full for the Fall Semester.

II. **Action Items**

- Associate VP Sandmann distributed and reviewed the FY14-16 calendars.
- These calendars are available on the Academic Affairs website.

III. **Discussion Items**

A. Intensive English Language Institute (Amy Mukamuri)

- Amy Mukamuri is the Founding Director for the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI).
- For the IELI pilot phase (March 2011 – September 2012), Amy will be employed half-time through Extended Learning and half-time in the Institutional Diversity Division where she will report to Becky Copper-Glenz and Kelly Meier respectively.
- A Proposal for the Foundation of the Intensive English Language Institute has been presented to Cabinet.
- Two program models to be offered:
 - Model 1: Short-term courses, custom-made for international Minnesota State Mankato partners, non-credit bearing certificate courses in English as a Second Language. Home stay or campus stay options. High-profit model.
 - Model 2: Semester-long program for students who do not meet admission requirements in English (TOEFL 500). Innovative model that will include participation in 6 credits of regular classes (GEOG 101 and HIST 191) and 14 hours of weekly instruction and tutoring in English. Students will have earned six academic credits and passed the TOEFL test after one semester; they will now qualify for regular admission. Model suitable for international and diverse domestic student populations, for example contract students. Low profit model.
- IELI Purpose:
 - Recruitment of international students.
 - Support of domestic students with first language other than English.
 - Employment opportunities for graduate students and alumni of TESL Program.
 - Internship and tutoring opportunities for undergraduate TESL students.
 - Research opportunities for TESL faculty.
- Collaborating Units:
 - Extended Learning
 - Institutional Diversity
 - Global Solutions Taskforce
 - Kearney International Center

- Admissions
 - Funding: The first year Extended Learning and Institutional Diversity will fund. It is expected that the second year, the IELI will be generating a profit.
- B. FY11/FY12 Budget Updates (Rick Straka)
- Next year's budget is looking better; appropriations are where we thought they would be when FY12 budget planning began 2 years ago.
 - Tuition may not need to be increased by the full 5% if MSU appropriation is more than initially anticipated.
 - There were 83 FY11 One Time Reinvestment Funding Proposals submitted.
 - All proposals can be seen at <http://www.mnsu.edu/finadm/budgetoffice>
 - You will be asked to sign in with your Mav Account username and password.
 - Proposals will be reviewed at Cabinet next week.
 - Feedback will be requested from bargaining units at the April Meet & Confers.
- C. AEP/Rock Climbing Wall/Outdoor Recreation Survey Update (MSSA)
- The Outdoor Recreation Survey, over the last 48 hours, has seen a 5% response rate. Of these survey responses, over 2/3rds of the students responding were interested in the climbing walls.
 - Out of the 625 students responding, 85.5% responded yes to an increase in student fees to fund the climbing walls.
 - MSSA will continue to track survey responses. It is hoped that there will be a 10% survey response rate.
 - A spreadsheet has been created to show climbing wall income and expenses so that this program could become self-sustaining.
- D. City/University Student Affairs Committee Update (MSSA)
- The City/University Student Affairs Committee is now a standing committee with the City of Mankato.
 - The Public Intoxication Ordinance was referred to the City/University Student Affairs Committee. The MSSA is supporting this ordinance.
 - Cross walk safety is being reviewed by this committee as well.
 - There has been media attention in regard to the Public Intoxication Ordinance as well as the relationship between the City and University.
 - The state senate bill amending the City Charter to add a student government ex-officio position to the Mankato City Council has stalled. The City/University Student Affairs Committee empowers students to achieve a similar goal of a better relationship between the city & university communities.
 - The City/University Student Affairs Committee meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. The next meetings will be Thursday, 4/21/11, and Friday, 5/19/11, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the Intergovernmental Center.
 - Please contact Mary Dowd if you are interested in attending or have topics for the meeting agenda.
- E. FY12 SAF Budget Exercise (MSSA)
- The University areas that requested funding from Student Allocations this year were asked to complete an exercise as to what the impact would be if the area got 0% funding as well as the impact if there was a 3% reduction in funding.
 - MSSA is asking for feedback from administration in regard to this process, the impact responses from departments, and advise MSSA as to direction to go regarding student fees.
 - Mike Hodapp indicated all requests for funding have been received. These requests have increased to \$130,000.00.
 - The sports referendum submitted by the Men's Swim Team is not an initiative of

the Athletics Department. Administration will attend public forums regarding the referendum but are not actively supporting it.

F. Student First Initiative Update (MSSA)

- The Students First Initiative has six components.
- MSU piloted the sixth component, Graduation Planner. There were problems with the Graduation Planner software. New software is being developed for the Graduation Planner component. Because of the need for revised software, the Graduation Planner will not be ready in June 2011.
- The other five Students First Initiative components will be implemented as proposed.
- The MSSA supports Students First Initiative as long as testing for each component is completed before implementation.
- A joint memo from MnSCU institutions was sent to the Chancellor regarding completion of Students First Initiative component testing prior to implementation. Concerns were expressed regarding disruption of services if components are not ready to be implemented by July 1, 2011.
- More information will be shared as it is available.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 14, 2011, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., [CSU 238](#)

/jp