

74th MSSA Senate
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74th Senate called to order Speaker Proteome Mike Bruner

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jessica Kallio 1-0-0, Taitum Thompson 0-1-0, Casey Carmody 1-0-0, , Brett Fleck 1-0-0, Tyler Gangestad, 1-0-0, Brandon Ross 1-0-0, Jenna Ault 1-0-0, Kristeen Giese 1-0-0, Jessica Nelson 1-0-0, Oliver Okoye 0-1-0, Nolan Chenevert 1-0-0, Peter Jennings 1-0-0, Marianne Reilly 0-1-0, Ryan Anderson 1-0-0, Kathryn Pase 1-0-0, Evan Trosvik 1-0-0, Daryl Lawrence 1-0-0, April Bonau 0-1-0, Ryan Doane 1-0-0, Ryan Christensen 1-0-0, James Dye 1-0-0, Allan Gould 1-0-0, Jon Hurm 1-0-0, Jason Schilling 1-0-0, Caroline Kornowicz 0-1-0
President Rob Wills, Vice President Chris Frederick

Approval of Agenda Agenda stands approved

Speaker Elections

Jered Jackson, Dave Buckley, Jenna Ault, Tim Ibisch

Mr. Jackson-I am a History major. I was in the military for four years. I have been on Senate for a year. I understand the job, the constitution and parliamentary procedure. I feel I can do it and do it well. I am unbiased. I am excited to be Speaker.

Mr. Buckley-I am an English major. I was also in the military. I am involved in student leadership and other student activities. I don't have as much experience with Senate but I learn quickly.

Jenna Ault-I am very involved on campus. I have been involved in IMPACT, sorority, Senate. I am an education major. I want to run for Vice President but I believe I need the experience of Speaker first.

Tim Ibisch-I have been elected to serve as Vice Chair on Legislative Affairs, I was senator for Crawford and Chair of Student Services. I am also on the MSUSA Board of Directors. The role of Speaker is to facilitate debate. You have been elected by the student body, it is important for everyone's voice to be heard. I am unbiased.

I have worked with the President and Vice President and I would appreciate your support.

Senator Giese-The role of Speaker is to be impartial but to be able to guide, how would you do that?

Mr. Buckley-I think I could do a good job with Roberts Rules, I am an activist, I think I can help bring issues I support into awareness but remain impartial.

Ms. Ault-I have had to be unbiased in other roles, on IMPACT it is not what I want but what students want. I did not know Roberts Rules when I joined Senate. I would like to have sessions so that senators can ask questions.

Mr. Ibisch-My experience is that it is vital that people are familiar with the rules of the organizations. I think I could produce documents and make sure they are familiar with that. I think that I am unbiased. Your stances are the ones that are most vital

Mr. Jackson-I understand that the position is to be unbiased. I would encourage senators to have their own opinion. I would like to encourage relationships between senators. There should be gatherings to get to know each other.

Senator Schilling-If there is a conflict and a senator bring that to you, how would you encourage opinions from other students?

Ms. Ault-If someone came to me I would try to help them solve. it. I have a 48 hr policy, if an issue is not solved within that time I let it go.

Mr. Ibisch-Conflict-I hope as a Speaker to not have conflicts. You are in charge, if there are conflicts between senators, we need cooling down time, information, we are here for the greater of the student body. We all share overall values. The Student Association has dignity and we don't want to infringe on that.

Mr. Jackson-If there is a personal conflict, I would try to have a sit down to try to talk it out. I am a supporter of communication. I am a very good listener. If the conflict is Senate related, it should be solved with Senate debate and the Speaker sees that does not get out of hand. Communication is the best way to solve issues.

Mr. Buckley-I would try to mediate before conflicts become serious. I would allow senators to voice opinions in a less formal situation.

Mr. President-One of the important things is that you can separate yourself and make a call. How will you make a ruling?

Mr. Ibisch-Polite but direct. Sometimes it is necessary to be firm. Being polite is the most important. The job is to facilitate, not smack someone down. I would be unbiased and unobjective. We may not agree on opinions but we can argue.

Mr. Jackson-I agree, polite but firm. As for rulings, I would not look at someone and be firm with one and not the other. The Speaker needs to step back and treat all senators the same. The Speaker should be firm, but respectful of all opinions.

Mr. Buckley-Being authoritative is not a problem for me. I am not afraid of putting someone where they need to be, politely but firmly.

Ms. Ault-Aggressiveness would put someone down. You need to get your point across, you just need to talk to senators.

Senator Dye-The previous Speaker went to great lengths to further MSUSA and Meet & Confer. Are you willing to go to these meetings and conferences?

Mr. Jackson-Definitely, I have gone to MSUSA, you get a lot of work done. I think we need more communication with the administration. I agree with the new President's proposal to have a full page in the *Reporter* so that students know what is going on with the organization.

Mr. Buckley-Yes, I would go and represent MSSA. It is more important to get students involved. I was very uninformed and now my interest is peaked and I think students need more information.

Ms. Ault-I want to attend MSUSA and definitely want to continue with Meet & Confer. I recently attended a conference on how to work with the Administration. I want the Senate to get known by the administration. I think the student body needs to know what we do.

Mr. Ibisch-I serve on the MSUSA Board of Directors. I went to a sponsored event in Washington DC regarding things we can do to represent MSU. This weekend there is a MSUSA conference here at MSU, I encourage you to attend. I served on a Lighting committee with the administration. It is important to recognize our place and theirs. We need to represent the college and state.

Senator Anderson-What is your experience with Roberts Rules and Parly Pro?

Mr. Buckley-Very limited, I don't have tons of experience, but I am studying up on it.

Ms. Ault-Being Chapter president, we have formal and informal meetings. I don't know it all, but I will learn.

Mr. Ibisch-It is important to know Parly Pro. I have been involved in MSUSA and as a senator. I have led group discussion. It is vital to maintain communication lines. Parly pro would not be a problem for me.

Mr. Jackson-I have chaired the Student Affairs Committee. I was on Senate for one year. Everything Senate does is by rules.

Senator Nelson-What will your class schedule be like, will you be able to be in the office?

Ms. Ault-I am no longer on IMPACT, I will have a lot of free time, and I want to put my heart and soul into this position.

Mr. Ibisch-I average about 20 hours a week in the office now. It is important to be in the office, senators need to be able to contact the Speaker. I have free time and can do good things.

Mr. Jackson-I have a full class load, but I scheduled classes around Senate. I am in the office a lot now. Other than a few RSOs, Senate is what I am involved in.

Mr. Buckley-I put in 40 plus hours here now, I would be reallocating that to MSSA time.

Senator Giese-Besides working with the President and Vice President in the office-how would you encourage more involvement?

Mr. Ibisch-I like to think I have a good relationship. I think we need to deal with more constituencies, they are organized. The Speaker can work with other large groups such as Greeks, to utilize their networks. If there is a network that is important, I would encourage that.

Senator Jackson-I feel I have a very good relationship, I would like to get the senators more involved. People don't know each other, I think a big goal would be to get students to know each other.

Mr. Buckley-I don't have familiarity here, but I think it is important that everyone is involved in other student organizations, we can use this to bring students to meetings and pass on information and work for us.

Ms. Ault-I agree I have a good relationship, I would love to see us doing things together, students see us and see that we are involved. I would like to challenge the Senate to join a RSO so that they can stand up for that organization.

Closing Statements

Ms. Ault-Thanks for giving me the opportunity, I think I would be a great Speaker, I am not perfect but I will dedicate my summer to learning the constitution and Roberts Rules.

Mr. Ibisch-Thank you for your consideration. I think I have experience, I have had many leadership roles. I think I could be an unbiased addition. I would be here this summer if you would need assistance.

Mr. Jackson-Congratulations on your elections. I also will be around this summer. I hope to continue on and get to know new senators.

Mr. Buckley-Thank you for your consideration, I would look forward to reading Parley and guiding senators.

Elected Speaker- Jered Jackson

Officer Reports

President Gabe Afolayan

We will be having a leadership training at a camp. We will have administrators coming to talk to us. You can sign up for committees at that time. Parliamentary Procedure will be covered in the training session. Vice President Frederick and I met with Dr. Swatfager-Haney and we discussed many issues including alcohol policy. I am co-chairing the Campus Recreation Proposal. We went to St. Cloud and looked at their facilities. We are looking at an Open Forum in the Fall, if it moves to a referendum we want students to vote objectively. I will try to correspond with you on updates. Dr. Davenport also wanted us to know that MnSCU is overhauling IT Services. As it stands, tuition would be raised about 4% for the next 4 years for technology alone. This will come to MSSA, we will need to get an amendment to this proposal. We are talking about a smoking ban on campus. Last year MSSA did not take a stance because the 15 feet was not enforceable. A ban might be coming the year after. Some students feel they would like to have fee money going to academics. That is bonding money like Trafton, College of Business. Senator Giese will be working on a search committee for the new director for the Sexual Assault Coordinator position. Regarding the Residential Halls-I asked when the final time would be for students to have a voice. We will try to get involved. The CSU Ballroom is looking at being renovated, they are looking at private funding. They will be making it more modern, better lightening. The game room and lounge are also going to have renovation.

ISO-Assistant Director Search interviews will be held next week.

We have been advertising for a PR Director position for MSSA.

Senator Giese-Will there be someone working on the web site?

Vice President Frederick-Pictures will be taken next week for the web site.

Appointments: MnSCU Revenue Fund Advisory Committee-Jason Schilling, Sexual Assault Coordinator Search Committee-Kristeen Giese

Vice President Chris Frederick

We want to promote a proactive year. We want to be all about campus involvement. We look forward to many meetings with the President, if you have feedback on the Alcohol policy please get back to us.

We want to educate students this year on student fees, academic buildings, tuition dollars.

We want many applicants for the PR position, spread the word.

Senator Taitum-Rec Center Proposal, what else does it go for, does it go for other buildings?

Vice President Frederick-Buildings come from state bonding.

Roll Call

Senators Present

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Senators Absent

Taitum Thompson, Brandon Ross, Oliver Okoye, Peter Jennings, Marianne Reilly, April Bonau, Allan Gould, Caroline Kornowicz

Executive Staff Present

President Rob Wills, Vice President Frederick

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

