Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)
Rachael Quast 24-0-0, Kristy Pottebaum 18-0-0-1, Holly Pahl 26-1-0-1, Jared Grove 24-0-0, Brandon Ross 27-0-0-1, James Varner 11-1-0, Brett Carpenter 19-0-0, Vang Xiong 13-3-0, Matthew Lust 25-3-0, Murtaza Rajabali 25-2-0-1, Harshdeep Bhasin 24-1-0-3, Casey Adkins 8-0-0, Brian Leonardi 10-0-0-2, Matthew Schmidt 20-0-0-1, Thuy Huynh 15-1-0-1, Ruby Lopez 9-1-0, Jeffrey Long 23-1-0, Noah Olanrewaju, 8-3-0, Andy Wilke 24-0-0, Abbie Hill 26-1-0-1, Nathan Madden 27-1-0, Brian McMahan 25-0-0, Kelly Biers 26-0-0, Kristopher Lovstad 28-0-0, Jon Hurm 6-1-0-1, Ryan Johnson 20-5-0, Dave Meyers 23-0-0, President Chris Frederick 27-0-0-1, Vice President Carmody 27-0-0-1

Move by President Frederick/Vice President Carmody
Move to approve the SAC recommendations as presented for FY 09 Student Fees Budget with the addition/amendment per SAC request of $14,000 to the Student Activities budget.

President Frederick-Thank you SAC for your hard work. I know you spend countless hours going through each one of the line items. You used the same logic for all groups. I support the SAC recommendations because the same logic was put in place in funding each line item. We heard presentations today but also keep in mind that there were many other line items that did not receive the full funding that they requested. In representing the student body please use the same logic in funding all line items.

Vice President Carmody-I agree with President Frederick. SAC has done a good job in recommendations with keeping students best interests in mind. This year is about prioritizing and making sure we get the most out of student’s money. I think they have done an excellent job in seeing where we can get the most money. I support this motion to pass the budget as is with the correction.

Senator Biers-I would not be in favor of this motion. It would be a disservice to those that have come to appeal. My other concern is that if we do this every year SAC will be able to recommend what ever they like to. Some items need further consideration.

Senator Wilke-I am not in favor of this motion. It would be a disservice to ignore the appeals. This senate has set a precedence of questioning committees and decisions and by setting SAC on a silver platter and not questioning it would not do our students due diligence.

Senator Lovstad-I would like to echo previous speakers. I would like to at least have the conversation even if we pass it as it is.

Senator Ross-It takes a lot for people to come here. This is a collaboration of administration and us to come up with the best possible solution. We should be able to debate. If we pass it as it is it is taking the easy way out. And we do disservice to the campus as a whole.

Motion to pass as a whole 7 y 17 no 2 abstentions motion fails

Student Allocations Committee Student Fee Recommendations for 2008-2009

Presentation of Appeals

Blue Earth Review: Recommended Allocation $0.00

Blue Earth Review-Bronson Lemer
The committee said that we do not serve enough students. Blue Earth Review is a literary magazine. We publish fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art work by not only students but faculty and new writers across the country. What we try to do is basically put together a publication that has good writing. Blue Earth Review stands for an opportunity for new writers to actually publish their writing on campus. It is an outlet for people in creative writing, art, any writers, even if they are not majoring in creative writing. We aim to put together a publication that has good writing. The Blue Earth Review stands for an opportunity for new writers to publish their work. We hold an undergraduate writing contest and we branch beyond the campus and are trying to make a publication that is recognized nation wide. In order for us to do this we have had to accept work from beyond the campus. This benefits the writers that are in our publication because if this publication were strictly for students and faculty writers on this campus it would barely reach beyond this campus. We have established writers and we allow students to have their work seen by a larger audience. We are committed to students on this campus. We need to branch out and be seen by other writers across the country. The writers here on this campus need to have that. The committee does not understand how many people are affected by the publication. We have a full staff of all students. It allows them the opportunity to edit, publish, and design and get feet wet in writing and publishing. Without this it would be a disservice to the students. We work with Mass Communications to help us design and layout the publication. Blue Earth Review attached to MSU is a benefit to campus. When writers are looking at going to a campus they want a campus that will nourish and offer opportunities for writers. Students are allowed that opportunity at MSU by the Blue Earth Review. If you take that away it takes away a huge asset of what appeals to writers looking at Minnesota State University, Mankato. They need a place where they can get their feet wet in editing and read creative work. We know we are a smaller publication and we understand the restrictions of the committee in the past few years but we believe we are a valuable asset to this campus community.

SAC Rebuttal- Mr. Brett Fleck, SAC Committee
I would like to start out by addressing the points made by the Blue Earth Review and my rebuttal to each one of them. This offers a way for students to get published that might not have that opportunity. A good friend of mine, Mike Norton published his own book free of charge on line. There are several other opportunities out there for students to get published as well as across the country there are universities to get involved with. In the current issue 5 students out of 30 were from or have attended MSU. Meaning we are serving 25 of 30 non-students by our MSU funded literary magazine. In the presentation that they give us they said it was a roughly 70/30 breakdown of MSU students to non MSU students. In the past marketing was rather limited. It is relatively unknown. Another thing that was brought up is that graduate students use this for their classes to show they worked on a literary magazine. If they wanted to use this for their classes they could charge each student $5.00 if students were using this as a textbook and purchasing this book. It would be self-sustaining very quickly. The previous allocation was over $7,000 in 2007. The asked allocation is now $4,000.00. Carry over published this current issue. It seems this gets smaller and smaller to publish it each year. SAC feels that from fundraising and donations from past writers they could be self-supporting and could publish on their own if they indeed wanted to. Our job as the Student Allocation Committee is to prioritize fees and where we think they will have the most impact. Funding $4,000 for 5 students and some grad students is not in the general interest of who you are all representing. SAC feels that
the Blue Earth Review, serving more non-MSU students than MSU students does not warrant a student fee appropriation.

**MSSA Discussion & Recommendation**

Senator Wilke-I do agree with the arguments of Mr. Fleck but I would like to point out that for this university to be taken seriously with a B.A. or M.A. program a publication of this sort is necessary. This is something you can not consider to be substantial to the Reporter. It is a different kind of publication. The fact that they go outside of the boundaries to other universities to get works is huge. One concern I have is whether the Department of English or Arts & Humanities feels that it should be funded through their budget. This is an important literary magazine and could do good for some students.

Senator Madden-Speaking in favor of the line item, I feel there are not enough outlets for creative writers to get published. It is an asset as they enter the writing world. However, the Title is Blue Earth Review. We need to keep this as true to it’s title as need be. I think we should fund it directly proportional to the amount of students being published from MSU. I would be curious as to their circulation if they are trying to present this as a national publication.

Senator Biers-This is beneficial to us. It represents our university. We partially supported Campus Rec because it has an affect on how our university is perceived. It is the same thing For a literary magazine. It represents the English Department and the MFA program and the university as a whole. They can’t do that unless they have submissions from outside the area. I would be in favor of partially funding this according to how many students are involved.

Senator Lust-As a grad student senator I feel this is not the only scholastic publication we have. We have the undergraduate research conference supported by M&E dollars. That conference receives no funding from student fees. I do not know why this is the most deserving of all our scholastic endeavors. There is not a journal for SBS students. There is not a journal for CSET students or any other graduate students or any students in general. I don’t deny that this is a beacon of program strength that they have this internal publication but at the same time I am not sure that student’s should be funding any more than a portion.

Senator Hill-I don’t think any funding is necessary. The most recent issue was not funded by any student fees and yet the issue was put out there. If there are 5 students and 20 others what kind of value is worth x amount of dollars. We have been called the most informed students and how many of you have heard of the Blue Earth Review?

Campus Ross-We took it out last year because we did not think it was representative of our university. In the four years I have been here I have never seen an issue until it was brought in for us to look at it. I understand there are students that need to be published but I think there could be another viable option.

Senator McMahan-If I were to support this it would be on stipulations. One, it should be advertised more, the second thing is it should be funded proportionately from non MSU students to MSU and at max $1320.00.

Senator Carmody-Move to approve the Blue Earth Review line item as SAC recommended. **Motion passes 22y 3 n and 2 abstentions**

**Campus Recreation:** *Recommended Allocation $335,169.00*
SAC feels that the increased allocation of $2,664.00 is appropriate being that the amount stems from increases for graduate student tuition remission, unclassified salary, and fringe benefits all, in SAC’s view, are necessary.

**Motion Carries 24 y 2 n o abstentions**

**Campus Recreation Equipment R/R Fund:**  *Recommended Allocation $20,000.00*
A substantial budget carry forward and allocation from SAC last year allowed Campus Recreation to replace aging equipment. With little to no surplus expected to carry forward this year SAC feels the maximum allocation for replacement next year is appropriate.

**Motion Carries 24 y 2 n 1 abstention**

**Ethnic Student Activities:**  *Recommended Allocation $36,974.00*
SAC feels that in order to maintain the current level of service to students an expense related increase is necessary. However, SAC does not support further increases for student group travel at this time.

**Motion Carries 24 y 1 no 1 abstention**

**Forensics:**  *Recommended Allocation $27,890.00*
SAC feels that the increase is necessary to accommodate rapidly rising traveling costs noting that most of the Forensics line item’s costs are related to travel.

**Motion Carries 21 y 3 no 3 abstention**

**Health Service:**  *Recommended Allocation $1,333,971.00*
SAC feels that the stated increase is appropriate and necessary to fund contracted increases in salary and fringe benefits for the Health Service staff. SAC supports the addition of the requested RN position pending the position is and continues to be self-sustaining with generated revenue and cost savings. SAC does not support an additional subsidy to expand the payroll of Health Services with a Psychiatrist. Even though a need has been demonstrated, SAC feels that this position could be funded through other means than student fee dollars. SAC would like to recommend that this line item’s current $73,316.00 surplus be moved to the general fund allowing the Health Service fee to accurately portray actual expense related subsidy changes.

**Appeal-Christine Connolly-Director of Health Services**
The area I have concern is an area I have talked to the senate and SAC about. As our budget was approved there was support for psychiatric services but there was not funding for psychiatric services. I have had conversations and I know you feel that should be funded from the M& E side of sources. Believe me I have tried, we have applied for strategic funding the last two years and have gotten strategic money. This is not like counseling, this is a doctor. A doctor that can prescribe medication. Five years ago I came to you because we saw an increase of 10% in the number of students needing a doctor and you passed it unanimously. Last year we saw a 95% increase and it is still being rejected. Clearly this has to do with psychology services and I am concerned about that. The need for psych services has been spelled out, the numbers have been spelled out. There is funding delayed in the community in the ability to get services. We have broken down alternatives and on the outside the cost is about 2 ½ times greater not to mention the delay in getting services. We know the numbers continue to increase. We know we have more returning vets coming
to campus. This is an issue affecting the campus more and more. I appreciate the continued support from SAC and Senate but it would cost $2.60 a year for each student to provide psychiatric services. That is .17 per credit hour. That would allow us to have comprehensive services for students available on a limited basis but also to get services more quickly in the community when students are in crisis and to have an expert available on campus so that students can get the most appropriate treatment so that they can be successful. Early intervention has a positive impact on success and we know that treatment supports retention. This matches with university goals and the health and wellness strategic initiative. When that data was looked at a year ago the #1 issue that came up for students was psychiatric services. I hope we can get some funding for this. This portion I am asking for is to directly benefit students. It is not for any faculty staff services. I have put in a strategic initiative request for some of the other consulting stuff. This will directly benefit students.

SAC Chair Fleck
SAC has a hard time arguing against this position because Director Connolly has shown the need and students have shown the need for this kind of position. The administration has been pushing for this through psychiatric health services and mental health and wellness for the last couple years. SAC’s argument is, who funds it? There are currently 23 positions in the health services funded by student fee dollars. We can talk about adding a position here and there and eventually we have a budget that has continual increases outpacing all the other budget line items, simply through salary and fringe benefit increases. That worries me for student fees. My point is if the administration is pushing for this, why is it so difficult for them to fund this out of the million dollar budget that they run. If we were to support this, about $10,000 would be covered roughly through the ability to bill insurance companies, which we can’t do now because it is not a permanent position. This would be adding $30,000 to base funding. This shows a need but in regard to student fees and involvement it would be better used back in the student’s pocket or in some other future line item allocation that people seem to come up with every year. Where do you fund it from and where do you draw the line? We support the idea of having a psychiatrist but not out of student fees.

MSSA discussion and recommendation
Senator Lust-I must admit I partially am in favor of the psychiatrist position but I am not in favor of 100% funding. I would have favored a 50/50 split between M&E and student fee dollars. Is this permanent?
Director Connolly-Two years ago this position was funded at $80,000 and not $40,000. $40,000 is to come from student fees and the other portion I have applied for strategic funding. The students were not asked to pay for the portion of general training. The only portion built into this budget is the portion that directly affects students.
Senator Lust-With that my support has increased slightly. Is that for a limited time or is that permanently?
Director Connolly- The $40,000 is limited strategic money. It has been done that way the last two years and because we know we want to move that money to M&E. This gives us a year to find the additional $40,000. We are trying to generate other revenue sources.
Senator Hill-Move to approve the SAC recommendation.
Motion fails
Senator Lovstad—I would like to echo that I would be for supporting some portion of the psychiatrist as long as the university picked up some portion. I can see funding for 08-09 but we need to look at this seriously.

Senator Madden—I feel this request has met a couple criteria that deserve some review. There has been a demonstrated need. They have put in an initial good effort in searching for ways to defuse costs. They are not piggy backing this on students. Is there a way we could further defuse costs by cooperating with the Counseling Center?

Director Connolly—No, this is a separate position. The Counseling Center has psychologists, they can not prescribe medication.

Senator Madden—Mental health is as important as physical health. We are doing a good job of providing students a way of taking care of physical health but I do not think we have an adequate way for students to seek out mental health needs.

Moved by Senator Wilke/Senator Ross

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Senator Wilke—This position has demonstrated a vital need to the university. We should only fund half. This position is increasingly needed on campuses. Students should not fund all of it but half of it is merited.

Senator Ross—I agree, we need to come to a common ground. Funding half is showing our concern for students and is still fiscally responsible.

SAC - Mr. Fleck—There are two parts to this job. $40,000 is teaching at the university, the other is in office for the psychiatrist working with the students. They have applied for the consulting side from strategic funding. They are asking for the student to psychiatrist side. To fund our half would be $40,000.

Senator Carpenter—I have been in favor of this but where will we get this funding from in terms of student fees. Will we put a raise in fees or pull it from different line items?

Senator Wilke—It seems the likely option is to raise student fees.

Senator Ross—This would be .13 cents a credit. That is extremely feasible.

Senator Bhasin—I disagree. There is a need for this but it should not be funded by student dollars.

Senator Pottebaum—I am unsure of the funding but I do know there is a large need.

Senator Lust—I am in favor of this. But would move to amend. Second Senator Wilke

| Be it Further Resolved: | SAF allocations never be used to pay for anything other then patient/client time |

Senator Lust—This is not against the administration but it is a matter of services to students. Students should only pay for time for students. We need to provide the service but it should be as unambiguous as possible.

Senator Varner—Right now the $40,000 is patient time. We have identified that there is an increase of people needing the service but if we find there is an additional need where they need to meet more with students solely, it is implied that all the money would be coming from student fees? Right now it says it would all come from student fees.

Senator Lust—Any additional allocation would have to be approved by the senate.
Amendment carries 13 y 11 n 3 abstentions
Moved by Senator Wilke/Senator Ross

Whereas: A psychiatrist has been demonstrated as a need for students

Whereas: Students should not foot the whole bill

Be it Resolved: MSSA recommends allocating $40,000 to pay for one half of the salary for the position

Be it Further Resolved: SAF allocations never be used to pay for anything other than patient/client time.

Amended Health Services Budget carries 15 y 9 no 3 abstentions

Health Service Repair/Replacement Fund: Recommended Allocation $0.00

Homecoming 2008: Recommended Allocation $47,500.00
SAC feels that the success of Homecoming 2007 as opposed to prior years justifies a continuation in one time funding from the last fiscal year until lack of success or increased need suggests otherwise. SAC would like to specify that instead of offering $1,000.00 to five RSO’s for sponsoring an event during homecoming that gifts of $500.00 should be offered to up to ten RSO’s.

Motion carries 23y 3 n 1 abstention

MSSA Reconsideration
Vice President Carmody- This $48,500, is this correct or is this a typo?
Mr. Fleck- $48,500 was requested. Our intention was to take last year’s subsidy and shift that $5,000 into this. We had intended to do that, their request was for $48,500. This was a typo for us.

Vice President Carmody- So we would have to amend this?

Move to decrease Homecoming line item by $1,000.00 as SAC recommended.

Motion Carries 23 y 3 n 1 abstention

Amended recommendation carries 26-1-0

Intercollegiate Athletics: Recommended Allocation $1,089,040.00
SAC feels that in order to continue support for Intercollegiate Athletics that $21,000 is appropriate to offset growing transportation cost increases. SAC would also like to note this line item’s routine surpluses in preceding years and vast revenue generating potential that could be used to offset the difference between what was requested and what is being recommended.

MSSA Discussion
Senator Lovstad- I see an increase in transportation what is this, Northern Sun or fuel?
Mr. Fleck- The $21,000 is cost of travel in the NSIC. This is fuel costs.
Senator Madden- Move to recommend

Motion Carries 26 y 1 n 0 abstention
**International Students:** Recommended Allocation $47,645.00
SAC feels that an increase of this magnitude is justified by increased international enrollment as well as outstanding student involvement as international student sponsored events. SAC partially supports the amount requested for an increase in graduate student tuition remission. **Motion Carries 24 y 3 no 0 abstention**

**Late Night Programming:** Recommended Allocation $0.00
No funding for this new line item. **Motion Carries 19 y 7 no 1 abstention**

**LGBT:** Recommended Allocation $10,000
SAC supports an additional $1,000 for further LGBT related programming but does not support funding for student travel to the MBLGTA College conference.

**Appeal-Jessica Flatequal-Director**
I am here to talk about our allocations. $5,000 of the request was for direct programming and $1,000 for student travel to conference. The LGBT Center travels to two conferences during the year. We felt this was fair as many organizations do have travel in their budget. I guess it is a hard place to start. The reality here is student leadership has been a great asset to us. We have been helped in that department since my arrival in 2004. We have been fully support by that department. We would not be able to do what we do with out the help of many other offices. I am proud to say we are a stand alone office. This was an important move for us. We are on even par with other offices, but our budget will not support us. Our programming will suffer if we do not come up with additional resources. Clearly if you look at other line items we are not at an even percentage increase. 100% of not very much is still not very much. The disparity never gets close. This makes the poor poorer and the rich richer. I need something big to happen to us. I know you value the LGBT center. (read email) This is needed, financial responsibility is a tough spot. I am talking about my 2 cents. We need to take responsibility for departments that are needed. It is about paying forward. It is about saying to our campus that this department is real, it is here. It needs our help. You can make a decision that will make a difference on our campus. It might seem $6,000 is huge but to others it is hardly anything. This is reality, it is about every student that has a gay brother or friend or someone that works with LGBT people. Diversity is supposed to be a priority on this campus. I need to see it. I need $6,000. Help me get to a good starting point and do the best work I can. This is for our student’s safety on this campus. It is about living in a better world.

**SAC -Mr. Fleck**
This is a 40% increase in their budget. Our recommendation of taking their budget from $9,000 to $10,000 is close to at 10% increase. You don’t like to look at other line items, they are all good in their own way. This argument is yes, larger budgets do get more. They have requested $6,000. $1,000 for travel and $5,000 is for increased programming. We gave the $1,000 for programming and did not support the travel. This is already a 10% increase in their budget. The argument that more money is needed to change the culture so the LGBT society is more comfortable and accepted. We don’t believe that more money for more programming is gont to change cultural. Cultural needs to change cultural. It is upon the students them selves to change how they feel and becoming exposed to LGBT members. This would not be a ground breaking change by giving them $6,000 or $100.00. It would not change hostility. Currently our subsidy
is $9,000 for programming. That is more than 8 times what the university puts in for programming. This university likes to talk about diversity. The university should put their money where their mouth is and not leave it to students. An increase will not change the culture. It will take something within people. It is not something that money can solve. We feel 10% is fair and we want to see it go to programming for the average student.

**MSSA Discussion and recommendation**

**Motion Senator Biers/Rajabali**

| Whereas: | Minnesota State University, Mankato has ranked in The Advocate’s top 100 campuses for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students. |
| Whereas: | Diversity is a top priority for MSU growth, development, and retention |
| Whereas: | The LGBT Center has become independent of Student Leadership Development & Service Learning and is now a branch of Student Affairs |
| Whereas: | The LGBT Center is substantially underfunded in comparison to Organizations that provide similar services |
| Whereas: | Despite a large percentage increase, the LGBT’s request for programming funding would have a small impact on student fees |
| Whereas: | Continuing to stifle the LGBTC’s budget growth while allowing others to increase at greater amounts will only widen the disparity among budgets. |
| Whereas: | Organizations should not be penalized for having a smaller budget |
| Whereas: | SAC supports increases in funding for the purposes of programming |
| Whereas: | The LGBT Center has presented a reasonable budget for bringing an additional speaker to campus |

**Be it Resolved:** That the MSSA amend the SAC recommendation, allocating an additional $5,000 to the LGBT Center budget for programming, bringing the total budget to $14,000.

Senator Biers-This money is going to programming. This is beneficial to our school. All students can benefit from this. There request is reasonable. When you have a small budget to work with any increase will be large. This would be an easy way to prioritize. Education leads to change.

Senator Rajabali-Any programming is educational on diversity and to do that we need to get more speakers.

Senator Lust-In general I am in favor but how many additional events will this fund?

Senator Biers-This would be an additional speaker in the fall.

Director Flatequal-A speaker is $3,000-5,000. We hope to get a great value. Sometimes speakers will lower their costs for college campuses. I am always negotiating for that. Absolutely this
this will bring one speaker but I hope to get more than one speaker for $5,000. I also want to increase programming at the beginning of the year to be comparable at the end of the year.

Senator Lust-I support matching funds from M&E perhaps up to $2,500.

Senator Ross-I feel cultural change is engaging sharing. Whether we can get one speaker or twelve for $5,000. It is change. They are also responsible for their money. The fact that they are the longest standing LGBT Center in the country speaks volumes of the things they do. The fact that we do only allot them $9,000 a year is sad. They do need more money. Maybe not as many students use this but they do represent everyone. We have an extreme need we need to cover of the hate in the community.

Senator Madden-I would like to speak in favor of this motion. The LGBT Center is now a stand alone office. That warrants an increase in funding. They have put forth a good effort. They have stretched every dollar to the max. They have been fiscally responsible. If we give them this $5,000 they will be just as prudent in how they implement the funds. I commend the LGBT Center for presenting good programs.

Senator Wilke-I am in favor of the motion. They are deserving of recognition. Diversity on campus is an initiative. I can not express how much I am in favor of giving them this increase.

Senator Carpenter-Once again to the motion makers. Where are we going to get the funds? Are we going to have an increase in fees or are we going to pull it from somewhere else?

Senator Biers-This would be a student fee increase.

Senator Ross-We could get that from the excess in the CSU.

Senator Long-We just allocated $21,000 for fuel. If one program gets that than $5,000 is well worth it to eliminate bigotry.

Senator Johnson-I don’t agree of raising fees simply because of an email.

**Amendment carries 18 y 8 n 1 abstention**

Senator Lust-Bigotry is not illegal in this country. It is a moral stance. Logically we are making a moral choice instead of an economical choice. We are making a decision basing this on a moral stance not an economical stance. Programming will improve the community but if you base it off this email you are basing this off the bigotry of an email.

Senator Ross-If you can’t raise student fees for the betterment of the campus you should not be on student senate.

**Amended motion carries 19 y 8 no 0 abstention motion carries**

**Music Ensembles:** *Recommended Allocation $79,500.00*

SAC does not support the addition of a half time orchestra graduate assistant or the one time allocation of $2000 for the music performance series. SAC does support an increase to offset graduate student tuition remission and other self-cited increases.

**Motion Carries 24 y 3 no**

**Music Performance Series:** *Recommended Allocation $0.00*

SAC does not feel the need to start a new line item and the $2000 request will be addressed in the Music Ensembles line item.

**Motion Carries 24 y 1 n 1 abstention**

**Non-Budgeted Request Fund:** *Recommended Allocation $30,000.00*

SAC motion to allocate ’08 subsidy. (minus $5000.00 that went toward the RSO Homecoming Event Sponsorship Incentive which was shifted to the Homecoming 2008 line item)
SAC feels that the current allocation is appropriate even though the subsidy has not been adjusted in many years. SAC feels that the non-budgeted request guidelines should be amended so that the money is used more effectively in order to continue fiscal responsibility.

**Motion Carries 23 y 2 n**

**Non Traditional Students:** *Recommended Allocation $21,057.00*
SAC agrees with the Non Traditional Student line item that the '08 subsidy was and is sufficient.

**Motion Carries 24 y 1 n 1 abstention**

**Post-Season Tournaments:** *Recommended Allocation $0.00*
No request for subsidy.

**Motion Carries 26 y**

**Repertory Dance:** *Recommended Allocation $5,000.00*
SAC does not believe the requested $1,000 increase is in the best interests of the general student body.

**Motion Carries 18 y 7 n 2 abstention**

Motion-Senator Carpenter
I was not happy we are raising fees, I want to clear the record for myself.

**Move to reconsider fails**

**Reporter:** *Recommended Allocation $69,920.00*
SAC feels that the requested amount is appropriate and would like to express our appreciation to the Reporter for using all available revenue sources to continually ask for a lower subsidy.

**Motion Carries 24 y 2 no 1 abstention**

**Reporter Repair/Replacement Fund:** *Recommended Allocation $0.00*
No request for subsidy.

**Motion Carries 25 y 1 no 1 abstention**

**SAF Administration:** *Recommended Allocation $215,466.00*
SAC feels the SAF Administration’s requested increases for salary & fringe benefits, auditing, and an increase in the Campus Express contract are all justifiable.

President Frederick/Senator Lust

**Move to decrease SAF Administration by $5,000.00**

President Frederick-One of things that falls under SAF Administration is our Route I Campus Express bus. This morning we had discussions with the city. The projections are going to be a lot higher than what was settled this morning. Being fiscally responsible we do not need the money so we should not ask for it.

**Motion carries 26-0-0**

Vice President Carmody-This shows we don’t need it so we don’t need it out there.

**Amended motion carries 25 y 0 n 1 abstention**

**Student Activities Organization:** *Recommended Allocation $477,819.00*
SAC does not support an increase of $3,000.00 for the Greek organization or the moving of the RSO/Non-Traditional position to base funding. SAC does not feel that the duties of this position warrant a salaried position and could be restructured to be handled by a graduate assistant much like the model was before this position was instated. SAC supports the $10,000.00 increase for Impact’s budget for enhanced programming as well as an increase in the Leadership Organizations budget. SAC would also like to suggest that Impact hold programming on Saturday nights in lieu of funding the Late Night Programming line item.

Appeal-Director Laurie Woodward
I would not have asked for this money if I didn’t think it was important. Last year we were given $488,992 plus a one time $25,000 for a total budget of $514,000. The 25,000 was to support a full time position which I understand SAC does not want to continue funding. This year we requested $506,370 and no one time funding. We wrapped the position into the budget. We made the position part of the base. In order to come in lower because we felt that position was so important we eliminated a graduate assistant and reduced the salary scale for all the employees and reduced expenses a little bit to come up with about a $21,000 savings. We went back and looked at the budget and the Greeks had asked for a little bit of money and IMPACT asked for a little bit of money and a couple hundred more in leadership. SAC took our request and eliminated the $25,000 one time money and the Greek request. I am here to ask that you consider our full budget that we put in and specifically talk to the 4th position. We want to create an office on par with some of the best practices in the country. SAC says that what we do can be done by a grad student. There is a lot of differences in graduate students and full time staff. St. Cloud has 5 full time positions and they don’t do work with non traditional students. U of M at Morris has 4 full time positions and they don’t work with Greeks or Non trads. U of SD has four full time positions. The student union is only as good as the things that happen in it and the things we provide students. We are combining all our activities. What you are doing by not allowing this position is cheating yourselves.

Mr. Ryan Yunkers-We have been fiscally conservative. We have reduced costs. We even have charged for campaign supplies. We have restructured our office in able to keep our full time position. Other than the Reporter we are the only department to come in lower in our request. Nation wide demographics are changing. The percentage of non trads will be increasing regular student enrollments will be dropping. Enrollment for traditional students will be declining. The percentage of nontraditional students will be increasing. Last week we literally had students crying for the need of more services for parents. Two grad students at 20 hours does not equal a full time staffer. Turnover is constant. It takes a while to get up and going. Grads are wonderful but many of them were undergrads 3 months earlier. The skill level is different. Grads have classes and are not available all hours. They can not work more than 20 hours a week. Staff are not limited. Full time staff work extra hours. Other programs would be hit because of reduced staff. Greeks would feel this. Non trads and RSO’s would feel this the most. You get valuable skills by being in senate that compliment your academics. You are part of something greater than yourselves. You are actively engaged. We are trying to be a strong co-curricular program. We have the potential to reach and engage all students. We took a big step forward this year. This budget proposal does not reflect that. We are fighting to give students valuable programs.

SAC-Mr. Fleck
SAC has had a misunderstanding. Our intent was to not recommend the two year temporary RSO position but to go back to the old model which we were under the understanding that it was one GA position when in fact it was two GA positions. Laurie told me the second GA position would run about $14,000. Our recommendation should be $14,000 higher. If somebody makes a recommendation this would go back to the old model.

We have heard a lot of appeals about how not renewing this two year temporary position would affect groups in the Student Activities Office. I don’t see the sky falling with this happening. Things maybe were not running as well as they could have but they were running. We have plenty of programming on campus. A full scheduler would help students to get to all the events going on campus. I don’t see how programming will drop off because of this. We feel this job could be done by two GA’s. I won’t argue that GA’s are as good as a full time person. The position is not worth $25,000. It does not have a $25,000 impact. We think this could be prioritized and not with a position for RSO’s and Non trads. We have heard the demographics. What is the average student now? Almost everyone has a job, everyone is trying to get by. Focusing on one body for one particular position does not do justice either. Of this budget, half of the money is in salaries and the other half goes to programming. That is important but we are trying to get the most for our dollar.

**MSSA discussion/recommendations**

**Motion Senator Wilke/Senator Lovstad**

| Whereas: | The MSSA and its members are the representatives of the students of Minnesota State University, Mankato, and |
| Whereas: | The MSSA and its members look out for the best fiscal interests of its constituents, and |
| Whereas: | The SLD&SL has a budget surplus from the fiscal year 2007-2008, and |
| Whereas: | This surplus is the result of unusual high employment turnover during the 2007-2008 academic year, and |
| Whereas: | The recommendations of the Student Allocations Committee are such as they would cut one full-time position in the Student Activities Center (formerly the SLD&SL), and |
| Whereas: | It is in the best interest of all students to have a professional staff member responsible for campus activities rather than a Graduate Assistant, and |
| Whereas: | The CSU Board has reviewed the SAC recommendations and vehemently disagrees with the findings of SAC that the duties of this position can be done solely by a Graduate Student. |
| Whereas: | The addition of a full-time position in the Student Activities Center will not cost students any additional money because of the budget surplus |

**Be it resolved:** The MSSA supports the funding of an additional position in the Student Activities Center for the 2008-2009 Academic year, and appropriates $25,551.00

**Be it further resolved:** The position is to be paid for by the expected surplus of nearly $70,000.

Speaker Anderson-The last be it resolved should say and appropriates $25,551.00 for FY 09.

Senator Wilke-With the restructure of the office and the changes of some positions and restructure of some salaries to pay for the full time staff member in that office, it is my belief this
position is crucial to the success of this office. A grad student can not do the duties of the position with such high turnover of a graduate assistant and learning curve being higher. A full time staff member is more appropriate. This will not cost students a dime. They are just asking to use the surplus to fund this position.

Senator Lovstad-Description of duties and responsibilities of Asst. Director for Campus Programs: 50% of time would be advising and support IMPACT Student Program Board in the planning and implementation of a well rounded schedule of campus events and programs. An additional 15% of time would be to coordinate late night programming activities in the CSU. Another 15% would be to advise and support the Student Homecoming Committee. 5% would be to manage budget and program resources for the IMPACT Program Board, the late night programming activities and the Student Homecoming Committee. 10% would serve as a campus event planning expert and provide advice and training for student organizations in the area of event planning. 5% would work as part of the CSU and Student Activities team to provide an environment rich with student spirit, life, energy and enthusiasm.

Basically if we don’t have this position it gets put on to the other three. The Associate Director of Student Activities would be handling a vast majority of that. This is something that a grad student would be unable to full fill 100% of the duties. 2 grad students could do a portion but not as well as a full time staff member that will be here year end and year out with previous knowledge. This is a one time deal.

Senator Wilke-This would put the budget short $3,000 of the requested $506,070.

Senator Carmody-I am glad they changed it to one year. It guess the argument still stands that we are not saving students money because technically students already paid for that this year. The argument that we are not raising student fees is not factual because students already paid extra for this.

Senator Varner-I completely disagree because yes the students did pay for this but because of the high turn over and saving extra money the students were not given a service that they paid for. Because they did not get that service we owe it to them to deliver that service. That is what the money was intended for and that is what it should be used for. We owe it to all the students because of all the line items this is potentially the one that touches the most students and gives the most students an advantage. We should allocate a small amount of this $70,000 to cover this.

Senator Grove-Not having this 4th position causes a lot of stress to 3 other positions. It affects all the students that use SLD&SL. You can’t get as much done without this position.

President Frederick-I have been involved in many organizations during my tenure on campus. I appreciate what the office has put together to make this change but I agree with my students have paid for this. SLD&SL has had the position for three years. I was actually there when they voted for the position to be created for a two year position. This is a great opportunity for a GA. They are still using things that were put together by a GA. Check the website that was put together by a GA. This would provide a quality opportunity for a student.

Senator Madden-Students were disserviced by not having SLD&SL fully functional this year. We must consider the nature of a GA. GA’s are helpful but they are pursuing a master degree. They will do what they can but their school work will trump any office assistance. A GA can only work 20 hours per week. We need someone to go the distance and put in more than 20 hours per week. We also have to take our existing SLD&SL into consideration. Do we want to over tax them?
Senator Lust-I am not opposed to the principal. I am opposed to a one year fixed term idea primarily because it is just a band aid with the surplus they have this year. This turns the problem to next year rather than deciding if we should add this to the base budget. It is also a disservice to the person coming in.

Senator Ross-It is one of those things that with the President’s initiative to increase enrollment and add more students we are going to need more representatives for those students. How would we fund this after next year? Can we find funding for next year?

Senator Woodward-The only place the Student Activities gets money is student fees. They would come back next year and ask for additional funding.

Senator Johnson-I would vote to support this because America needs more jobs.

Senator Wilke-With high turnover the most we can do is one year. They can come back next year and prove this needs to be added to base funding.

Wilke/Lovstad Motion 17 y 8 n o abstentions motion passes

**Motion Senator McMahan/Senator Meyers**

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Speaker Anderson-Similar to before-this would be a one time allocation to the base funding.

Senator McMahan-There is surplus in SLD&SL. This would go to additional programming for the entire campus.

Senator Lust-I am not in favor of stipends. We have already removed this from budgets equally deserving in the form of stipends and travel. I would like to amend to give $1,000 to Greek Life for funding.

Senator Varner-We just gave the LGBT a huge chunk for programming. It is equally fair that we give to the Greeks for a significant less for programming. I am also in favor of the $3,000.

Senator Rajabali/Senator Lust

**Move to amend to $1,000.**

Senator Varner-$1500 was for programming.

Senator Rajabali-We are supporting on campus Programming.
Senator Lust-If someone want to amend the amendment to $1500 but only programming dollars is what we want to support.

Senator Varner-I move to amend the amendment to $1500 for programming.

**Amendment to Amendment carries**

Senator Varner-$1500 is what we are asking for not $1000.

**Motion carries to change $3,000 to $1500 18 y 4 n 2 abstentions**

Senator Varner-Programming is very important on campus.

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**Motion carries 14 y 2 no 1 abstention**

**Motion-Vice President Carmody/Senator Frederick**

Move to decrease the allocation to SLD&SL/Student Activities, in particular IMPACT, by $10,000 and reallocate to FY 09 one time Student Activity Funding for Late Night Programming.

Vice President Carmody-SAC recommended to increase the funding to SLD&SL in the amount of $10,000 in particular to IMPACT. They thought that they would do more late night programming instead of funding the Late Night Programming. After getting more information from actually an IMPACT member it was said that they are busy during the week and it is difficult for them to do both programming on weekends for late night programming. Mavericks After Dark has been somewhat successful trial run. It has been funded by the grant that is no longer in place from Health Services. It would be good that we fund this for one year. It is not the request that Dr. Woodward asked for, she asked for $20,000 for 27 nights. This would be about half. We have been advocating for some changes so that students don’t have an incentive to drink. We heard at the university and the community wide forum. Students keep saying they don’t have anything to do except drink. I am not adding a penny, I am just moving it around a little. We would not be increasing fees, just reallocating. We need to do this one time funding to get the Late Night Programming rolling and see if we want to add it to the base funding and see if it will combat drinking which we have all established as a problem in the community.
Senator Varner—I agree with late night programming but I would encourage a serious program and allocate decent money to not put on mediocre programming and do decent programming.
Senator Wilke—How would IMPACT feel about this? They are already set up to do programming. Why not tell them to do this instead of a separate program.
Ashley Minshall—That is $400 a program. That is not sufficient to do a program. If you want to deter students from drinking you are going to have to raise the price. It is about $900 to do a film. If you want better programming you are going to have to raise the amount.
Senator Lovstad—You are taking this from IMPACT and creating a new entity?
Vice President Carmody—I am taking $10,000 from IMPACT and re-allocating to one time SAF Funding at the bottom of the page. It is $10,000 for next year. It will have to be renewed and if it is not renewed it will disappear.
Vice President Carmody—Director Woodward would be the director of the Late Night Programming. She came and spoke to us and that would be under her jurisdiction. My recommendation was to do half of the programs not spread over 27. I do understand that you can not do effective programming if it were spread over 27. This money would not have been allocated to the IMPACT if it did not have the purpose of late night programming. I want to take it to SAF so that it would go to the direct control of Director Woodward. I would encourage them to apply for SOAFC funding. Late Night could work with any group on campus. I am just re-allocating.
Senator Biers—Is there a specific number of nights?
Vice President Carmody—I trust this to the discretion of Director Woodward. 27 would be nice but we should bump it down to see if it is worth it.
Senator Varner—I would recommend Late Night Programming but IMPACT touches the most students, they target everybody. I think that money would directly be returned. I don’t think we should strip out this funding.
Senator Lust—We have to give this at least a full semester if not a whole year. I would support $20,000 coming from SLD&SL budget based on the fact that it was as it was meant for late night programming and not IMPACT.
Senator Quast—Isn’t poor entertainment better than nothing at all? If one student goes to Late Night Programming and is not out drinking, it is worth it.
**Motion to decrease IMPACT by $10,000 and give to Late Night Programming.**
**Motion carries 21 y 2n 1 abstention**
Senator Lust—I move to direct that the remaining surplus from the SLD&SL budget be directed to the general fund.
Mr. Hodapp—Your guidelines don’t allow for that. The guidelines say that whoever keeps the money comes back to SAC and Senate and says how they are going to spend it.
**Approval of SLD&SL budget as amended—One time positions, $10,000 to Late Night Programming, $1500 to Greek programming $469,319.00**
Motion carries 17 y 6 no 2 abstentions

SOAFC: **Recommended Allocation $4,500**
SAC feels the allocated amount is sufficient to address on-campus programming requests.
**Motion Carries 26y 1 no 0 abstentions**

Student Senate: **Recommended Allocation $87,247.00**
SAC feels they should support necessary increases in salary and fringe benefits. SAC does not support an increase in executive leadership stipends or additional money for legislative coordinators. Noting past annual surpluses and the possibility of a severance package payout, SAC feels that conservative spending and a likely surplus should be put toward this potential payout.

Vice President Carmody-This is our budget, I encourage all senators to be fiscally responsible to this and use it appropriately.

Senator Lovstad-Move to reconsider.
I want to amend the Student Senate budget by $3,000. I don’t think that Student Affairs, Academic Affairs or chairs should be paid by a $500 stipend.

Motion to reconsider fails
Motion carries 25 y 1 n 1 abstention

Theater: Recommended Allocation $81,528.00

SAC feels that the Theater line item has vast revenue potential from many sources. This increase is to cover graduate assistant tuition remission changes. SAC feels that additional revenue is enough to cover necessary funding for cited salary and fringe benefit increases.

Motion carries 26 y 1 n 0 abstentions

Volunteer Center: Recommended Allocation $14,500.00

SAC feels strongly about recommending funding to this line item because of the vast potential in increasing student involvement and campus standing in the community.

Motion Carries 24 y 2 n 1 abstention

Women’s Center: Recommended Allocation $33,114.00

SAC does not support the requested increase of $7,000 for a summer G.A. and increased summer hours for marketing. To remedy this request, SAC recommends seeking on-campus interns through the Mass Communications department.

Appeal-Deidre Rosenfeld, Director

Today is the most important professional day of my year. This is our one speaking opportunity to do our best to deliver maximum quality programming services to students throughout the year. One year the Women’s Center started this meeting with $8,000, by the end of the meeting we had $20,000 because one senator spoke powerfully about how it is important to make an exception to funding. I hope you realize the power and responsibility you have. Vote your values and vote to better serve students. The Women Center provides program services and involvement opportunities we are majority supported through central MSU alloccation. Our student activity fees supplement our programming. Last year we sponsored more than 70 events that connected with more than 13,500 students. This year we have had a radical increase in student involvement. We have an active student involvement. They are supported by 3 Graduate Assistants. We have received overwhelming feedback about social isolation and loneliness from diverse women students. They are culturally diverse women. We need more opportunities to have healthy experiences. That is our mission statement in the Women’s Center. I have two requests related to that information. Summer Graduate Assistantship-This would cost $5579.20. The rationale is to increase number and quality of events and involvement
opportunities for students. Orientation, serve programming needs, develop events with students, work with WAC program board through summer on events for Welcome Week and early fall semester and to prepare student training materials and resources. We need to do this over the summer. We need to work with student leaders. We have no summer student staff dedicated to developing events with students, such as Welcome Week. Alternative funding is $4500 or $3213.60 would provide 20 hours of Graduate Assistant support for 12 weeks. Marketing & Publicity Coordinator for summer would cost $1421 to radically increase student participation in Women’s Center events and involvement opportunities. This position would help design basic materials, create marketing materials and to design publicity targeting faculty and staff so they can refer students to our department. This position would also work with web development. This position is for a graphic designer and would require an advanced skill set. This is work we pay more than $10.00 an hour during the school year. You have amazing power, I appreciate your attention today.

SAC -Mr. Fleck
This is one of the cases where the university does support what they say they will. They are looking for GA’s for summer programming and a graphic designer. During the year you could off set cost by doing internships. We don’t see that this is different than any other budget line item. We feel this would be a precedent to fund other summer line items. We have to recommend not to not fund this. We need to set priorities. Summer is not a high priority for SAC.

Motion 16 y 6 n 3 abstentions motion passes

Other: Recommended Allocation: $30,000.00
SAC feels they have a responsibility to adequately fund contracted salary and fringe benefit increases. The funds needed for this recommendation will come from the student fee general fund’s accrued interest.
Motion Carries 24 y 1 abstention

Approve Budget as a Whole
Senator Ross- I think we did a good job.
Mr. Fleck-Senators are not taking into consideration the general student body, they are thinking of their friends or a group they are a part of. I am a little disappointed in that. I am glad you came to consensus but consider credit hours will cover this but if not it will be on the backs of students that have already voiced their opinions that they don’t want students fee raised.
Vice President Carmody-I want to congratulate the Reporter for being very responsible with their budget. They have decreased their allocation for a number of years. They are the most utilized line item on campus. It is easy to pick up a Reporter. Congratulations.
Senator Hill-Shame on all of you that voted for an increase that will directly affect you and did not abstain.
Senator Lovstad-When the Student Senate came up I did not say that I think it is unfair that we pay committee chairs money when we don’t pay others. Next year we need to look at putting that money some where more useful.
President Frederick-I agree with the sentiments said by our SAC member. I am going to oppose the recommendation as amended in that we did not discuss each line item as thoroughly as we some of the line items.
Senator Grove-I agree about the Reporter. I personally do not feel guilt on votes I have made. I voted on how they will affect students. I personally made the right decisions.

Senator Lust-This is my last official act. If I haven’t offended anyone today, I am sorry I did not do my job. As you all know I have pledged to be an effective curmudgeon and a crotchety advocate of student fees. I have stepped on toes but I firmly feel that we have a relative legal and moral responsibility to ensure that students have a fair and safe university. Arguably we are raising fees, I will not get into that. I will say for better or worse we have done the best we can with the people we are. The budget has been wrangled, cut and sliced. We have done so many things with the budget I don’t think SAC will even recognize it anymore. The fact that no one is happy says we have done a good job. The fact that no one is happy means that we have come to compromise. The art of compromise is the most powerful art you will discover in your course of being a student at MSU or being apart of MSSA. We have earned a well compromise. We have made some good changes. Programming and student involvement is what we have accomplished. We have not given money away fruitlessly. Even though we have not lowered fees, we have not raised a lot of fees. With that I rest.

Approve Budget as a Whole
20 y 4 n  Budget is Approved

President Frederick-Ratification of the 2008-2009 Election –Approved

Roll Call
Senators Present
Rachael Quast, Kristy Pottebaum, Holly Pahl, Jared Grove, Jim Varner, Brandon Ross, Brett Carpenter, Matthew Lust, Murtaza Rajabali, Casey Adkins, Harshdeep Bhasin, Matthew Schmidt, Brian Leonhardi, Ryan Johnson, Noah Olanrewaju, Andy Wilke, Abbie Hill, Nathan Madden, Brian McMahan, Kelly Biers, Kristopher Lovstad, Dave Meyers
Senators Absent
Vang Xiong, Thuy Huynh, Roby Lopez, Jeff Long, Jon Hurm
Executive Staff Present
President Chris Frederick, Vice President Casey Carmody

Adjournment  Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM