77th Senate called to order by Speaker Thomas Williams

Roll Call (present, absent, proxy, excused)
Jennifer Dooley 27-1-0, Brett Anderson 28-0-0, Chris Kaufman 27-0-0-1, Alexi Roskom 22-0-0, Dan Hallgren 8-1-0-1, Alyssa Ries 19-8-0, Dan Kromer 21-0-0, Samuel Adams 13-1-0, Sarah Koenen 19-0-0-1, Jason Knopik 10-0-0, Dave Meyers 26-1-0-1, Michael Do 11-0-0, Braeden Hogie 11-0-0, Jennifer Crane 23-3-0-2, Abdihakin Abdi 25-0-0, Michael Cooper 18-8-0, Matthew Johnson 20-7-0, Abby Knott 25-3-0, Juan Munoz 13-0-0, Amanda Lebens 25-2-0, Brett Carpenter 8-1-0, Sarah Revering 23-0-0-1, Nikki Sabby 10-0-0, Ricardo Lopez 19-6-0, President Rajabali 28-0-0, Vice President Dooley 28-0-0

Student Technology Fee Consideration

Motion #04.14.10 Student Technology Fee Subcommittee

| Whereas: | The Student Technology Fee is up for review |
| Whereas: | The Student Technology Fee is currently $7.00 per credit |
| Whereas: | The Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee has met multiple times this semester viewing the different technology resources and costs associated throughout campus |
| Whereas: | The Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee has created a prioritized list of directives for 2010-2011 which was approved by MSSA and the Learning and Technology Roundtable |

Therefore be it Resolved: The MSSA approves the $7.00 per credit Student Technology Fee for 2010-2011.

Senator Koenen—Two weeks ago you saw the technology focus directive, the list of priorities we want to do this year. We are not increasing the fee and we have been trying to make cut backs like everyone else.

Motion #04.14.10 Student Technology Fee passes

Presentation of Appeals

MSU Reporter

Nicole Smith, Editor in Chief/Jane Tastad, Business Manager

The Reporter would like to appeal the SAC recommendation for our 2010-11 budget. We realize SAC has recommended that $10,000 be cut from our budget and put into a reserve account. This would be a cut for us and we absolutely need it. We realize the recommendation came about because we do have a surplus. Our surplus is a cushion to cover our decline in ad revenue over the last three years. 80% of our budget comes from ad revenue. The current economy has put a damper on our budget as ad sales continues to decrease. The Reporter wants s to make sure we have funds in the future and we depend on our surplus to do so. Our surplus has decreased over time and will continue to decrease over the years. We have also requested less money from Student Allocations over the past few years. We will have a surplus again this year but not of the magnitude that we had this year. We are looking to 2012 when we have heard MSU could be in the worst financial situation they have been in decades. We realize asking for $10,000 next year may not be feasible, even though that is when we may need it the most. If we ask for this back when the budget is under crisis people may not understand and this may seem unreasonable. We have lost 6 clients this year as they have gone out of business. In the past two
years we have seen significant decline in ad sales as a result of the economy. So in preparation of next year and 2012 the Reporter believes we could really use all the $67,000 that we requested.

**Student Allocation Committee Rebuttal-Josie Greve, Chair**

When the committee sat down for the budget hearing their primary goal was that we did not want to increase student fees. After hearing all the budget requests, Student Activities, Health Services, and Campus Rec asked for increases for contractual things they have to provide staff. We do not support Ethic Student Activities, Forensics and the International Center Activities because their increase was for more programming and travel. We recommended the Reporter be decreased $10,000 because of surplus over the past three years of $50,000. We felt a decrease of $10,000 would be efficient for us to move that $10,000 into Non-Budgeted Request funds, which is the fund that RSO's come to us and ask for money for travel to leadership conferences. That number has been around $30,000 for the last ten years and as everyone knows with inflation the cost of traveling increases. That $30,000 is not realistic for today. So we decided to take $10,000 away from the Reporter and move it into Non-Budgeted Requests. However, as it says in the narrative if the Reporter does not meet ad sales they can come back to the committee and make their case and the money will be in reserve.

The Student Life Activity Fee is increased $.04 but the fee is shifted from Health Services because Health Services did not request $20,000 for their R&R fund. Using that $20,000 from the R&R fund the estimated credit hour, as well as the $10,000 shifted from the Reporter, we were able to cover the fringe benefits from Student Activities, Health Services and Campus Rec.

Vice President Dooley-Move to amend SAC recommendation by removing $5,000 from the Non-Budgeted Fund request making the total $30,000, and moving it into the Reporter, making that $62,000. 2nd Anderson

Vice President Dooley-I would like to thank SAC for working so diligently to keep fees down. I do feel the Reporter can afford to cut back their budget a little bit. They did make a good point about the 2012 cliff. We don't even know how bad it is going to be. I feel that moving $5,000 to the Non-Budgeted Fund request is not the best place for it, I don't know if we have even used all that money this year. Move to Mr. Hodapp for the total spent. Mr. Hodapp-We did add another $8,000 to it this year and we have about $2 or $3,000 left. We are spending more.

Vice President Dooley-SOAFC is still under budget, we have not spent even half of that so I feel we are not benefiting the students by moving it to another place where it might not get used either. I feel this is a fair compromise. Next year if they do find their reserves our down they would not have to ask for $10,000. I would imagine that if they came back next year and said they need $10,000 no one would understand that.

Senator Anderson-I feel a 50/50 split is fair. It gives them more cushion in their surplus and $5,000 is still there for them and if there is an advertising shortfall they won't have to ask for as big an increase. President Rajabali-I agree with the Student Allocation Committee. The 2010 cliff will have an effect on the state budget. Student fees are one of the most stable budgets. We are not going to see an increase or decrease. We are going to see a decline in revenue for the Reporter and at that point they can come for the money. She said this money is not going to be used right now but put in surplus. Why should we not put it in a pot used for all students? They can come back and ask for it.

Senator Carpenter-I like the $5,000 gesture. One of the biggest failures of government is if you don't use your money you lose it. The Reporter has been responsible in preparing for the shortage. The idea of the surplus is that it just sits there, just in case. The same money also sits in the reserve. It is really the, just who the money belongs to. Ultimately it belongs to the students. By holding the $10,000 it is for no one to use it. It is a good compromise. I congratulate the Reporter on being frugal.

Senator Knott-I agree with Rajab. They have done an excellent job. They have had a surplus over the years. What is the difference between $60,000 and $65,000? It will still be there for them. I don't think that anybody on Student Allocations or Senate, if the Reporter got in trouble, would let them go under.

Senator Kromer-We need to make a compromise. The Reporter has 80% of their revenue come from ad sales. We give them less than 20% of their total income. They have lost six big contracts. By taking money away from them we are kind of encouraging them to not go out and pursue more contracts.
Vice President Dooley-$10,000 is way too much to be cut in one year. We are not giving it back to the students. If their budget does go down and we hit the financial crisis I can’t believe students will give them more in the future. So far they have lost 6 businesses. We don’t know, there could be more in the future. Their reserve is now less than $30,000. We don’t want them to reach 0. We don’t want future students to collect on our mistakes. I think $5,000 is fair. If they have more reserve next year, then cut it again.

SAC Chair Josie Greve.
The SAC reserve is $500,000. We are not allocating $10,000 to just sit in reserve. We are just taking $10,000 from the Reporter reserve and shifting to the Non-budgeted Funds. Overall the recommendation stays the same.

Nicole Smith, Reporter-We want to clarify that as of now, based on ad revenue projections for the end of the year we believe our surplus will be increased from anywhere from $15,000 to $20,000. As of right now our ad revenue will come up short about $114,000 so our surplus will be decreased from $15-20,000.

Senator Anderson-The Reporter is a model line-item. They always try to ask for less money and shift more of their budget outside of student fees. Here they are feeling anxious because of the economy. Even if we do give them $5,000 they are taking a $5,000 cut in the midst of this unknown. They get their ad revenue from businesses. We have not used all the SAC and SOAFC money. $10,000 is an enormous amount to throw at those two. The Reporter also has inflationary costs. They do have costs that increase. We are still cutting them $5,000. I applaud the Reporter for looking for less funds.

Senator Kaufman-I hope the Reporter continues to bring in ad sales and their 80%. It is the nature of the beast and it is good college experience. In the end I applaud them. I support this $5,000.

President Rajabali-We love the newspaper and if they get in trouble we will bail them out. This is about their budget used in a year and what we allocate them. We are supposed to be allocating what they use. This is about SAC’s budget of $500,000 reserve. What if Health services gets in trouble, they can go for it or the Reporter can go for it.

Senator Munoz-This is a good compromise. They are still taking a cut. I support this option. It is a compromise. The Reporter has been consistently aggressive in the pursuit of advertising and lean in their budget. Their current numbers are a little alarming compared to the $60,000 we have seen in the past.

SAC Chair- I don’t think $5,000 out of their surplus is going to make that much difference. If ad sales are not up they can come back and ask for money anyway. We have spent $36,000 this year. Travel costs are up and more RSO’s are coming to us asking for money. I think the $10,000 is needed in Non-budgeted vs. the Reporter. We are not going to lose our school newspaper. At the end of the year if they need help we will still help them.

Nicole Smith-Our surplus could be reduced to about $20,000. We feel that any little bit will help. We feel $5,000 is a great compromise.

Senator Carpenter-I feel this is a good compromise- I want to do as much as we can for the students.

Senator Anderson-If we spent all of our Non-Budgeted this year, and we add $10,000 at what point do we have to play the game if the Reporter needs the money. When do you know, how do you track ad revenue? Is it at the end of the year?

Nicole-We need $114,000 more in ad revenue this year in order to maintain a $20,000 surplus. It is possible we won’t know until the middle of next year.

Senator Anderson-If they don’t know then we should give it to the Reporter and not play that balancing act.

Senator Kromer-If we do have to give them money how will the students view that. Maybe if things turn around it will be different. They have been taking cuts year after year.

Nicole Smith-We want to clear up that our biggest money maker is Futures. Last year it was 72 pages this year we had to extend our deadline to get it is 50 pages. We will have less revenue because of that.

Senator Kaufman-I still think the Reporter should more aggressively seek advertisers.
Senator Knott-I support the Reporter but I feel like we should look at the bigger picture. This $10,000 is not going to be funding the Reporter. They have what they need, this is funding a cushion sitting in the bank for them. Most line items have a zero surplus at the end of the year. The money will be there.

Roll Call Vote
Senators Voting Yes
Brett Anderson, Chris Kaufman, Alexi Roskom, Dan Hallgren, Dan Kromer, Sarah Koenen, Jason Knopik, Sam Adams, Micheal Do, Dave Meyers, Braeden Hogie, Juan Munoz, Brett Carpenter
Senators Voting No
Jennifer Dooley, Abdihakin Abdi, Abby Knott, Amanda Lebens, Sarah Revering, Nikki Sabby

Executive Staff
President Rajabali-No w/r, Vice President Dooley-Yes

Amendment to SAC recommendation passes
Vice President Dooley-Move to allocate $4,000 from SOAFC to Non-budgeted Fund Requests.
2nd/Senator Do
Vice President Dooley-We increased this last year and we were wrong. We said if that were the case we would come back and discuss it. As of now we are not close to spending the $9,500 budget.
Motion passes
SOAFC now $5,500  Non budgeted Fund-$34,000

Consideration of SAF Budget Line Items  $4.18 million.

Student Activity Program Subsidy Recommendations

Campus Recreation
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $351,508

Campus Recreation Equipment Depreciation Fund
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $20,000

Community Engagement
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $19,594

Ethnic Student Activities
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $36,974

Forensics
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $27,890

Health Services
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $1,417,300

Health Service Depreciation Fund
No Request

Homecoming
SAC recommends a 2010-11 one-time subsidy of $47,500
Intercollegiate Athletics
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $1,089,040

International Center Activities
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $47,645

Mavericks After Dark
SAC recommends a 2010-11 one-time subsidy of $10,000

LGBT
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $16,304

Music Ensembles
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $79,500

Non-budgeted Fund Requests
SAC recommends allocating $35,000

Note: Funds used for Supplemental Program requests, RSO Travel requests, and Reporter Subsidy hold back
Senate approved $34,000

Non Traditional Students
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $21,057

Post-Season Athletic Tournaments
No request

Repertory Dance
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $5,000

Reporter
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $57,000
Senate approved $62,000

Reporter Depreciation Fund
No request

SAF Administration
SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $216,262
**Student Activities**

SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $479,762

**SOAFC (Student Organizations)**

SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $9,500

Note: Funds used for RSO on campus programming requests

Senate approved $5,000

**Student Senate**

SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $86,022

**Theatre**

SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $81,528

**Women’s Center**

SAC recommends a 2010-11 subsidy of $33,114

**Approval of SAC Budget as a Whole**

Amended motion Passes

**Ratification of 2010-2011 Elections-Approved**

04-12-10 Non Budgeted Funds Request

SAC M#04.12.10 A Men’s Club Volleyball
Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to $878.00 to Men’s Club Volleyball to attend the national Volleyball Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky

SAC M#04.12.10B Dept. of Theatre and Dance
Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to $2500.00 to Department of Theatre and Dance to attend The National College Dance Festival at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and George Washington University

SAC M#04.12.10C American Society of Civil Engineers
Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to $350.00 to American Society of Civil Engineers to attend American Society of Civil Engineers 2010 Midwest Regional Concrete Canoe Competition in Ames, Iowa

SAC M#04.12.10D Omicron Delta Epsilon
Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to $260.00 to Omicron Delta Epsilon to host a speaker, King Banaian—Economics Needs for Reform.

**Motions pass**

**Approval of Board Member decision at MSUSA**

We have been talking about a joint venture with MSCSA and MSUSA. MSCSA’s revenue is increasing, but it did not make sense as we are cutting budgets. It did not make sense to be discussing a joint building venture. The decision is over, we are not doing this. Next year’s Board does not have to deal with this.

We approved the election of the new Chair, Andrew Spaeth from Bemidji State, Vice Chair, Caitlin Steen—President from Winona. Treasurer election failed. In July the board will come together and elect an interim chair. We approved the budget. The delegates recommended 3 conferences. We have done away with Diversity and Leadership. MSUSA is for advocacy; leadership and diversity aspects
should be encouraged on individual campuses as we do on our campus. Diversity is important but we should be doing more workshops and training.

Senator Meyers-Did the Board agree on the number of delegates?
President Rajabali-It should be proportionate by the head count. What they did was give one additional delegate to Metro as they have increased in student population. I voted against that but it still passed. The re-appropriation would have been 1 additional delegate for St. Cloud; we would have stayed the same, Metro would have gotten 2, and Moorhead would have gone down by two. It was all calculated out by percentages. St. Cloud and I voted for it but the rest of the Board members voted against it.
Vice President Dooley-You voted the way we would have wanted. I would have looked for a way to get rid of all three delegates from Moorhead but we can’t do anything about it.

**Board Report Approved**

**Announcements**
President Rajabali-Campus Appreciation Week, popsicles 1-3 PM Monday. Inauguration-Wed.
April 28-Whiffle Ball
Senator Carpenter-We need to alter the Bylaws a little-should this be done by the next body?
Senator Kaufman-If we changed the Bylaws wouldn’t we have to do it now. Let’s leave it for the 78th.
Senator Carpenter-Thank the Directors from other departments that stopped by. Thank the Reporter staff as well, it is tough to appeal.
Senator Munoz-Remember Supreme Court Justice Allan Page will be here Friday.
Speaker-Cake in the office, brought to you by Tessi.
Senator Kaufman-The first lady elect.

**Roll Call**
Senators Present
Jennifer Dooley, Brett Anderson, Chris Kaufman, Alexi Roskom, Dan Hallgren, Dan Kromer, Sam Adams, Jason Knopik, Sarah Koenen, Micheal Do, Dave Meyers, Braeden Hogie, Abdihakin Abdi, Abby Knott, Juan Munoz, Amanda Lebens, Brett Carpenter, Sarah Revering, Nikiki Sabby

Senators Absent
Alyssa Ries, Jennifer Crane, Michael Cooper, Matthew Johnson, Ricardo Lopez

Executive Staff Present
President Rajabali, Vice President Dooley

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM