

**75th MSSA Senate
January 23, 2008**

75th Senate called to order Speaker Ryan Anderson

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Rachael Quast 13-0-0, Kristy Pottebaum 8-0-0, Holly Pahl 16-0-0-1, Jared Grove 13-0-0, Brandon Ross 16-0-0-1, Brett Carpenter 8-0-0, Vang Xiong 5-0-0, Matthew Lust 16-1-0, Murtaza Rajabali 15-1-0-1, Samir Bhattarai 7-1-0-1, Harshdeep Bhasin 11-1-0-3, Matthew Schmidt 10-0-0, Abdihakim Abdi 4-0-0, Thuy Huynh 560-0, Jeffrey Long 13-0-0, Andy Wilke 13-0-0, Abbie Hill 17-0-0, Nathan Madden 17-0-0, Brian McMahan 13-0-0, Kelly Biers 17-0-0, Kristopher Lovstad 17-0-0, Mary Nelson 12-0-0-1, Ryan Johnson 8-3-0, Dave Meyers 12-0-0, President Chris Frederick 17-0-0, Vice President Carmody 16-0-0-1

Presentations Student Union,

SLD&SL-Laurie Woodward, Director Student Union, Ryan Yunkers, Asst. Director SLD&SL, Jessica Fletequal, Director LGBT

Director Woodward We are budgeted for \$514, 543. We allocate \$372,207 for salaries. The current staff that is paid with SAF is ¼ Director of the CSU, 2/3 Assistant Director-RSO's, Leadership, Non-trads, 1/10 Assistant Director-Administration, Program Coordinator-Greek Life, Program Coordinator-IMPACT, Business Manager, Office Manager and 2 graduate assistants.

\$372,207 for salaries, \$25,766 administration, \$95, 670 IMPACT, Greek Life-\$9,000, Student Orgs \$6,200, Student Leadership \$5700.

Director Fletequal-When we started out the year everything was different. We had staff changes in nearly every position which is why we have had to really analyze this money and I hope this is going to be more effective and efficient in the future. When we have looked at our money, staff salaries have been a giant piece of what our budget is. I have to say that when we made changes over the fall it showed that staff really is very important. We have had changes in Greek advisor, IMPACT, IMPACT has had four different advisors throughout the semester. We are going to be saving nearly \$77,000 in staff savings. It does not mean that we did not need that money at the beginning of the year.

Fortunately we did not spend it as that would have been a disservice to students. We will be meeting with MSSA leadership about ideas for a portion of this money. We will be asking questions like should we role this over, do we need this position? We expect the budget request in April to reflect many changes in staffing, organization, and positions. Currently all the moneyish things will be coming to me and all the other things will be going to Ryan Yunkers.

We are allocated \$25,766 for Administration (non-salary)

Some things we buy with this money: Supplies for the imagination station, event decorations, phone bills, website development, marketing, technology, supplies for staff, printing, a student graphic designer, percentage of work study costs, \$5,000 to welcome week, staff travel, professional development, job search expenses, advertising and repairs.

Director Woodward-Salary Savings Update!

This is that \$77,000 piece of pie that we had because of unanticipated staff changes. I am sorry that we did not spend that money because that means we did not serve students as well as we could. I am hoping that next year you will let us reapply for that money and spend that money. We are going to talk to MSSA leadership before we spend that money. We are not just going to spend it on t-shirts or miscellaneous programs. With so many unanticipated staff changes fall semester, we will not be spending our full salary allocation. At the end of the year, we expect to have an estimated salary savings of \$77,544, in uncommitted dollars.

Assistant Director Ryan Yunkers-IMPACT-\$95,670 allocation
Performing Arts \$30,000
Films \$24,000

IMPACT Programs and involvement

Impact hosted 85 events with other 10,396 people in attendance. More IMPACT facts-Homecoming highlights were the Hot Wings Challenge, Lip Sync contest, Coronation, Bonfire and a Band, Dodgeball tournament and comedian BJ Novak. J-SPOT packed Ostrander. Film-Knocked Up pulled in 1129 students. Diverse programming, strong leadership and lots of collaborations.

Thinking about next year-

Monthly Comedy Series, enhance the film program, more music

Asst. Director Yunkers-Recognized Student Organizations \$6,200 Allocation

The RSO's are on the web site where departments or others can look and see if an organization has been recognized. Your Speaker and I have been working on getting the recognition forms on line and hopefully will have that up and running in the fall. Organizations have different needs than they did five years ago. They now need email space. We get a lot of walk-in traffic. It is a pretty highly used area. We currently have 182 fully recognized groups, a fully functional web directory of RSO's. Individual advising and workshops presented for RSO fairs. Lots of Contact!!!, RSO's are using space and supplies. The more they are invited into the office the more they are using space.

Leadership

\$5700 Allocation

Building partnerships with Experiential Education program to develop a holistic leadership program. Partnership with RSO Lead Team to create leadership series and/or day-long leadership seminar on campus leaders. Bring in leadership speakers. Leadership awards banquet and recognition.

Greek Life

\$9,000 Allocation

There are approximately 380 students involved in Greek life. Each member of the Greek Community did over 10 hours of community service each month fall semester. Last semester alone, over 100 new students got involved in the Greek community. In an annual clothing drive, Greeks collected over 5 tons of clothes for the Salvation Army. Two National Fraternities are interested in starting chapters at MSU next year. Upcoming events: Greek Week, Sorority Recruitment, and the MGCA conference.

By the Numbers

10% Service Projects and Programming, 22% Training and development, 28% major spring educational speaker, 14% MGCA(each student pays out of pocket), 7% All Greek banquet (Each student pays out of pocket), 14% New Office related (furniture for new space),
4% Administration

What we'd like to add

Stipend for IFC and Panhellenic leadership \$2,000.00

Membership Recruitment \$1500

What else do we do

Non-student fee programs housed in SLD&SL

Campus Kitchen Project, Jumpstart, Service Learning. Campus Kitchen and Jumpstart are supposed to be fully funded through grant money. They do use some supplies in the office. We do pay a little For Service Learning, and there will be a separate request related to that when we do the budget.

The Future of Student Activities

We don't know if we are going to be called SLD&SL, Student Activities-we will be asking you for input on that. We are looking at a radical concept. SLD&SL currently has two parts. As we break off we could be looking at a Student Activities Business Center where we could share clerical staff, supplies, we could share a lot of resources for several different areas. That is a model we are considering. Service Learning is an area we are still looking at. We are going to have it but right now it does not come out of A&S fees. These are dreams for the future that we will show more clearly when we do the budget presentation.

New Employee Searches??

Greek Life Advisor, IMPACT Advisor, RSO Advisor, Service-learning Advisor

Senator Ross-With transition of new leadership do you think the process has gone well, do you think you have done extra things to make the process go smoothly so that students still feel that is a trusted area?

Director Woodward-We are starting with baby steps. We really just sorted out who is working before the holidays. It is slowly building, but the transition is coming.

Mr. Yunkers-We will be having an open house in a couple weeks and we want everyone to come in and meet all the new staff and make it more formalized so that you know who is doing what.

Director Flatequal-Change is very scary. We hope this next semester to talk to students to see what they want out of student leadership. This is still not set in stone. We are going to have good changes and focus in on the parts that need change and focus in on the things we have going on.

Vice President Carmody-What is the single biggest contribution Student Leadership makes to MSU, Mankato?

Director Woodward-Spirit-If we are doing things right we will have an enthusiastic, motivated student body that comes out and participates. Athletics uses spirit, academics uses spirit. If we have done our job, and we have not done that yet, campus spirit will be created. We want every student to know we are here and then if that happens campus spirit goes up.

Director Flatequal-We want something you are proud of. We want people to want to get involved.

Mr. Yunkers-Out of classroom opportunities is part of the college experience. We want to get every student to join at least one organization. Statistics show students are more likely to stay in school and persist if they are involved in at least one activity.

Senator Lovstad-What is the mission statement of SLD&SL?

Director Flatequal-Under consideration. We have changed our mission statement two or three times since I started. It needs to be purple and gold; there are so many entities within student leadership that it is hard to have one mission statement. I am hoping that by focusing on these different activities there will be a clear vision for each of the areas.

Senator Lovstad-How do you evaluate if you are meeting this or not?

Director Woodward-We are not doing that yet. We will keep on trying until we get it right.

Senator Nelson-What is the cause for the fluctuation in staff?

Director Woodward-This is a high burnout job. Most of the staff work 60-70 hours a week with

nights. The coordinator advisor positions turn over about every three years. Some change was foreseeable and some was not.

Director Flatequal- Change is also very good for an organization. What is not good is when it all happens at once. This all happened for us at one time. People change jobs and move on in their career path, unfortunately for us it all happened at one time.

Senator Ross-Going back to the IMPACT side of your budget, you have allocated \$5,000 for marketing, do you feel you market yourselves and would you recommend getting more money so you can get your name out there?

Mr. Yunkers-In student activities the stand amount for promotion is 10%. We have the luxury of having designers that make great posters. Students focus on what is on the poster not that it was sponsored by IMPACT.

Ryan Ehrke-When I came in I looked at the branding of IMPACT. 10% for advertising seems to be appropriate.

President Frederick-Two years ago MSSA granted a 2 year temporary position for an RSO Advisor. With future plans what are you looking at in this position coming up?

Director Woodward-We need this position. We need it badly and we are hoping to prove it to you between now and April when we do our budget. It will not cost you as much because we are reducing the hierarchy of the staff. Instead of having a Director we will have an Assistant Director and three advisors. There are amazing organizations that could really blossom and do amazing things if they had someone to go to and talk to. IMPACT needs staff. I would like to go for it permanently but we need your support.

President Frederick-Is this position currently filled?

Director Woodward-It has been on and off. It is hard to fill a position when they know it is temporary.

Director Flatequal-There have been 3 people in that position. They start learning and then leave. It will cost less money to fill these positions when we change the level from C to B. Hopefully when we present you with real numbers you will see the bang for your buck. I think we can prove it this time.

International Center-Tom Gjersvig, Director International & Scholar Services, Leonard Che Fru, President ISA

MSSA funding goes back many years, well before 2001. I think that support has helped us have a reputation as welcoming to our global guests. The number of activities on this campus set the tone. Our International students are involved all over campus. President Davenport has made the International Programs a top priority. It is important to all MSU students that you are prepared for a globally competitive environment. That is part of what we do with the funding that we get.

International students have the same issues you do. They have to deal with the cold weather, tuition goes up, language, they may not be sure of major challenges with immigration, mandatory health insurance. MSU has served this population and maintained.

The check posters you have out there say \$43,775 for International Students. We do get \$43,775 but it is for International Center Activities-all MSU students, not just international. (handout)

SAF Student Activity Funds Good News

New International Center opened August 08. International enrollment climbing, 147 new students fall, 86 new students this January, the combined 228 is the largest intl. group after 2001

Primary Objectives:

To provide the Mankato area and the Minnesota State University, Mankato communities with international and cultural programs of various nations. To provide MSU students from majority cultures with exposure to cultural awareness, international diversity and cross-cultural experiences. To actively encourage and integrate returned study abroad students into the activities supported by the international Center, including friendship Families, Cultural Ambassadors program and Nationality Night. To foster cultural awareness, understanding and appreciation of different cultures, encourage cross cultural communication between international students and the entire campus. ISO SAF Summary since FY 01.

We try to be good stewards of student dollars. 2007-08 SAF and INTL Activities-funding has dropped. We have seen growth but our budget is smaller.

Activities/Events-we want all events to attract domestic students, we always want personal interaction, we need to keep doing more things for more opportunities for interaction.

I feel a lot has been accomplished for campus and international students. We have gotten some support from the administration for new dollars.

Vice President Carmody-What is the single biggest contribution the International Center makes to MSU, Mankato?

Mr. Che Fu-We bring exposure to US students to know more about our countries.

Director Gjersvig-We would like more students to study abroad. There are maybe 3-4%. It helps students become more diversified. It presents opportunities and enrichment. We need to build friendships.

Senator Bhasin-Do you think this needs additional funding?

Director Gjersvig-With the merger of the two offices we have been able to gain efficiencies, we have one office manager instead of two. These are M&E funded positions. There has been some savings there so that we are going to be able to have a recruitment position that will be doing partly recruitment and retention activities. We have gotten a position for immigration services, partly from you because you said that position should come from M&E dollars. I am on the side of working with International Students. We want to do more activities where we can have students working more one on one. That will take a little more time and be a little more costly.

Senator McMahan-Where does this revenue come from?

Director Gjersvig-That is what I am estimating. We do charge a minimal charge for our dinners and that is expected revenue of about \$4,000.00.

Senator Madden-What kind of events are you thinking of to foster a little more one on one between US and International students?

Mr. Che Fru-In the past we had our nights and that was less interactive After thinking that over we decided to have Cultural Charisma, this is more interactive by having American students learn more about our culture. They can come and see a dance, a song, sharing. They can come and ask questions.

Director Gjersvig-The Japanese students are planning a tea ceremony. The community also requests us to come to public schools and clubs etc. and give presentations. Study Abroad students will come back and share to the friendship programs.

Approval of Agenda All items under New Business

Approval of Minutes 1-16-2008 Minutes stand approved

Elections- Undeclared, Off Campus

Undeclared-Noah Downs

I am here because I am a freshman and hearing you talking about binge drinking and other issues

makes me want to get involved. I attended a small charter school for high school, it was really about giving student voice and finding out where their passions are. I think I would like to be a senator because I can really listen to people. I talk to people on my floor. I am good one on one and thinking out side of the box.

Senator Hill-Do you think there is sufficient information for anyone that needs to declare a major?

Mr. Downs-I don't think there is but I have not looked into it. I am in a liberal arts learning area.

Vice President Carmody-What is the biggest issue facing undeclared students?

Mr. Downs-General education, students should have an opportunity to explore an area in depth for a few semesters instead of the policy where you take science, math, english in the same semester. . . Some students know they are going into business, there should be an option for not having to follow a path and rather do what they are passionate about,

Senator Biers-What would like to work on.?

Mr. Downs-I would like to have an option for students to meet with counselors and tell them what they would like to focus on. I think a large majority of students don't feel like they have a voice or can make a difference. We could create another senate like a house of representatives on a dorm floor where they can meet with students for creativity and make change.

Senator Carpenter-What is your biggest accomplishment in life so far?

Mr. Downs-Learning how to communicate and be better with people.

Senator Nelson-Why did you decide to come to MSU?

Mr. Downs-I applied to other schools and some state schools and decided to come to MSU

President Frederick-According to Constitution the designated time for elections has come and gone, therefore the election should stand.

Speaker ruling to open elections to additional candidates, over ruled

Elected Undeclared Senator Noah Downs

Off-Campus Election

Zafar Baig, Jon Hurm, Brian Leonhardi, Noah Olanrewaju

Zafar Baig-I have been here the last year and I have observed and heard a lot of things. There are things that should not be ignored but taken into account by the university. First of all I have read about the Red Eye Shuttle and that it would go to the point of All Seasons Arena where it will pick up students from Devonshire or that area. If you call the Red Eye it only goes to the corner. if a student needs to go somewhere on campus they need to walk and in the cold weather. Also the drinking issue. I think drinking is drinking. We have already lost two lives. We should take this into account. I would email and talk to students. This is not good for the university. If you are going for a job someday and your boss asks where you are from and you say Minnesota State University, they will say-oh those students are drunk students. That is not good. This is their future. There are families that pay for us so that we can be a better man someday. We need to talk to students and have an orientation so that students know what is not good for them. MSSA is a good student organization that can do good for students.

Jon Hurm- I am a Sports Management major/Econ minor. I am a senior, I have been extremely involved in many organizations. I am involved in Lacrosse, MMA Club and Ski and Sno Board Club. I was a senator last year. Last semester I took 19 credits so I was not involved in senate but this semester I only have 13 credits. I am in my final semester but I will be going to grad school and I am interested in staying here. I know that MSSA can make a difference and you can get your voice heard. I was a Student Affairs Coordinator, and I was Chair of the Homecoming Task Force. That went very well and we made many suggestions for the Homecoming Committee. I am involved on campus, I

work on campus and have an internship on campus with Campus Rec. I volunteer in high school and coach grade school Lacrosse. I know Roberts Rules.

Brian Leonhardi-I ran for the Social & Behavioral Science. I think MSSA is a big part of the university. I plan on making some changes; I want to work on binge drinking. Some students do have problems and they don't know where to go. I think we can incorporate the Counseling Center with speakers etc. I also want to get information out to students about housing because of the rates going up. They do need to know they do have more than one alternative.

Noah Olanrewaju- I have been a resident for five years. I have never lived on campus. I have seen how apartment residents have been treated. Some management is good; they don't want to raise rates. I have friends in the senate that told me to go to the student attorney and I went back and my landlord made change. I want to make a good change for off-campus students.

Vice President Carmody-What is the biggest issue facing off-campus students?

Jon Hurm-Binge drinking, we need to educate students maybe through orientation.

Mr. Leonhardi-Binge drinking-maybe Alcohol 101, let students know there are people there that can help.

Mr. Olanrewaju-International students need more assistance with finding apartments.

Mr. Baig-Get rid of drinking problem by orientation.

Senator Ross-What tool or trait do you have to create communication between students?

Mr. Leonhardi-Excellent communication skills. We can build a team, team work is important.

Mr. Olanrewaju-One thing is for people to come down to earth and have posters that show we have services on campus.

Mr. Baig-Cooperation with other senators; we could go to dorms and talk to people.

Jon Hurm-Texting, emailing, talking to people, organization. I know or will try to get a hold of people that can help so that issues don't drop.

Senator Carpenter-What is your single greatest accomplishment?

Noah Olanrewaju-Better education, good knowledge.

Mr. Baig-I am from Pakistan, there was a lot of destruction there, I used my abilities so that children could come and study.

Mr. Hurm-Saving kittens.

Mr. Leonhardi-Becoming President of Business Fraternity. I take pride in that.

Senator Meyer-Office hours and conferences, could you make these?

Mr. Baig-Yes, I could schedule

Mr. Hurm-I only have three classes and I can arrange my schedule.

Mr. Leonhardi-I don't have night classes. I work in the *Reporter*. I can make it.

Noah Olanrewaju-I should not have any problems.

Senator Hill-When you were a leader how did you resolve a disagreement?

Mr. Hurm-I have not agreed on an issue many times but through communication you can meet in the middle. The Lacrosse team was deciding to go to an out of conference tournament and fall under budget. Money was an issue. Many people were disagreeing. We were able to meet in the middle.

Mr. Leonhardi-I like to talk out situations. I would do whatever I could.

Noah Olanrewaju-I had a disagreement and I went to my advisor and now we are good friends.

Mr. Baig-I have suffered a lot but by getting information I have worked with problems.

Senator Abdi-What other organizations are you involved in?

Mr. Leonhardi-Other than my fraternity not any others.

Noah Olanrewaju-African Student Association.

Mr. Baig-Pakistan Organization

Mr. Hurm-Lacrosse Club, MMA and Ski and Snow Board club and intramurals.

Senator McMahan-What is the greatest think you would bring to the table?

Mr. Olanrewaju-I want to see this campus more successful.

Mr. Baig-I will help one another and bring their needs.

Mr. Hurm-Communication skills while resolving or bringing to light.

Mr. Leonhardi-Leadership skills gained by working at Walmart and President of Fraternity.

President Frederick-If you were not elected would you still get involved with MSSA?

Mr. Baig-Yes

Mr. Hurm-If I don't get elected I am always here to help. I will run as a grad student.

Mr. Leonhardi-I would help in any way I could.

Mr.Olanrewaju-I would always get involved in whatever is going on.

Mr. Hurm-I think you should vote for me for many reasons, I have done this and I can step in and I will not have to learn the procedures. I am outspoken but will listen to other people.

I think I am a great fit.

Mr. Leonhardi-I am familiar with Roberts Rules. I can bring a lot to the table, I can bring a lot to the table and new ideas to help out students, like we are supposed to.

Mr. Olanrewaju-I am here to represent off-campus and translate what I have gained.

Mr. Baig-I have read about MSSA and you work for the students so I would bring truth to the table for a good outcome.

Elected Off-Campus Senator Noah Olanrewaju

Officer Reports

President Chris Frederick

Vice President Carmody and I met with President Davenport regarding the Outdoor Campus Rec proposal. They are still looking at a proposal that they will be presenting to us. They are also finding outside funding. They are very open to the consultation process. They will present the plan to us for plenty of consultation.

The Community Alcohol Planning Committee met last night. We came up with a title- High Risk Drinking Among Young Adults. It will be held at the Alltel Center Feb 27. Everyone is involved. I am going to try to get the student body involved. I encourage you all to show up. That is a challenge to get students involved in the conversation. There will be a student panel on the demographics. They are presenting this as young adult. I am challenging the students to get involved in this community wide issue on drinking. We will hear more and more about this.

I had the opportunity to go to the Res Hall Master Plan meeting. There were some architects on campus last week to discuss the new Residence Hall. They are looking at the site location for 600 new beds. There are four different locations they are looking at: the Performing Arts Parking lot next to McElroy, Crawford Parking Lot, across from the library, by Julia Sears. I feel it will end up in one of the parking lots so that we could keep housing in one core.

Committee Sign Up-We need to get the Constitution Commission up and running to have anything on the ballot by April 8. We need senators and others to sit on this.

Harshdeep Bhasin and Jared Grove will be attending the DC Summit.

Senator Hill-Do you feel the administration is dragging their heels on the Campus Rec proposal so that they can pass it right away without us being involved in the process?

President Frederick-No, I think they want concrete numbers and donors before they present something to us.

Senator Carpenter-Is there the possibility of a referendum?

President Frederick-I think it is not their intent. I think it will be brought before this body. We represent the student body. We will make the recommendation for the proposal to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Senator Hill-Does the administration feel the students would vote for this and ignore the students that voted against this last year?

President Frederick-No, the administration is presenting this in a different light. They are taking off many things that are not necessary. Several pieces are looking at ulterior funding rather than putting it on the backs of students. I assure you it will be coming to us before going to the Board.

Vice President Casey Carmody

MSUSA-Feb 1-3. We are going to be talking about some very important things at both the state and federal level. We will also try to get some ideas worked up that we can bring to the caucuses. We need to have a say about what is important to our campus.

Next week-**Meet Your Senator Week**-this is to highlight you and to help you meet people.

February 5th, bowling challenge and caucuses. This bowling competition is important, we lost this last year to the administration. We want the bowling trophy back home.

President Frederick-Is it true that we will be practicing bowling next week?

Vice President Carmody-Game room night is Monday night and it is free so you can practice then also.

Senator Hill-Are you required to go to one MSUSA Conference as a senator?

Vice President Carmody-Yes, that is true, at least one a semester. They are fun.

President Frederick-Is it true that MSSA gets the suite at a hockey game this Friday?

We do get the suite and we have it Feb. 1. If you don't want to go to the hockey game we will have a van leaving early for the conference.

Senator Ross-Will there be a sign-up for senators that want to go to the game?

President Frederick-Yes, but we will cycle everyone through.

Speaker Ryan Anderson

Senator Hanna resigned, College of Business now vacant. Election will be next week.

Senator Busch will not be available to attend senate this semester so Social & Behavioral Science seat is now vacant as well as Gage A

As you heard Ryan Yunkers say earlier, we are working on getting RSO registration on-line. It won't change our role in the process but it will make it easier for student groups to get recognized.

Initial Recognition-MSU Ladies Lacrosse

New Business

SAC Motion 1.23.08 A

SAC recommends allocating \$100.00 to the National Society of Black Engineers to attend a National Convention in Orlando, FL from March 19th to the 23rd

Senator Bhasin-They will be contributing \$200.00 out of pocket.

19 y 2 no Motion passes

SAC Motion 1.23.08 B

SAC recommends allocating \$500.00 from SOAFC funds to MSU AIGA to host ByDesign 2008 Conference

Senator Bhasin-There is for an on campus event. \$1,300.00 total cost of the event.

23 y 0 no motion carries

M#01.23.08 A Senator Lust/Senator Madden

Whereas: The MSSA takes its role in supporting student rights very seriously.

Whereas: The MSSA recognizes students of the university assume the rights and responsibilities afforded to all adults upon reaching the age of 18.

Whereas: The MSSA supports prudent measures to be taken by the university to curb the use of underage drinking and drug use recognizing these activities can be both harmful to the individual and university as a whole.

Whereas: The MSSA does not believe infringing on the privacy rights maintained by all students is deemed to be a prudent measure.

Whereas: The MSSA recognizes the need to notify legal guardians in cases of emergency is satisfied by current laws

Whereas: The MSSA believes recent discussions at both the state and local levels to notify parents upon instances students are found to be drinking underage infringe on the rights of students if the student is over 18 years old.

Whereas: The MSSA has previously taken stances opposing measures which it believes infringes on the rights of students.

Be it resolved: The MSSA reaffirms the stance taken by the 74th MSSA in motion 01.31.07A stating, “The MSSA fully opposes any changes allowing parents, legal guardians, or any other party, be allowed to view the data currently protected by both the Federal Privacy laws and the Minnesota Government Data Privacy Act without consent of the student. This would include the MNSCU proposed changes allowing parents be notified of drug and alcohol violations without the student’s consent.”

Be it further resolved: The MSSA opposes any policy, procedure or law created by the university or local, state or federal governments notifying legal guardians of drug and alcohol violations without the student’s consent provided the student is over 18 years old.

Senator Lust-As you know I have always pledged to contest policies and procedures not in the best interest of students, especially those advocated by officials with a moral imperative to profess their agenda. I rise here in favor of this motion because I view this as a way to impose a particular agenda being we are in a flux stage. We are supposed to be adults and we are treated like children. This is not an acceptable doctrine to be used on college students. I think we, the elected student body, owe it to our fellow students to protect them in terms of privacy. This is an issue about privacy, it is about student rights and whether or not you, after age 18, have the right to be considered an adult. This is about maturity. You need to understand rights and responsibilities protected by the constitution. Senator Madden-I may not give as passionate an address as Senator Lust but my feelings are as equally strong. When I was 17, I received a minor, my high school did not contact my parents. In college information should not be made privy to my parents. I would never give my mom permission to know what I do in college.

Vice President Carmody-I certainly agree with this and I am coming from the stance that underage drinking is serious and we need to talk about it but I don’t think the proposed ways

are the right way to solve this issue. Privacy is very important and afforded to us through the U.S. Constitution through a variety of manners. I strongly support this but underage drinking is a problem and should be faced. Informing parents is not the right way to do it.

Senator Lovstad-I think notifying would hold students accountable but it is not the school's business
Senator Carpenter-It is a worse deterrent to have parents read it in the paper rather than have the school call.

Senator Xiong-For the benefit of students of color and other post secondary option students, we need to think about the drinking issue so that our school does not get a bad name.

Senator Schmidt-As a post secondary student your rights are still with the high school. It would be the high school's responsibility to contact your parents.

Senator Madden-The fact of the matter is Minnesota does have a binge drinking problem. The top three reported states for binge drinking are No. Dak, WI and MN. Something does need to be done. The way they are approaching it is not the proper way to approach it.

Motion passes, 21 y and 1 no 2 abstentions

M#01.23.08 B Health Insurance Senator Rajabali/Senator Bhasin

Whereas: MSSA represents the entire student body including International Students

Whereas: MSSA has a duty to look out for the well being of all students

Whereas: International Health Insurance has increased tremendously with no alternatives given to international students

Whereas: Many International Students have shown frustrations through the Diversity Committee and International Student Association

Be It Resolved: The diversity committee should investigate the possibilities of providing alternate plans or cheaper health insurance

Be It Further Resolved: The diversity committee present its findings to the Student Senate by February 20th

Senator Rajabali-We want to work on the issue of health insurance. We only have one health option that you have to take or leave. We want the diversity committee to investigate that and see if there is anyway we can get it changed.

Senator Bhasin-We pay about \$1,000 dollars a year for health insurance. Many students don't use health service. That is a lot of money. We want an option.

Senator Hill-Is this beating a deadhorse? I think you might be running in circles.

Vice President Carmody-It is worth looking into. Competition drives prices down.

Senator Rajabali-There has been a lot of interest and frustration in this. Investigating this would only take time.

Motion passes 17 yes 0 no 2 abstentions

Announcements

Senator Hill-Academic Affairs met yesterday.

Senator Ross-The heat wave has begun. Warmer weather this weekend.

Senator Madden-I will send out an email on when Student Affairs will be meeting.

Senator Bhasin-Cultural Charisma Saturday Jan 23.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Bhasin, Biers, Carmody, Carpenter, Frederick, Grove, Hill, Long, Madden, McMahan, Meyers, Pottebaum, Quast, Rajabali, Ross, Schmidt, Wilke, Olanrewaju

Executive Staff Present

President Chris Frederick, Vice President Casey Carmody

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM