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74th Senate called to order Speaker Jered Jackson

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jessica Kallio 9-0-0, Taitum Thompson 4-4-0, Casey Carmody 8-0-0-1, Brett Fleck 9-0-0, Nikki Hanna 5-0-0, Brandon Ross 7-2-0, Jenna Ault 8-1-0, Katie Ischkin 4-0-0-1, Kristeen Giese 8-0-0-1, Jessica Nelson 8-1-0, Oliver Okoye 6-3-0, Kenneth Willaert 5-0-0, Nolan Chenevert 9-0-0, Peter Jennings 9-0-0, Marianne Reilly 7-2-0, Ryan Anderson 9-0-0, Amanda Bertelsen 4-1-0, Kathryn Pase 9-0-0, Evan Trosvik 9-0-0, Jennifer Hansen 4-0-0, Ryan Doane 7-2-0, Ryan Christensen 9-0-0, James Dye 5-4-0, Allan Gould 8-1-0, Jon Hurm 9-0-0, Jason Schilling 9-0-0, Caroline Kornowicz 7-2-0, Aaron Lorenzen 5-0-0
President Gabe Afolayan 9-0-0, Vice President Chris Frederick 9-0-0

Open Forum

Students for Sustainability-Mark Schiller. I am the President of Students for Sustainability on campus. We recently did a petition on wind power on campus. We got 1200 students to sign stating that we demand that MSU invest in wind power as soon as possible. There are financial educational and economic advantages to this. A wind turbine power produces clean energy for the state. Many colleges and universities around the state and country are investing in wind power. This produces money for campuses. There are several Iowa schools doing this project and we have data that tells you how much they are saving and how much they are earning. MSU has already done a \$5,000.00 wind survey, primarily to see if Mankato is efficient for wind energy, and it is. Mankato is 5% more efficient than Carlton and St. Olaf that both have wind turbines up. The projected cost is \$2.5 to \$3 million. We are looking at an Excel Energy grant which has presented St. Olaf with \$1.4 million dollars. They will repay this in four years and then have a profit of \$400,000 every single year after that for sixteen- twenty- one years, or the life expectancy of the turbine. We are asking for a motion at this time and next week we wish to get endorsement from the Student Senate.

Senator Fleck-Are you opposed to having this in the Southwest part of the state which would seem to be more efficient or is this just for on campus?

Mr. Schiller-We would like this to be a symbol on campus. As President Davenport said, we want to become a modern university using modern technology. We would like to have that on campus as a symbol that we are investing in alternative energy and that we are being productive that way. There have been ideas of building it close to campus but not on campus, so you would build some smaller ones. This position is just for wind power in general so we could put a smaller one on campus and a bigger one close by, because it does earn revenue.

Senator Trosvik-Have you been in contact with engineers on campus as to the feasibility?

Mr. Schiller-I have not contacted any engineers but I know that every college that has done it has incorporated it into the courses at their school. Iowa Lakes Community College has a program where their students learn how to perform maintenance so their maintenance fees are taken care of and their students learn how to do maintenance on a large turbine. Carlton and St. Olaf have the same turbine that we would be buying.

Senator Nelson-Do you know if there is much noise associated with this?

Mr. Schiller-There is very little noise, it is moderately quiet.

Senator Schiller-Can you explain how we would make money or would we be saving money?

Mr. Schiller-We would be making money. Carlton College sells the energy back to the grid. Excel Energy is required by law to buy it. The non-negotiable amount is 3.3 cents per every kilowatt hours, and that is roughly around \$300,000 a year. Also the Minnesota production credit is 1.7 cents on a dollar. They pay you to produce clean energy. There is also a federal credit and the renewable development fund which will provide money.

Senator Trosvik-What is the power output on the generators at Carlton and St. Olaf?

Mr. Schiller-It is a gross annual production which is straight from the wind survey sheet. It would produce about 6,900 megawatts, that is gross annual output. It would be 1.5 services running at about 45-48% service. That is every hour it is produced.

Senator Anderson-Have you been in contact with anyone in the city of Mankato?

Mr. Schiller-Yes, I have talked to Karen Foreman, she is involved with different projects. She has been in contact with the mayor about this. There have been ideas of putting a wind farm in Mankato but basically with all the alternative projects things get lost, there is a lot of talk but little action at this time.

President Afolayan-Who specifically on our campus, like the administration or in facilities have you spoken to about the wind turbine?

Mr. Schiller-I have talked to Shawn McGoldrick and other faculty. Dr. Frey is actually the one that got the school to put up the \$5,000 for the wind survey. In talking to Shawn McGoldrick he said they really don't produce that much money for the school. At a 6% interest rate it would take about 15 years to pay off. In the worst case scenario it would cost \$3 million. After that it would produce about a million dollars for the school after sixteen years.

That is the worst case scenario. St. Olaf is getting paid off in four years.

President Afolayan-If we were to get grants from Excel Energy, how much would we still pay out of the university budget?

Mr. Schiller- There would be loans available. Technically we don't have rights to get a loan that big. I was talking to other schools like Gustavus, where essentially they will get a loan because it will pay itself off. The school will not have to up front this money. They can strictly get a loan and then pay it off with the payments they are getting from producing the energy. I will get numbers for next week.

Approval of Agenda Agenda approved

Presentations

MSU President Richard Davenport-In working with student government and leadership I have said I would like to visit with you periodically. I want to welcome all of you new members and those of you that are returning for a second or third term. I would like to thank you for all the effort you put forward to have a good Homecoming, one that did not evolve into a riot or anything serious. Everything went well and it reflected very well on the institution. We have been working hard over the last few years to eliminate the image that this is a party school. I would rather that be some where else and not Minnesota State. With your efforts that was accomplished. On homecoming day I visited a couple of the neighborhoods, people scrambled when they saw me, but I was only going to talk to them and I told them to enjoy their selves at homecoming but don't get out of control.

What I want to do today is reinforce that we need a good strong working relationship to push forward and move our agenda. We won't always be 100% in agreement but we need to be out front and open. Together we can accomplish a great deal as an institution. There is a variety of areas in which I would like to underscore the importance of that. You will have an opportunity of meeting all the vice presidents and cabinet members as they explain what is going on in their areas because we want to keep you informed. You can be ambassadors for the institution. This is an excellent opportunity for you to provide feedback. As President I don't cover every aspect of the university, that is why it is important to have a strong cabinet like I do that you will be meeting today and at future meetings. In talking with student government leadership one thing they have said is that they would like a little more time with the President. This year as you may have heard from my university address, I have set aside twice a week with student leaders or any students you would want to appoint to have lunch with me, where I do not have an agenda. They can simply come and meet with me or we can talk and plan together. I need to be in touch with you. I need to learn what the issues are. I value the opportunity to talk to you. Also, I want to say that we really do need to work together on legislative issues especially with budget appropriations, tuition issues, and strategic planning for the university. It is critical that you know what the issues are, what is included and what the significance of the planning is. It is important that you know what the significance is in the gubernatorial elections. While the President and staff of the university need to be by-partisan, we do our own research and we

understand the implications of one person being elected over another. I am not going to tell you that, that is part of your education here, but I will tell you that regardless of who is in office, that is who we have to hit hard as that is the group that will handle our state appropriations. They may develop a tuition cap, all of the state colleges and universities in Minnesota don't know what they will do. There is a legislative sub group within student government and I look forward to working with them. Right now there is a MnSCU Presidents group, a leadership group under the Chancellor, we talk about tuition, state appropriations etc. to make recommendations to the Chancellor. I would like to share with you what comes out of those meetings instead of you hearing about that through the Chancellor's minutes. At our last leadership meeting it was almost unanimous that we would have a 4% tuition increase. That is very tentative, as we don't know what the state appropriation is going to be. Some people did not want to put a number on it or a cap on it. This is evolving, no budget recommendations have been made. The budget has assumptions for inflations. This is the state higher ed budget for MnSCU. It has factors built in. We also are competing for dollars within the MnSCU system. We want to make sure we get our fair share. As one of the largest institutions in the state we feel our students and our programs should be adequately funded. I think it came as a great surprise to our board of trustees a couple weeks ago when they learned, and I was testifying at a finance hearing, that the two year colleges in our state are at 98% in the country in tuition. The universities are at 50%. This means we are fairly average in the country, maybe a point or so lower or above. So our tuition, if you were to make judgments on tuition and you were throwing everyone into the same pool, would not be fair to the universities because the two year colleges can't go any higher, they are the highest in the country. You are getting a good quality education for an average price. We do know tuition has been raised over 50% in the last five years. Last year I told you I would keep tuition below double digits. We did. We want to keep tuition affordable. That is an important issue for me and as you represent the student body, it is important for you. We need to open dialogue and have discussions.

Senator Anderson-What is the administration doing to make sure students are informed as we come up on election day?

President Davenport-That is an important issue and I will have my Student Affairs Vice President address that but I want you to know we work very closely making sure students know where they are able to vote. Our orientation program works closely with student government to facilitate that and we have people here that handle the details on how they do that. I even have to hand in an absentee ballot, so if you are going to be off campus and not voting at home, you need to get that absentee ballot.

One other thing, I like to have students to my home, I have had student leaders and student ambassadors. This gives us opportunity for discussions. I will organize that for you. We will have opportunity for you to talk to me individually and for you to share your thoughts and concerns.

President Afolayan-You mentioned the tuition increase of 4% forecast, what is the probability that will stay the same or increase?

President Davenport-Well, I need to give you the other half of that. What is being projected but is not necessarily carved in stone is state appropriation is staying at 2%, so if our state appropriation is higher then tuition could be lower. So that is why I say it is a little fluid. The way we generated the 4% is to say, if we just wanted to stay even where we have been and implement our strategic priorities that we have had on the books for about six years, it will take 4% to do that. We have several new Board of Trustees that have been appointed by the governor. So we know by listening to them they want to keep tuition as low as possible, they may push the tuition level to 0 or maybe 2%. I don't think it will be higher but what could happen if a new governor is elected and it happens to be Hatch is that Hatch then has the prerogative of confirming or not confirming the new appointees on the Trustees and then he could put in new Democratic Trustees that would follow his line of thinking. That is why it is up in the air and difficult for me to answer that question. I did make the case though, with the Chancellor that we need to allow that 4% to not be across the board. For example one institution might have 6%, one might have 4%, one might have 0, but the average has to not be

over 4%. That is pretty much what they adopted. Now, it is still pretty fluid. I just wanted to bring you up to date on where we are at this point. If you oppose that 4% I would like to hear you speak on that. I would like our Vice President of Finance to come and talk to you about the budget and what is included in the budget so that you know what you are recommending because if you don't support a tuition increase, you need to know what is impacted and how it impacts your education. It is a give and take.

President Afolayan-In regard to the entire system having 4%, do you think MSU would be at the lower end or closer to 6%?

President Davenport-I think it would be closer to 4% based on our budget right now and based on our strategic priorities but that may not be a decision we get to make. I am just saying that when we put our budget together with a 4% increase, it basically is going to cover just what we have right now. It is not going to cover anything new or our strategic priorities. We have already, as many of you know, had to suspend or drop 50 academic programs in the last three years. 50! We don't feel we can drop too many more programs. We did that because we didn't cut those resources, we applied it right back into strong programs or existing programs that needed more resources. The programs dropped, a couple of them, were very controversial I admit but both of them should have been dropped, because they were not at the quality that we wanted here. So that is another factor. If we don't get the flat level of support, we have to go back in and cut programs and staff.

Vice President Swatfager-Haney-There are some combined election efforts on campus among academic departments, and student affairs, MSSA and also some RSO's. We have efforts for voter registrations and candidates coming on campus. Laurie Woodward, our director of CSU has been working on things like that. Some departments have sponsored debates. We want to make sure everyone is informed.

Laurie Woodward-Your own political forum was an excellent start to getting the community involved. We have had the Union Board work with a policy or proposal on how we work with candidates. We worked on a draft of that last week. We want this to say welcome to the Student Union and here are all the things you can do to reach our students and get your issues out. We have regular visits from candidates and students are always encouraged to participate in those. Through our Meet & Confer process, you learn issues that are important to our campus every time you talk to our administrators. It is your job as our wonderful student leaders to go out and share those when you talk to your constituents so that when students vote, they are voting about things that are important to our campus. I think you are doing most of it yourself, but we are here to help.

Vice President Academic Affairs-Dr. Scott Olson

I would like to underscore what Dr. Davenport was saying, I guess this is Econ 101 but if your revenues are capped and your costs go up, obviously you have to cut. So if that is your position, understand that we do have to cut academic programs and understand, obviously there are students in those programs and if you remember from last year those students get very upset when programs get cut. Part of what Dr. Davenport has to do is balance the various interests of students and try to hold tuition as low as possible. By the way I was in Northfield on Friday and the turbine is cool.

You might want to know that your President and Vice President were at the Trafton dedication. If you have classes in Trafton you know those facilities are very much in need of repair and the new expansion of Trafton will be at the southeast corner going out towards Chipotle. It is going to be fantastic.

The two topics discussed at the Open Forum were the Course Repeat Policy and the +_ grading system. I want to make sure you know there is a difference in where those two things stand. The course repeat is an actual policy proposal for review and comment. The +- is just an idea, it is only in discussion stages. There is no current policy in review, you could write one or have the faculty write one. I hope you will be in conversation with the faculty about that. I know the student body has a variety of opinions. I could tell you that among the faculty there are a

variety of opinions. There is not any clear and compelling consensus on the + - system at this time.

Kristeen Giese and I meet on a regular basis and talk about all these things. One thing you probably don't know a lot about is this doctoral program business. The reason this is really important for MSU is that it is a total mission change. This puts MSU in a league with places like the University of Minnesota, University of Michigan, and University of Wisconsin. Those are the places that offer doctorates. We will still value under graduate education here, that is still our bread and butter but the ability to offer doctoral degrees will raise the national and international prestige of this institution and that means that the degree you earn here will go up in value even after you graduate. Some of you may even want to be in those programs so that is a plus. One of the ways we fund this, is through differential tuition. It is not something that affects very many programs here. We currently only have it for two programs; MBA and a couple classes in the grad program in Education. Differential tuition means that those people that are in those programs pay a slightly higher tuition than grad students in other programs. This past summer a master of Social Work proposal came through with differential tuition and your leadership took a look at that and gave a recommendation on it. So except that sometime in the year a proposal will come to you to approve differential tuition for the doctoral program. This means that people in the doctorates will be paying a higher tuition than you all pay. The tuition that they will be paying will be less than what they would pay at any other institution because we still want to be low cost, high quality. I think you know that someone that goes to medical school pays more than someone that is at the university that is a freshman studying biology. This is normal in higher ed and what it does is reduce the tuition costs for all of you, it means that you are not paying for all of that. The people in the program pay a differential. I would appreciate all your support to help us continue to grow our undergraduate research conference. This is a wonderful conference. It is a great thing to have on your resume. It is a great thing this university does. It is getting bigger and better each year but let's make it bigger and better still. I think a goal that President Davenport has is, that wouldn't it be great if every undergraduate student participates in the URC?

I think you know that one of the big priorities this year is enrollment management. Enrollment management is about defining who we want as students here and then being very strategic minded about where they are and encouraging them to be here. I think you know that the traditional population that we serve here and their high school graduation rates will decline in the next few years. We need to attract and reach out to students that maybe in the past would not have been students here, non traditional students, students of color, Latinos and new immigrants, African American students and also students in the greater metro area who have other options. We need to encourage them to consider Mankato.

Senator Schilling-In regards to the +_ system, it is true that it is in the strategic priority of the university to change to the + - system?

Vice President Olson-In the strategic priority it does not say we are going to implement the +-grading system. It does say we consider a + or - grading system. It just says we are going to take a look at it. We can conclude that +_ is the right thing for us or we can conclude that it is the wrong thing for us, or we might conclude that there is some other system or variation that we haven't thought of. It just says we are going to consider it and that is what we are doing.

Senator Giese-Maintaining academic standards and keeping tuition low, can you speak more to that because I think it is a very complex balancing act that we as students and administration have to deal with.

Vice President Olson-Academic standards balanced with tuition and the other piece is access. Remember when admission standards go up, then there is a question of access and are there folks that would like to be students here, able to be students? One of the reasons for putting academic standards up is that it helps us be more efficient in terms of space in the class rooms. One of the reasons the course repeat policy came along is that there is a lot of inefficiencies in the system. For example, if students want to get into the nursing program, the nursing program has a very high GPA requirement. It is right around 3.6 just to get in. If those

students repeatedly take the intro courses over and over again and occupy a seat in that class and take it for the second and third and fourth time, always getting B's and never getting that A that they have to get, they are keeping other students from getting a seat in that class. I know some of you may have tried to get a class and not been able to get in there and you might ask yourself, ok am I not able to get in there because of students that have been in there for the third and fourth time? I think you see where that might get inefficient because we might have to add sections that are duplicate. We know that after a while, once the student has taken a class for the third and fourth time, that the chance that they are going to change their grade is almost nothing. There have been national studies on this. The second time you take a class there is a good chance you will get the hang of it. One of the senators at the Open Forum mentioned, Peter right, that the first time you take the class it is sort of like a gimmie so you want the option of taking the class the second time to really get into it. We are not taking away that privilege, in fact I think you can still take it the third time, and after that nothing. This is how academic standards affect the bottom line. If students keep doing things over and over again and are never going to do well, let's find another major for them. You want your degree to mean something powerful when you leave here. Schools with high academic standards have greater weight than schools that have lower academic standards.

Vice President Frederick-Going back to the doctoral programs can you just let us know the status of those, like where they are?

Vice President Olson-There are two programs we are proposing, there is an EDD, that is a doctorate of education in a program called Counseling and Student Personnel. That currently is a grad only program. They don't have an undergraduate degree. They are one of our best programs on campus. The academic standards are very high, the quality of education is very high. That proposal has been submitted to the office of the Chancellor. The other doctorate under consideration is what is called a doctorate of nursing practice. This is a practice nursing doctorate. What you may not know is that in the nursing field they are talking about getting rid of master's degrees. You would have to have a doctorate to practice at a higher level of nursing. More and more MD's are not doing primary patient care. Nurses are required to have a doctorate degree. That program is part of a consortium, we would be partners with Winona, Metro and Moorhead, each of us offering bits and pieces, a lot of this on line. We think we are really strong in that area. We have a great nursing department. We have strong faculty in that area. That proposal is only in the draft stage. The proposals are quite interesting and would make you proud of MSU.

Vice President Frederick-Beyond these two, are we looking at more doctoral programs in the future?

Vice President Olson-The legislation authorized doctorates in six different areas. The EDD is one, a doctorate to be a psychologist is another, in fact we are thinking of doing one in school psychology. I think you all know the need for school psychologists is just going up and up. Another possibility is a doctorate of physical therapy. We have very high quality physical therapy facilities because of the Vikings etc. That one we are not looking at just yet. Another one authorized is the DBA, that is the doctorate of administration, we are sort of thinking of that. The final one is the doctorate of Audiology, that one is very expensive, and we don't know what the student demand will be. Next year you might see a proposal for PSYD and EDD, ed administration.

Senator Schilling-In regard to the repeat policy, do you have the statistics on how many students have repeated courses for 2 or 3 times?

Vice President Olson-Yes, we do have those statistics, if you like I can get those for you.

President Afolayan-regarding Enrollment Management-I am curious as to which area we have the most potential for recruiting, like at the present time, are we recruiting a lot of non trads, a lot of under represented, or metro students?

Vice President Olson-The key, which is thought of as our traditional service here, is southern Minnesota high schools. That population is going to go down anywhere from 20-25% in the next ten years, that was traditionally our bread and butter. Right now those are not all of our

students but they are a strong plurality of our students. We need to work with high schools in southern Minnesota to get a higher graduation of the Latino population that are moving into southern Minnesota and to encourage them to go on to college. Also in southern Minnesota, and we have seen it on our campus in a wonderful way, is the new immigrant populations like the Somali students, the Sudanese students. If you were at homecoming you would know that the Mong students won like the top student organization award. They make life on this campus so wonderful, so again, we need to be attracting them to campus and making it warm and hospitable to them. Another area is the Metro area, and that works two ways. One way in the Metro is to persuade students from Chaska, Eden Prairie, Richfield to come down here and be residential students and another thing, and this is where there is a huge growth opportunity, is in extended learning programs that we offer up there. You might have heard about the partnership at Normandale. The purpose of that is for us to have faculty up at Normandale for students that for whatever reason are place bound that want to earn an MBA or MPA and can not travel to Mankato but could take classes at Normandale. We want to do more and more programs up there. We also have not ever aggressively recruited International students. We need to recruit there as well. We have no idea where the ceiling would be on that if we really get serious about it. They do wonderful things for the climate of the campus. There was a time when you looked around the MSSA that half the students were International. Unfortunately that is not the case now, as it is getting harder and harder for them to get here. We are going to recruit in those areas as well as neighboring states.

President Afolayan-Do you feel we have the diversity infrastructure at this university to support recruitment of and having higher levels of underrepresented populations to come and stay at this university?

Vice President Olson-I believe we are trying to build it. I think we didn't. I think if you look at the kind of investments we have been making in the diversity area since President Davenport arrived and made it a top priority, you will see that we have systematically invested in that infrastructure. Are we there yet? No, we have to keep investing in it but there has been sustained investment in it, most recently the creation of a college access program this past summer.

Senator Giese-You talked about on-line courses, I was wondering, out of the current on-line programs offered, do we have a survey not just on satisfaction but on content?

Vice President Olson-Yes, that was done last summer. For a place like this, opportunity for on line learning is in very specific niche programs that you can do completely on-line. We have a wonderful tech.com program all on-line. We have a wonderful non-profit management all on-line, a lot of the nursing is on-line. We have students in California registering for that stuff. We cannot compete with say Superior College in offering undergrad programs, they can probably do that cheaper than we can but in upper division grad programs we can compete .

Senator Lorenz-I come from western South Dakota, is there anything specific that you are doing in recruiting in neighboring states?

Vice President Olson-We do have recruiters that go and visit but there is not a specific marketing piece, like a brochure or anything, that I am aware of.

Vice President of Advancement-Dave Williams

Our division, University Advancement, has the pleasure of representing this university to the outside world, to alumni, friends, and the corporate community. We spend a great deal of time to carry the message of this university, what our strategic plan is, what the President's message is, to outsiders.

We have three major areas. The Alumni program seeks to represent this university to 100,000 graduates around the world. We do that through the alumni magazine, *The Today Magazine*. This is meant to inform our alumni and keep them up to date on what is happening on campus. We try to connect with alumni all around the country by holding alumni meetings from Florida to Arizona to the Twin Cities. All of that is intended to reconnect alumni to campus. We want them to see how their support to the university is critical.

Secondary in the area of public relations is the area of Marketing. We call it integrated marketing. There is a brand name effort going on campus. You have seen the purple and gold colors, banners on the lamp posts and you will see very soon branded trash cans on campus. All of this is an intent to create a brand for this institution. Much of the world does not have our name correct. We have initiated a marketing effort for a variety of reasons. Vice President Olson mentioned enrollment management. In 5-10 years the population of high school students will go down dramatically. In 10 years there will be 5,000 fewer graduates than there are today. That is our core market. We want to be ready to market the quality education we stand for and hopefully, get more than our share. If you have been in the cities lately you must have seen our bill boards and the bus, we are trying to create an awareness of Minnesota State University, Mankato. We are advertising for name recognition. We will move our message along in the next couple years so that people will know what is going on on-campus. The next issue of the *Minnesota Monthly* will have an inside cover of one of our grads. This is a well read, well respected magazine. The feature will be Lou Bellamy, the African American founder of a number of theaters. Glen Taylor has been featured as well, we want that market to know the quality of our grads. We do many things in the PR area. Printing Services does many publications for us, KMSU Radio, which we use dramatically, is used to focus on the strategic priorities here at the university. Jeff Iseminger, Assistant Vice President of Marketing, has a branding-marketing team that will help individual programs, colleges, or majors do a better job of marketing their programs. They have 26 clients at the moment. The third area we do out reach is in the fundraising side and that is called Development. The three areas work together carrying the message out to our Marketing and to our Alumni program. This makes it easier to ask our friends and alumni for their financial support. We do that through the MSU Foundation. This foundation provides several hundred thousand dollars per year to students and the university. We have built buildings, the Taylor Center was completely funded through a campaign run by the foundation. As was Pennington Hall-first phase, Andreas Theatre, and Andreas Observatory. All of that is through private fundraising. We are embarking on a College of Business building. We work with Alumni and friends who are generous and are willing to support what we do. Frequently this fundraising is what scholarships support. Last year we gave about \$800,000 in scholarship support to MSU students. Some of you have those scholarships, even Presidential scholarships. We try to increase the number of these each year to help students become good leaders. We also work in the long range efforts of endowments. One key area that will connect with this doctoral programming effort is that we are going to try to endow faculty positions in these key areas. What that means is that an endowment would generally be about \$4 million dollars for faculty in the nursing doctoral program. That would allow us to go out and hire a first rate academic faculty member. That would give us money to allow that person to do research, for travel and to have resources available that they might use. All of that is to make your education even better if you are in that program. If we are able to do that it takes some pressure off the funding that Vice President Olson mentioned. Differential tuition right now is the way we would have to fund each of those positions unless we are able to raise some support for endowed faculty positions and endowed graduate assistantships. Those are some of the areas ahead of us. We are enthusiastic about the possibilities. We have great alums that have been very successful and are very generous. Our goal is to raise ultimately \$32 million dollars for the College of Business building over the next few years.

The President suggests that I explain how an Endowment works, that is a great idea. It is like a saving account. Let's say someone gave us that \$4 million dollars to endow a chair in Nursing. We invest that money and the foundation would then take about a 5% rate out of the interest earned, which is about \$200,000 dollars a year. That would come out year after year and it is more than enough to provide a faculty salary and provide support. The original gift never disappears. We don't spend that, we only spend the earned income. Endowed scholarships are the most common we have.

Senator Fleck-What is the projected start on the College of Business building?

Vice President Williams-ASAP but we have to raise the cash before we can start construction at least most of the cash. We are working right now. The President and I are working one on one

with some key prospects for various parts of this fundraising effort, the College of Business is one of those efforts. We need to accumulate enough pledges up to that \$24 million construction number, to be able to actually start putting footings in the ground. Most people make gifts of that size over several years. If we know the funds will come in over a three or four year period, we can sometimes borrow the money to get construction started, knowing the payments will be coming from the donors. We would like to be talking to a contractor at this time next year. That is not a promise, we need to get the gifts first.

Senator Giese-Endowment process-do we have the potential donors for endowments?

Vice President Williams-We have potential prospects. We did a feasibility study of our major donor prospects who have given before and might give again. We did learn there are people that want to help in ways like endowments. Some people want to help with a building. Some people want to help in other areas, like athletics. We did do research and yes, we have folks that we hope will do that.

Approval of Minutes 10-4-06 Minutes stand approved

Officer Reports

President Gabe Afolayan

The web site is pretty awesome now. Our Tech Coordinator Joe Orchard has pretty much updated all the information. Everyone's picture is up. Wednesday, Oct. 25 will be the Grand re-opening of the Game Room. Instead of the traditional ribbon cutting there will be a dignitary triathlon of pin ball, pool and bowling. So I am guessing that Vice President Frederick. and I will have the opportunity of taking on President Davenport and Vice President Olson and beat them. That will be at 3:30. You can stop by before the Senate meeting. There will be free food and bowling and all that good stuff. Also, there will be a professional exhibition of pool tricks. Nov. 4 we will have 8 tickets available for the Presidential suite at the Hockey game.

Appointments: Enrollment Management Committee-Nikki Hanna, Bookstore Advisory-Jennifer Hansen, SAC-Jimmie Gunn, Bill Brozak, Cultural Diversity-Jimmie Gunn, Judicial Board-Takehito Kamata, Kathy Mlaker, Jade Faul, Michael Ottaway, Ashley Pope, Meghan Turok, Yer Yang, Planning Sub Meet & Confer-Brett Fleck

Vice President Chris Frederick

Committees are now up and going. If you are not on two committees see me after the meeting.

Speaker

Recognized Student Organization Initial Recognition: Feminism in Action, Colleges Against Cancer. Men Against Rape, National Residence Hall Honorary

Recognized Student Organization Renewals: C.L.A.S.A. (Chicano-Latino American Student Association)

Committee Reports

Student Union Board-Jason Shillings, Chair

Current Issues being discussed by the Student Union Board-

- Many students are complaining about the volume of the music in the CSU late at night.
- Campaigning policies in regards to what a candidate can and cannot do. We are looking at policies for campaigning on campus and if we want table tents.
- CSU Banner space.
- Space for Veteran's Center, the lease ends in May, and the room is to be turned into a conference room.

Food Service with Sodexo

-Met with Bill Harvey and Regional Marketing Manager last week and discussed options for food service in the Student Union. We went over the cost of implementing Quizno's which would be about

\$30,000 dollars for ventilation system and the contract on the table enters MSU into a 10 year deal with Quizno's. The average cost of a Quizno's sandwich would be about \$3 more than Stacks, the current sandwich option.

The money for the ventilation system would come from a repair account that was set aside for things such as this, or could be used on other things in the CSU such as Expanding Taco Bell. If we choose not to bring in Quizno's the current option, Stacks, will be expanded and the menu will be consisting of around 60 options instead of the 8 offered now, and the bread would be made right there, whereas now it is currently brought in from Gage's bakery daily.

The Decision of whether or not we are going to bring in Quizno's will be made Monday morning according to the recommendation of the Student Union Board and the survey currently being administered.

There has also been concern with the effectiveness of Ultimate Baja in the basement of the CSU, since it is kind of competing with Taco Bell as they serve similar items. Marketing for Ultimate Baja will begin soon, and if sales don't improve, there will be a new vendor implemented possibly a expansion of the pizza or a salad bar.

The Game room renovation is completed and there will be a grand opening of the Game Room October 25, with a triathlon exhibition, games and food.

President Afolayan-Have you discussed hours of some of the concepts in the food court?

Mr. Schilling-Yes, that is one of the issues we are looking at. The grill is now open until 10 PM for made to order. They are looking at keeping Taco Belle or the pizza place open later.

President Afolayan-In regards to Veterans space-is there an allocation model or how do you do that?

Mr. Schilling-We are looking at that, right now we are focusing on the food service. In regards to the Veterans Center, that is an issue we will be working on in the near future.

Senator Reports

College of Business, Nikki Hanna

COSBO (President) → Council of Student Business Organizations. We had a meeting last Wednesday & every other week.

- Met with Scott Johnson, Dean of the COB. Gave him updates about Senate & my involvement...

Past involvement: **Bemidji MSUSA Conference**

Current involvement: **Laptop fees** (w/ Senator Fleck)

History, When/Why they started

What they were intended for

What they see for their future

Academic Affairs

Book exchange, Canadian website/our own website

+/- Grading scale – speaking w/ constituents

About this and so far it is about half and half (for/against it)

Student Debt Campaign

What we plan to do with it when we're done

Future involvement:

College of Business RSO/Club Fair

Discussing date/time/location/goals

Metropolitan MSUSA Conference

President Afolayan-What are the Dean's opinions on the laptop fee at this time.

Senator Hanna-He is definitely for it. He talked about extending it throughout the whole school, I don't really know why he is saying that I will get back to you with that information as I have a meeting with him tomorrow.

Science Engineering & Technology-Jessica Nelson

1. Participated in the Nobel conference on October 3 & 4, located at Gustavus Adolphus

- Titled: Medicine
 - Many students from Mankato attended throughout the two days (mainly CSET students)
 - Attained lectures, “A modern world and infectious disease: a collision course”, “Research in Neurology: unlocking the cause and optimal treatment of selected disorders of the brain”, “population variability and cardiovascular disease”, Stem cells and regenerative medicine”, and Science, humanitarianism, and health: a few potentially important questions”
 - Greeted with representatives from the University of Minnesota and Mayo.
 - A few CSET students and I met with one of the speakers
2. New grant obtained for CSET students,
- The scholarship is awarded to five students, and is renewable for four years!
 - The total grant was worth over a ½ million dollars, each recipient is awarded \$5,000 every year
 - This award is solely based on need and circumstance.
 - The first scholarship in CSET not based on GPA

Social & Behavioral Sciences-Peter Jennings

I personally conducted a survey of 68 people for the purpose of discovering how people's school spirit was affected by the increased police presence during the last homecoming weekend.

My first question involved, one word association do describe their experience at homecoming. The top 8 words used by students to describe their homecoming are order from most given to least given.

1) Fun , 2) Drunk, 3) Sucked, 4) Crowded, 5) Crazy, 6) Boring, 7) Lame, 8) Football

Students also had to let me know if that word was being given in a positive or negative light. 45(66%) were positive and 23 (34%) were negative responses.

I also asked the questions;

- * Did the increase police presence on homecoming weekend make you nervous?
- * Did you drink homecoming weekend?
- * Would students have more fun if there were less police, next homecoming?
- * Would less police make homecoming more dangerous?
- * Are you over the age of 21?

Over **69%** of total people interviewed drank over homecoming weekend

Only **32%** of those interviewed were under 21.

I found that 1 in 4 students surveyed were nervous about the increased police presence at homecoming. Of those nervous about police, **70%** were under 21 years old.

45% of all under age drinkers surveyed were not nervous about the police presence at all.

67% of all surveyed said homecoming would not be more dangerous with less police.

61% said they believed homecoming would be more fun with less police.

These findings, and additional stories and interviews with students would suggest to me that the increased police presence at homecoming is causing distress in an event that we mean to keep at MSU. Students of those who said police made them nervous at homecoming, they believed that police were acting in an unfair manner.

“Police walk around just to get people in trouble, not to help people”

What is MSSA? 27 of 68 did not make any connection between student government and MSSA, despite the fact I introduced myself as a student senator at MSU.

Senator Giese-When you did this did you randomly select the students?

Senator Jennings-Yes, I just walked around the Student Union. I talked to more girls than guys. There were minorities as well so I think I got a pretty good representation of campus.

President Afolayan-So do you think The Did you Know Campaign with the question, Do you know what MSSA stands for on the poster have an effect on the MSSA recognition?

Senator Jennings-Maybe students don't turn their heads so much and look at the direct wall in front of them.

Off-Campus-Jon Hurm

I have had two different people come to me with tenant issues, both were already working with the attorney. Another concern for Off-campus and Student Services is the smoking policy and the ash receptacles near that have not been taken down. We did a little research and I contacted Shawn McGoldrick and he said they had ordered 31 new ash receptacles so as they get them in, the permanent ones will be taken down.

Last week we created the Homecoming Task Force. The first meeting will be Oct 27 at 11:00 AM..

Senator Sands-Have you heard back from anyone, like the Chamber of Commerce that will be coming for the task force meeting?

Senator Hurm-Yes, the Chamber of Commerce and the Alumni Association. All the spots will be filled.

Senator Giese-Is everyone on Student Affairs on the task force?

Senator Hurm-All members of Student Affairs are on the task force. The meeting is Friday, Oct. 27 at 11:00.

Announcements

President Afolayan-Vice President Swatfager Haney and Vice President Olson will be in attendance at the Student Affairs meeting following the senate meeting.

Senator Sands-As President of Colleges Against Cancer we did get a date for our Relay for Life event. It will be April 14 and 15 from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM -I encourage you go get involved.

Senator Giese-Gender Bender Drag Show tonight.

Senator Anderson-House Majority Leader Boehner will be on campus at 10:00 A.M. tomorrow in the Heritage Room.

Senator Chenevert-If you like Jazz. Our Jazz band is playing at Bandana Brewery at 9:00.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Jessica Kallio, Taitum Thompson, Casey Carmody, Brett Fleck, Nikki Hanna, Brandon Ross, Jenna Ault, Kristeen Giese, Jessica Nelson, Oliver Okoye, Kenneth Willaert, Nolan Chenevert, Peter Jennings, Marianne Reilly, Ryan Anderson, Amanda Bertelsen, Kathryn Pase, Evan Trosvik, Jennifer Hansen, Jon Sands, Ryan Christensen, Jon Hurm, Jason Schilling, Caroline Kornowicz, Aaron Lorenzen

Senators Absent

Ryan Doane, James Dye, Allan Gould

Executive Staff Present

President Afolayan, Vice President Frederick

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

