

75th MSSA Senate
October 17, 2007

75th Senate called to order Speaker Ryan Anderson

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Rachael Quast 5-0-0, Holly Pahl 8-0-0-1, Jared Grove 5-0-0, Nikki Hanna 8-1-0, Brandon Ross 9-0-0, Sharmarke Issa 6-3-0, Matthew Lust 8-1-0, Murtaza Rajabali 8-0-0-1, Harshdeep Bhasin 4-0-0-1, John Busch 8-0-0-1, Matthew Schmidt 2-0-0, Ojoye Akane 3-2-0, Sanju Nepal 5-4-0, Sharmarke Hurreh 4-1-0, Jeffrey Long 5-0-0, Jon Sands 8-1-0, Andy Wilke 5-0-0, Abbie Hill 9-0-0, Nathan Madden 9-0-0, Brian McMahan 5-0-0, Kelly Biers 9-0-0, Kristopher Lovstad 9-0-0, Mary Nelson 5-0-0, Naomi Stauffer 2-0-0, Dave Meyers 5-0-0, President Chris Frederick 9-0-0, Vice President Carmody 9-0-0

Open Forum

Ashley Minshall-President of IMPACT. IMPACT did an assessment on Homecoming, it was 100% better than last year. We had a lot more free reign. We had more involvement.

Senator Lust- I am curious about the 100% better as a determination of quality.

Ms. Minshall- We had more involvement overall and from individuals. For us the participation from the students is what measures the quality of homecoming.

President Frederick-You said you did an assessment of homecoming. How did you do an assessment and it is available for campus-wide?

Ms. Minshall-Yes, we will have that for you. We did this at our board meeting. We have 13 board members and we sat down and did a survey of the pros and cons. We talked about the things that went well and the things we really want to change next year. We also sat down with a committee of 25 people and I believe there was a staff assessment. The entire SLDSL assessed it.

Senator Rajabali-How many people were you expecting for the bonfire?

Ms. Minshall-We were expecting about 750. We would have liked to have it filled. We would have liked to have the entire football team there and have the band play longer and more free food.

President Frederick-Will you submit this assessment to the overall Homecoming Committee to be a part of there recommendations for the future?

Ms. Minshall-Yes, we will love to offer our opinion. We are the closest you will get to homecoming. We would love to help out as much as possible. We want homecoming to be the best it can be.

Presentations

City of Mankato City Council President-Mike Laven

I am here today to talk about a couple of issues that affect the student population directly and to take this opportunity to start a formal dialogue with the council directly. That relationship has been great with Dr. Rush and now continuing with Dr. Davenport but there has never really been connection with the university students. As alum I can say that was the case 20 years ago. I would like to add that from the city perspective this was a wonderful homecoming experience in all aspects from Thursday-Saturday. We appreciate every thing the university community did to create a wonderful, exciting, peaceful experience before and after the football game. Compliments to the planning.

This past Monday the council and several liquor licenses holders sat down and talked. The consensus is from several liquor license holders (aka bar owners) is that they want us to do whatever we can to get rid of the all you can drink liquor specials. This is driven by the bar owners because of the problems, complaints and challenges with their drink night specials. This will probably be changed and altered to maybe "a dollar a drink night". There will not be anymore nights where you can pay five dollars and drink all night. This could begin as early as next semester, that is probably the fast track, the reality is we are still discussing this. We will not make a decision this coming Monday. We

still have a lot of work especially with comingling. Example-food at BW3, currently you can stop in and eat but you can not go to the bar until you are 21. With the new proposed ordinance it would allow you to be in there and have your sandwich and stay and do your studying. We are going to clarify that anyone can come regardless of age. We are going to take out the practice of drinking on the job. If liquor licenses want to be a part of the gold star program where they have a higher standard of operations and provide for best practices, they won't allow employees to drink.

The other issue is the Social Host Ordinance. Currently under state statute it is illegal for anyone to provide alcohol to minors. If you have a keg of beer and provide this to minors you are responsible whether you have a bar or not. Under the Social Host Ordinance if they show up at your house and they bring their own beverage you are responsible whether you provided it or not. This will be a challenge to say the least. This past weekend we arrived at a house because of a noise complaint. We quickly ascertained by some of the letter jackets that there were probably under aged people in attendance, several left quickly. With that probable cause the officers entered and carried out the task that they are sworn to do. With the Social Host Ordinance it will be the same thing. If we are called to a loud party this will be another item as it won't just be a loud party complaint if you are serving underage individuals. Again, current statute says if you are going to buy the beer and supply to them, you already have state statute to deal with. This puts the ordinance on you, if they bring their own. This will take clarification of friends and their friends so that you don't get your self in trouble. This applies to graduation parties-it is community wide ordinance. The thing is we want to develop this relationship. The council is very interested in developing a formal conversation. We want to continue discussion with you. Council revolves with names and faces and so does student senate so we want to make sure we make that extension to go longer and broader than just this issue this one time.

The last time I was here was in 2001 when we were talking about redistricting for the census. The census process lets you identify communities of interest with like needs that can and will create their own districts whether on a county, state or even municipal level. I was surprised that the student association at that time did not look at a map and think about the fact that Gage and Crawford/McElroy are two different districts. You may want to look at the census in 2010 on how that is laid out. There is always a concern that there is a voice of the students on city council. Quite frankly when they lay out those lines with districting it does weigh in. This might not gain you a seat but it may give you a clearer voice on the council.

Senator Ross-Alcohol seems to be a big issue, what has the city done to implement new attractions or bring in new or different businesses so that this is not labeled a college drinking town?

Mr. Laven-Directly, nothing. I could look at the development of an art district down town.

I think the city is missing the boat on not having a water park. This is a tough role on what you want the city to play in entertainment. We currently put taxes dollars on getting name attractions at the civic center. This would be an interesting discussion. I don't think the city is looking at providing entertaining options or alternatives. I think that is up to individuals. I have seen things poorly attended when we have tried city initiatives. I certainly think we could partner to get whatever it is. Busing students to hockey games has helped, we can partner on some things about maybe not drive the programming.

Senator Meyer-I am curious as how the Social Host Ordinance will be enforced in the dorms? Would the city have a high number of law enforcement up here?

Mr. Laven-The university has and will continue to call for our assistance. I would hope that if the university sees a trend on a bigger basis that they would contact us. I don't think we have been called up here more than 15 times in a year on alcohol issues or loud parties. The university has a process in place, the city would not circumvent that. We do respond if called. I think you would be better off calling the university because of the great process in place. When we are called it becomes more public. As for adding more officers, certainly there are officers that would be willing to work more if need be. If it became a matter of adding staff we would respond and do long term budgeting accordingly.

Senator Lovstad-As far as the Social Host ordinance, what are the penalties?

Mr. Laven-Besides public humiliation, it is not criminal. In the event you are found to violate this ordinance you would be cited and pay a penalty or you could appeal the process. The city would hire a

civil penalty judge that would hear the case. This occurs with rental license operators. It would be similar to that process. Again state statute is quite clear when it relates to serving directly. People showing up with their own liquor will be the biggest issue. This is a civil penalty issue. Senator Lovstad-How do officers determine who to cite or are responsible if no one owning the home is present?

Mr. Laven-You will be responsible if you are renting the house or if you own the home. It would be to your advantage if you carded people coming to your party. If they can't give you ID, you are risking more now than you were before. If you have a Social Host violation it will go on the landlord's loud party complaint and it will go against them. We have come back on them pretty hard. In the seven years I have been on city council we have suspended nine rental licenses for anywhere from 30-90 days. Depending on the landlords persona I saw their willingness to accept responsibility for what occurred dictated when we implemented that. Typically we take August as the first month.

Senator Lust-Since we are changing the burden of proof. Are you sanctioning the household or those that are present?

Mr. Laven-Using the rental license enforcement we use now, it is the one's that are there now, say 3 out of 5. They would all be cited. Some properties offer individual leases. They do make it clear to cite. Guilt by association is by the officer's discretion.

Senator Lust-How many parties are actually party houses or at that of a parent? How many are actually at places where you can not actually invoke that rental agreement thing?

Mr. Laven-Using our rental license process, I expect to respond to a loud noise complaint and that is when the Social Host issue will come into affect as well. 3 of the 5 last year were where the parents had purchased the property and allowed the son or daughter to be part of the property owner. That gave us a gateway to those parents. In those cases the young adult was clearly participating in the event, not the parent as they lived somewhere else. The reality is they were just as responsible as they were on the license as the property owner. I believe this will be so similar to what we do with the property owner. I see this with graduation parties and that will be more of a challenge than with students. Mom and dad will have a tough time justifying issues.

Vice President Carmody-Looking at the big picture-I see these as ways to combat drinking and underage drinking. Obviously drinking does not start when you step on campus. What is being done with education from the city towards middle schools or elementary schools?

Mr. Laven-The school district curriculum is quite clear that there is acceptable behavior and this is not acceptable behavior. Quite clearly even if we can not see that, our role models are our parents, good or bad. It is tough to reach out to other areas that are many miles from here. What was disheartening to me when I did a walk around with our officers was that out of 75 cited that night, 34 were on their third or fourth underage offense and they came to Mankato. Something in their life is telling them that they are not making wrong decisions even though they are being penalized for it.

It is tough to do, how do you reach out to those that are not projected to come here until the next year and drill down that education component? We are willing to help but I don't think we can reach that far out. Party 411 does well. It provides information. Orientation will help if parents are told that if I show up at your kids apartment with a police officer and they are drinking, it is a \$368.00 fine.

Senator Nelson-I appreciate your practical application like \$368.00, I understand the idea. How does it work to compare us to Chaska and how is it going in Chaska?

Mr. Laven-Chaska passed this ordinance in August. This is modeled after a program that is used across the country in cities. It is unique to Chaska, it is not unique to Minnesota.

It is one more tool of the enforcement component. This is not the solution. This piece of legislation is one more component in holding people accountable for their actions and responsibility of actions need to be tied to that.

Senator Nelson-You have touched on that several times about checking ids, do you really think that will work. Do you think that will change the situation by putting it on the 15-24 age groups?

Senator Laven-No, you are right. It will be difficult to see how it changes behaviors because this is the enforcement component. There is an education component that has to occur and be there. How do you get others to respect, it is the education component. Enforcement component is the last step. It will take a learning experience for people to know it is a legitimate concern. This will come in to play

when the loud noise complaints come in first and foremost. I think we will see more of this in the spring when graduation parties occur and there is underage drinking on a property.

Senator Madden-Excluding the riots, has the alcohol and noise situation improved or declined in the last three to five years in direct correlation to college students?

Mr. Laven-Yes, of the 376 cited for underage last year that were from all three campuses, 85% were MSU students or claiming to have affiliation. The city requires all liquor stores to keep a keg log.

What we did Thursday and Friday prior to homecoming was we visited the liquor stores and looked at the logs. We highlighted the ones that potentially looked like there would be a large group of people there by a large number of kegs. We sat down and had a talk to them and said have fun but we will show up if we get calls and we will shut them down with noise ordinance, consumption underage.

These are the things we will do. Is this the education piece? This is what in hindsight we should have done in 2003. It has gotten significantly better. Years ago you used to be able to look in the Reporter and see where 316's would be. Things have changed. We are talking about a small number of people, less than 10% that are causing these regulations and they would be causing problems regardless of pricing. A dollar a beer is still a good price but a flat rate is a different story.

Senator Myers-I was wondering with the moratorium and the Social Host Ordinance and with the possible drunks moving from a bar area since there is no longer discount prices, has the city council looked at possible affects on surrounding neighborhoods?

Mr. Laven-Yes and the liquor moratorium ends in Feb. in 2008. We have to make changes and implement them. We have to at least change one line by law. Will it gravitate to more house parties? Yes, but those folks will drink regardless of whether it will cost, it will happen. If people want to get really really drunk, they will do it at home or in a bar. The city has controls in place to modify those folks behavior, if it has to. The bar owners think they will lose business but they think no one will come down town.

Senator Lovstad-In your expertise-is there something our university can do differently?

Mr. Laven-Earlier this week the government of Vermont said he is proposing legislation to lowering the drinking age in Vermont to 18 because he thinks that binge drinking between 18 and 24 years of age is so excessive that by lowering it, it would make it better. He felt those around 16 are so much more watched than those 18-24. Will this make a difference? For some it will. If we can prevent folks from drinking a little less than before, great. This is on the enforcement side. The education piece, the city is more than willing to work with the school district, but we can't reach families 2 hours from here. It is parenting.

Senator Ross-Do you think that this will affect the economy of the City of Mankato in a positive or negative way, maybe the emphasis of downtown will be taken out to a certain extent?

Mr. Laven-In the 9 page summary it was not specific enough to say how much went to food or entertainment. The bar owners are saying they want us to eliminate that as they lose money yet they are worried that a group of people will not come there if there is not a cup night. I am not sure how to say it will or will not effect that.

Mr. Ross-Could a committee or survey help with drawing people from downtown, maybe with entertainment?

Mr. Laven-Yes, this summer we had free movies downtown. Putting a group together might help. The city could help with that. IMPACT goes through the ringer when students don't show up for their events because it does not meet their needs. But quite frankly, that is a tough act to follow. It is a matter of coordinating things like at the civic center. Things like that can happen, but how do you come up with something for 30,000 people? There are ways to create communication and coordination

Senator Stauffer-I know that right now there are people that party or drink in the dorms, will this affect that at all?

Mr. Laven-If they are under the legal drinking age at a drinking party the officer will submit them to a breathalyzer to confirm they are not drinking. The city is not going to go by the guilt by association that happens on a school district level. When people are running away from the police, it is a sure sign that something is not right. The ones that stay know that running will cause more problems or they are not guilty.

Senator Rajabali-I am wondering what is the city council doing to protect the environment?

Mr. Laven-The 60 day window for the Minnesota Pollution Control process to see if the city of Mankato is being responsible for the storm water discharge. We are and the federal mandate is in place for 20/20 that requires cities to treat their sewer water, so at some point we are going to have to look at that and make that process work. We are looking at the best practices of construction sites. State statute does not allow phosphorous and fertilizers in lawn treatments. That is something that has been addressed. The Blue Earth County has adopted the green print. Our local ordinances are strict. We have good drinking water in the state by federal standards. Our waste water meets CA standards, it can be used for reservoirs, sprinkling or irrigation. We have an agreement with Calpine Energy, this is a plant that generates energy on the edge of town. They picked Mankato because of our waste water treatment. They take our waste water and send it to their plant and cool their turbines after they have heated them up and generated electricity. They have a second set of turbines that collects the steam and then they bring the water back to the city of Mankato and pay for it to be treated again. I say all those things as if I am the reason for it and quite frankly I am not. Those things would have occurred regardless of who is on the city council because it is a matter of planning out for 20-50 year plans on what you want to do and what impact you want on environment. The State of Minnesota has impacted water standards that no one can increase the amount of phosphorous that comes into the river. We don't want to be the problem, we want to be the solution. Our water plant is a regional water plant. We can't do enough. Our busses have gone through 7 variations of fuel alternatives in the last 20 years. We don't use sand in salting the streets because sand ends up in the storm water which ends up in river which does not do any good. We use a salt brim mixture that is a corn mixture that adheres to the pavement and does not allow anything to stick to it like snow. This stays on the roads for five days and the plows do not have to be sent out as often. We do energy audits. We take our residential trash to a waste mgmt processing plant where it is sorted for all recycling and organic materials are removed. All that is left is burnable garbage that is burned. What is left is less than 3% of what it was. We are a rather green city.

Vice President Carmody-What benchmark do we have to determine the extent of success for both of the ordinances?

Mr. Laven-The success is in that there are 17 more liquor licenses than there were ten years ago. The benchmark will be the compliance that already exists from the bar owners with the modification. The discussion focused on the co-mingling component, the cleaning up of cigarette butts in front of their place of business, allowing employees to drink and enforcement when police do initiate the enforcement of underage drinking. One example that shows our process works well is The Haze. It has done a fantastic job of changing its' business plans based on repercussions of not following the rules. I think this is one of the jewels of downtown. They have their game on. I don't see us rewriting this ordinance in the next 10 years, we might have a modification to an amendment of the ordinance but it would be at the discretion of the bar owners. Part of the concern with the co-mingling is what do they do with their pool and dart leagues. Currently, people can't come in unless they are going to eat or drink, hanging out to shoot pool does not apply. The new ordinance added language that says people could eat, drink and play pool etc. Loitering is another issue.

Vice President Carmody-Do you have benchmarks for Social Ordinance?

Mr. Laven-No, we are not in a rush to implement that. The liquor license ordinance is taking the limelight.

Senator Wilke-I have been active in the Lincoln Park Community Center. I appreciate the advice of Charlie Herd and Chris Boyce. A lot of neighbors are concerned about college age students because of nuisances they bring about. They say there has been a lot of talk but little change has occurred.

What is the city doing to help empower those neighborhood groups to bring about change they desire?

Mr. Laven-The city changed how many unrelated people could live in a property. There is no more than two unrelated. There is property in the Lincoln Park area that has been grandfathered in. The reality is that those people would like to have those properties bought out by the city and changed to the new zoning. The expense of that would be unfeasible. Lincoln Park is no different than Washington Park. They all have needs. In Lincoln park there are property address properties that are specific properties that cause the complaints. It takes time to make changes in the civil process. There is plenty of time to go through the rectifying process. It is not hard to generate laws that apply

to licensing rental property but zoning of rental property has to be kept fair and balanced across the community because there are areas that allow rental property.

Senator Lust-Are there a lower number of calls being made when students are leaving the bars because public transportation has been implemented?

Mr. Laven-Yes, the sober bus has helped. It has completely changed the magnitude of people tromping through the yards. The problem is with the close neighbors that live downtown. What has changed the call is with the amount of food establishments serve. There are fewer calls to places that serve more food. When T.J. Finnegan's added wood fired pizza the amount of calls before midnight dropped in half. Folks go there to eat pizza than more often than before, the same is with Blue Bricks.

President Frederick-Thank you for coming and we are looking forward to encouraging that relationship and working with the city and developing some long term solutions to some of societies concerns.

Mr. Laven-The city council represents the entire city. There are five wards. We all feel we are part of the university community whether we have graduated from there or if we have taught classes there or even live near there. We represent all people. We don't take issues lightly. You add to the dynamics of this community and it is a much needed thing. You have a great opportunity to strengthen relationships. We have a great process in place. If you are looking for something to do that is non alcoholic you have the opportunity to attend a play Nov. 1 at Centenary Methodist, The Laramie Projects. \$5.00 and you are downtown already.

Commission on the Status of Women Sara Granberg-Rademacker

I am the Student Relations Coordinator for the College of Arts and Humanities. Today I am here as a member of the President's Commission on the Status of Women, particularly a steering committee that was charged to look at an issue on our campus. An issue we are hoping we will get student feedback on and that is why I want to make you aware of what we are doing today. The Commission on the Status of Women, the steering committee, one of which is a student and a host of other people are dealing with the topic of Bullying and Psychological Aggression in the Workplace. I am here to tell you about a survey we are going to be implementing the end of October. If you are a university employee, please complete the survey and I am just asking senators if you can help spread the word. In 2003 the President's Commission on the Status of Women started hearing some Concerns about the workplace environment at MSU. After some deliberation and some consultation with the President and after strategic funding priority initiative the Commission went forward with taking a look at the environment. Work place bullying is not something that just happens to women. We have been working with two nationally known consultants in the area of psychological aggression and work place bullying to develop a survey instrument that will be out the end of the month. This will go to all employees, faculty, staff and student employees. The concept of workplace bullying is All those repeated actions and practices that are directed to one or more workers, which are unwanted by the victim, which may be deliberate... Important components of the definition, repeated, enduring, unwanted, causes, harm, interferes with work. Important distinctions-sexual harassment, discrimination. Bullying is status blind. Common terms: Bullying, mobbing, harassment, abuse, incivility, psychological aggression. Bullying looks like: constant criticism, damaging threat to personal standing, social isolation, overwork. Destabilization-failure to give credit. Organizational risk factors: Why we should care: individual consequences, organizational consequences, work climate. "Organizations that allow work place bullying to occur are in a process of adverse selection where the best and the brightest may be let go at the expense of the most aggressive or un civil" or brain drain, your folks leave because of the environment they are in. What can we do about it? Assess, integrate, implement. RESPOND to the survey about our workplace whether your experience is positive or negative.

Senator Ross-Do you think this is relevant on this campus?

Ms. Granberg-Rademacker-I don't have reasons to suggest this is an issue. We just want an accurate idea of where we are at. There are things that cause me to raise my eyebrows but we don't know how prevalent they are which is why we want everyone to participate in the survey so we have an accurate idea of where we are at.

Senator Ross-What is the quantity of petitioners in order to get an accurate representation of faculty, staff and students?

Ms. Granberg-Rademacker-We are meeting with a variety of constituencies, we are taking this to all the bargaining units to try to get as much buy in as we can get and be as transparent as we can.

Senator Lust-What point is there where someone is just gruff or goes out of their way to be a real jerk?

Ms. Granberg-Rademacker-The survey is worded to help distinguish that. Teacher student relationship is not the one being examined here. It is employer employee relationships, student employees, graduate assistantships, things like that. Never the less the same question would apply to that, if you had an employer who is particularly gruff. The way the survey is written I feel will weed that out. They look at, frequency and specific behaviors, alleged perpetrator/victim. We are aware of that issue as it has come up several times.

Senator Biers-Do you know if there are any university policies that address these concerns besides sexual harassment or discrimination that are obviously covered?

Ms. Granberg-Rademacker-MSU currently has the workplace environment policy. I believe that came about just a few years ago. My impression is that our policy is rather broad. It may not offer the type of protection people are needing. The consultants try to speak to that policy or say should we look into other needs if there is a problem in campus.

Senator Madden-If one were to feel bullied where could they go?

Ms. Rademacker-The Commission has a listening panel where they hear some of these issues. We need to see what the survey results give us and if there is a problem we hope the consultants will come up with the recommendations for people.

Senator Rajabali-Who are we including on the survey? Are we including the external contractors like Sodexo?

Ms. Rademacker-That is a good question, Sodexo actually falls under one of our bargaining units but I believe they are still considered separate from university employees. We have had to leave that as a separate group. There was concern raised about that because food service employees are employees as much as anyone else. Sometimes students, sometimes not. I will check on that and get you the information.

Approval of Agenda Agenda approved with amendment of Presidential Appointments.

Bookstore Advisory: Jeff Long, John Busch, Holly Pahl, Textbook Price Containment:

Rachel Quast, Ojoye Akane. Correction of dates on agenda.

Approval of Minutes 10-10-07 Minutes stand approved

Officer Reports

President Chris Frederick

Initiative Funding Prioritized List.

3 positions: 2 Instructional Designer positions and a shared developer for off campus learning. We would be looking for on-going funding for these positions. It is something that would need to be added to our base. At this time they are not suggesting that they be coming from any of the tech fee structure but they would be coming from the MnSCU Priority funding.

Fiber Cable Redundancy-Fiber cables connect each building to the campus network through steam tunnels, this would be a backup in case of a fiber failure. They are looking for \$100,000 and they are looking to match that probable using some tech funding for \$34,000.

Customer Relations software, management software for Admission in recruitment and retention.
MSU Web Site Redesign-There is conversation out there that our website is not as user friendly as some of our competitors such as St. Cloud, Winona. We are bringing in an outside consultant to set up a template that our IT can use to set up our web site. We need students involved in this conversation. The Chancellors office was looking for (8 objectives) Network and data center modernization, security management, identity management, retooled administrative systems, new technology architecture, student services and online learning, faculty research & development, career, business, entrepreneurship. You can see our requests hit several of these points.

Enrollment Management-Committee structure. 10 different subcommittees, after careful consideration and talking to the executive committee we have decided we want students to be on each of the subcommittees. We are looking for students that are interested in some of these things, like the grad team looking at graduate enrollment, international, diversity, advising, financial aid, things like that. You don't need to be a senator to be involved. This is an important committee structure. We need someone to sit on the committee and report back. You can give us the information on enrollment management and the direction we are going with it.

Meet & Confer tomorrow, we will talk about Enrollment Management and Tobacco Policy.

Senate will be doing polos again this year. Sign up in the office.

Senator Lust-On the budget why is it that all the non-shaded requests are for exactly \$100,000?

President Frederick-These were merely ballparks, nothing has gone out for RFP. They might be considering costs will be more and the costs will have to be absorbed somewhere else. This sheet was to let MnSCU know what our top six initiatives are. This is not an exact cost figure.

Appointments: University Student Conduct Board: Joshua Thompson, Kelly Biers, Corinne Overstake, Ryan Anderson, Mary Nelson, Stephen Fox, Jade Faul, Britt Steiger, Katelyn Romsa, Trent Dernbach, Takehito Kamata, Robyn Helget, Basil Funwi, Brian Jicinsky, Kathy Jicinsky

Bookstore Advisory: Jeff Long, John Busch, Holly Pahl Textbook Price Containment: Rachel Quast Ojoye Akane

Vice President Casey Carmody

We are still looking for students for the Bookstore Advisory Committee and the Textbook Price Containment. Senator Long will be serving as chair of the Bookstore Advisory Committee. We still have spots left on the Student Technology Roundtable. They will be a meeting regarding the audience response systems regarding the clickers in the classrooms. If you are interested let us know.

This is Family weekend, invite your family to come hang out with you.

Vice President Dave Williams will be leaving to go to the University of WI-Stout

I attended the commencement committee meeting today-setting up graduation etc. They are taking steps toward security. They are hiring 6 security guards to be on hand.

The Alumni Foundation is going to be underwriting the medallions you wear when you graduate.

They will have the back of this engraved with what you graduated with-like magna cum laud.

Academic Affairs-Wed. 3:00. Jered Grove is the Vice Chair.

Senator Lovstad-How are those brochures sent out to professors?

Vice President Carmody-I think the bookstore distributed them.

Speaker Ryan Anderson

RSO Initial Recognition Yellow Ribbon, L&L Records, Department of Sociology and Corrections:

RSO Recognition Renewal: Financial Club, MNSU Entrepreneurship Club, Student Athletic Advisory Committee, MSU Shotakan Karate Club

Senator Reports

Off Campus Senator- -Brian McMahan

On September 26th, I was inaugurated as one of the Off-Campus student senators. Since then, I have been able to attend all of the Senate meetings and the most recent two committee meetings. During these committee meetings, we have discussed several issues, including but not limited to:

Julia A. Sears Building

- Among the several topics, we have discussed the current projection prices as well as the impact on students.
- The Student Affairs committee was taken on a tour of the Sears building but I was not able to go due to scheduling conflict issues. However, there will be tours of a mock room of the Sears building every Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 2, in the old Gage-B cafeteria. Also, there will be 30 minutes tours for family weekend Friday through Sunday from 11 am to 3:30 pm

Tenant Association

- We have discussed Tenant Association, which used to be a regular occurrence at MSU Mankato, but has not convened for 3 years. We discussed whether or not it would be effective and the Student Affairs committee will be delivering a report with its findings later in the semester.

MSSA Survey

- We have also discussed items which we believed should be placed on the Student Association Survey. The topics we discussed include but were not limited to: Parking, Smoking Ban, Campus Rec Proposal, Health Services Awareness, and IT Services.

Mock House Party Announcement

- Finally, but certainly not least, is the Mock House Party my fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, puts this on every year. It is located at 639 S 4th St and will run from 9 pm to 11 pm tomorrow night. I would like to recommend that everyone attempt to attend the Mock House Party. It will be a very entertaining and enlightening experience. As a side note, I will be performing in the "Fight" Scene in the parking lot behind the house.

Maverick Hall- Dave Meyers

I was elected during the September 18th 2007 election, and have attended every Wednesday senate meeting since then. I have attended every Legislative Affairs meeting since then. On October 1st, we had a guest in from the city council to explain the Liquor Moratorium and Social Host Ordinance to us. The following Monday, I attended the city council meeting where they discussed and heard opinions about the Liquor Moratorium. To me the downfall of the night was when a grad student said that the city council is taking away the one thing we love to do best. At Monday's meeting we discussed questions that we would ask the city council member (s). I missed the September 20th student affairs meeting due to a job interview. There was no September 27th meeting due to bi-weekly meetings which is now weekly. At the October 5th and 12th Student Affairs meetings we discussed the Tenant Association and possible questions for a survey. On Monday the 15th, I attended the Tobacco Free Policy Task Force meeting. Those present were Patricia Swatfager-Haney, Bob Simonson, James Dickey, Vice President Straka, Joel Jensen, Roberta Spangenberg, Wendy Schuh, Robert McGinn, Teresa Mullins and myself. Some highlights included

- How to implement the smoking/tobacco ban?
- Who will enforce the ban?

- McGinn recommends a tobacco ban over a smoking ban.
- Simonson took about half the meeting discussing how little we have to write our proposal on. Today at the October 17th, 2007 meeting many things were discussed.
- Enforcement
- Residence halls
- Smoke or tobacco?? We settled on tobacco instead of smoke.
- Instructional use
- City streets – Warren, Stadium, south Ellis-these would not be affected
- Phase in Res Hall enforcement
- Smoke in “approved parking areas” Vice President Straka
Senator Wilke-Why is chewing tobacco the hazard?
Senator Meyers-It is a health hazard to the general maintenance workers.
Senator Lovstad-Did you talk about enforcement?
Senator Meyers-At this point we are leaning towards peer enforcement, we have yet to discuss security. For fines we discussed that campus can't give out fines but we could offer mandatory session if caught smoking on campus and there could be a charge for that.

Allied Health and Nursing- Rachel Quast

Ever since my election on September 18th, I have thrown myself into the exciting life of being a senator to MSSA. It is a great honor to be seated here representing both my school and the constituents of the College of Allied Health and Nursing.

A quick recap of my life as a senator:

Since my September 18th election, I have made it to each of the following senate meetings. Due to class conflicts, I was unable to attend the academic affairs committee meetings that followed my election. Now that the meeting time has been switched, I am excited to help make progress in many academic areas. I have scheduled an appointment to meet with college coordinator, Shirley Murray to discuss issues in advising throughout the college.

On October 11th, I met with Dean Kaye Hearth. A few of the issues I presented to her included the climate in Weicking, classroom sizes with growing numbers of students, advising within the college as well as the possible plus/minus grading system. Dean Hearth was very welcoming and invited me to join the College of Allied Health and Nursing Student Advisory Board. Our first meeting is on Thursday and I look forward to meeting with this organization and bringing information from the Dean back to Senate.

Overall, my first month has been busy and exciting and I look forward to what is to come in my next months as a senator.

Off-Campus-Mary Nelson (written report read by Senator Quast)

Announcements

Vice President Carmody-Kato Party 411, I can't stress it enough. I hope to see you there

Senator Meyers-Legislative Affairs-10 AM Friday

Speaker Anderson-Academic Bill of Rights will be coming up at MSUSA. This will take a position to define what academic freedom is. Talk to me about it so we are all informed before the next conference.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Rachael Quast, Holly Pahl, Nikki Hanna, Brandon Ross, Matthew Lust, Murtaza Rajabali, Matthew Schmidt,

Jeffrey Long, Naomi Stauffer, Ryan Johnson, Andy Wilke, Nathan Madden, Brian McMahan, Kelly Biers, Kristopher Lovstad, Dave Meyers

Senators Absent

Jared Grove, Sharmarke Issa, Ojoye Akane, Sanju Nepal, Sharmarke Hurreh, Jon Sands, Abbie Hill, Mary Nelson

Executive Staff Present President Chris Frederick, Vice President Casey Carmody

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM