

76th MSSA Senate
September 24, 2008

Senate called to order by Speaker Brett Carpenter

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Robert Dooley 6-0-0, Panoulia Vang 5-0-0-1, Kelly Biers 6-0-0, Ryan Johnson 5-1-0, Brian Leonhardi 6-0-0, Jayme Pretzlhoff 2-0-0, Sara Pawlitschek 2-0-0, Ahmet Dursun 6-0-0, Kevin Clement 1-0-0-1, Casey Adkins 5-0-1, Olja Susilovic 2-0-0, Udeeb Shankhadev 6-0-0, John Busch 3-2-0-1, Yonis Gabow 5-1-0, Bulour Zarzar 2-0-0, Thuy Huynh 4-2-0, Brock Kanstrup 2-0-0, Joshua Gladis 6-0-0, Samuel LeVahn 2-0-0, Michael Cooper 2-0-0, Philip Shea 2-0-0, Kristy Carpenter 1-0-0, Andrea Buecksler 6-0-0, Abby Knott 6-0-0, Brian McMahan 6-0-0, Hassan Mohamed 6-0-0, Holly Pahl 5-1-0, Andy Wilke 6-0-0
President Ryan Anderson 6-0-0, Vice President Murtaza Rajabali 6-0-0

Open Forum

Jared Grove-MSUSA Campus Representative. We attended the MSUSA Conference this past weekend in Bemidji. Saturday morning we attended the conference at the American Indian Resource Center. We came up with some cool motions. Senator Biers, Senator Dooley, Vice President Rajabali and I worked on a motion that passed unanimously through the delegates. We had breakout sessions talking about technology, book prices, and those kind of things. We also had some interesting multi-cultural breakout sessions. Diversity Conference-Oct 24-26 at Metro State.

Senator Wilke-Can you please speak to the substance of the unanimous motion that got passed?

Mr. Grove-We made a motion that says we don't want to increase tuition to cover inflationary costs. We want to look at programs that are working and those that are not we would like to reallocate the funding to other programs or newer initiatives. Chair Frederick will take these motions to the MnSCU Board so we can get our biennial budget passed for two years.

Senator Wilke-Is the conference all on Diversity in October?

Senator Biers-There will not be a delegate's session. There will be speakers and many breakout sessions with a wide variety of topics. I will be leading a session on how to be an LGBT ally.

Brett Fleck-Academic Affairs Coordinator

Today in Academic Affairs we discussed if there would be a designation process on the transcripts for the grade policy changes. We discussed advising and where the DARS report is going. We discussed graduate student printing. We will take that topic to the Dean of Graduate Studies and IT to get that issue resolved. Today we mainly focused on where we stand on advising issues, what needs to be addressed, what we have already talked about. A lot of it stems around academic quality and whether faculty members are being held accountable for the quality of advising they are giving or not giving. We will take the information we receive to the proper authorities on the issue and hopefully some good stuff happens so we can try to increase our retention rates and student satisfaction.

Senator Wilke-Are you finding that graduate students needing more printing is receptive by the Dean of Graduate Studies and ITS?

Senator Dursun-I am going to email students and see how much more they need and I will meet with the Dean and see what she thinks.

Presentation

Rick Straka – Vice President of Finance and Administration

I am here today to give you some basic background on some issues we want to bring before the senate. Every year we talk about tuition and fees and the overall operating budget. We are starting soon to get into that process. The MnSCU Board will be meeting in the next couple weeks on the biennial budget. A snap shot of where we stand-it appears we are in good health as we move forward.

The reserve we are required to maintain will be in the 7% range. We knew we would have a larger carry forward this year. One of things that happened last year is that in the last biennium we were given our inflationary money equally over the two year periods. However, one of our bargaining units contract was really loaded toward the second year. We had some savings last year of about a million two. We knew that was going to happen, we planned it and knew it was going to happen. We will have a bigger expense this year but we are covered with that for the current year. If you look at the current year we are about

100 students ahead of last year. For the year we are in pretty good shape. Structurally we are about \$600,000 out of balance but we are carrying forward a million two so we know we can balance the budget and have a positive cash flow. We know that as we go into fiscal year 2010 there will have to be some level of adjustment as we get to a 7% reserve level. We may be able to balance the budget with out significant cuts. There are some real challenges in trying to budget this year for next year. This is a biennium year. That is the year the legislator based on the revenue forecast, coming out in November, sets the budget. The governor sets his check book for two years. There is another forecast coming out in February. The state then sets their budget which must be balanced. The difficulty for us is that we don't get this until February. There are a lot of hearings in February and March. It is probably in April before the House and Senate get down to creating targets for various parts of the state of Minnesota. We will have a better idea in April of how much money higher ed will get. We don't know until May how much money we are going to get in state appropriations. Out of 127 million dollars we get about 56 million, about 45% from the State. We don't know where tuition will be until about June. There is a political stance by both the Board of Trustees and the Office of the Chancellor's staff and the legislature to not raise the budget over 4%. All of our current bargaining units are good through June of this year and then we enter a new round of negotiations. We don't really know what our total inflation costs will be until sometime in the year. In the current biennium it was not until spring that we settled our agreement. The thing that is scary is the forecast the department of revenue had in June was a deficit at least a one billion dollar deficit for the state of Minnesota that they will be facing. That did not include inflation. When you include inflation value it is upward of two billion dollars and that may be optimistic. We are in better shape than other schools in the system.

President Anderson-When we talk about the rising cost of tuition people are confused because they see our appropriation going up and they see tuition going up. If you could sum up some of the top reasons for tuition going up what would it be, personnel costs, energy, what would you choose?

Mr. Straka-2002-2003-\$4 billion dollar state deficit. MnSCU took a 191,000 million dollar reduction in appropriation. During that time there were two 15% tuition increases because of the decline in state appropriations. That has been the biggest reason we have seen for tuition increases over the last 7 years. Last year we had good state support. Much of that comes with a fence that says you have to do new things with your dollars. If you get a 5% increase but 3% of it is fenced you really only have 2% to help you with the rest of what you are doing. The institution has also said there are some things we need to do as we have grown. If you look at the primary factor it is state appropriations have declined additions did not keep up with inflations.

Senator Dooley-Do you agree with our stance as well a MSUSAs of putting money into inflation over certain institutions or state projects?

Mr.Straka-I am not surprised by the student stance but I understand the board stance as well. I understand both sides of the argument.

President Anderson-Can you talk about initiative money and what it means to our campus?

Mr. Straka-With the IT money that came down locally last year in about the amount of \$490,000 that was added to our budget, we have done a redesign of our web site, we hired a instructional designer to make sure our on-line as well as our hybrid classes had faculty support. We looked at putting in a redundant backbone. The Caps program is a major piece of what we have done in recruiters of underrepresented students. The Center of Excellence money has seen an increase in partnerships across the state manufacturing as well as tying into the high schools with project Lead the Way. Those are some of the special projects that we have benefited from. It is important to note that some of the IT things that have happened centrally that the money is not on our campus but improvement to the IT system as well. There have been improvements in the reliability of the IT system when you register. There has been a lot of work to the infrastructure.

President Anderson-When can we look forward to seeing the divisional budgets?

Mr. Straka-We hope to bring that to the Meet & Confer processes in October and November and by December 1. We hope to at least look at a best case scenario/ worse case scenario so people will understand what the impacts will be. The budget time line will be on the web site.

Approval of Agenda Approved without addition or correction.

Elections-Off-Campus (4 candidates)

Andrew Fuller-I am currently undeclared but working toward a Political Science major. I have experience living off-campus. I have lived close and further away. I have been with a car and without a car and have dealt with all the struggles. I would like to look into parking issues. I think communications with the neighbors could be improved. Most of us even though we are students we have jobs and work almost full time. I feel students off-campus don't know where the money goes so I think I could understand it better and potentially let other people know.

David Schmalz-Sr. Accounting major. I want to learn about student senate and be apart of it. I have commuted from Hutchinson and North Mankato so I know that parking can be a problem. I would like to help students that live off-campus and make it easier for them to come to school here.

Joshua Kuhne-Law Enforcement major. I would like to get off-campus students more involved with campus and get more events that appeal to off-campus students. I also feel we should get the on-campus students more involved with off-campus. I feel Student Senate would help me become a better leader and a be in a place where I could help out other students.

Kristy Carpenter-Nursing program. I don't work on Wed. My classes won't interfere with meetings or senate hours. I want to be on senate because it is a place to make a real difference. I was on senate last year as an Allied Health Senator. In that time I learned more than I could have imagined on what goes on behind the scenes with our money and everything that makes our college experience what it is. This semester I started volunteering with Campus Kitchens, which I am really excited about. I attended one MSUSA Conference, I am on SAC and Constitution Commission. I would like to hear more about certain issues. There are several issues I would like to hear more about. In one of the meetings flat fee parking was discussed. I am against that. I think we need to consider off-campus issues and how far that the school jurisdiction should go. I have attended the past three meetings and I hope I can join senate again this year.

Vice President Rajabali-What do you think is the single biggest issue facing off-campus students?

David Schmalz-Parking issue, especially for people that have to drive to campus. It is a struggle for them to find a place to park. Students that travel off-campus also work off campus, coming to and from campus needs to be easier for them.

Mr. Kuhne-Parking is a priority, but instead of flat fees we need a free lot closer to campus for students that may come only for one class or part-time. They should not have to pay the extra fee that everyone else does. Once lot closer to campus could solve the situation. The number of parking passes could be limited to freshmen students.

Kristy Carpenter-I too think Parking is a big issue. I just recently realized how efficient the transportation system is. I think we need to get other resources out there like riding your bike, taking the bus, that sort of thing.

Andrew Fuller-I think commuting is an issue. We do need to utilize the bus system. I don't even know if the bus runs by my place. If we had a wider area that the bus covered it would deter people from driving to campus. Short term parking is also difficult. There are only a few meters around campus.

Senator Wilke-What have you previously done on this campus to become involved?

Mr. Kuhne-I have been involved with the Conceal and Carry on campus. I know this is a hot topic with everybody. I feel that with everybody or more eyes on it, it could be more restricted and brought to light in the views of everyone.

Ms. Carpenter-I am Vice Chair of SAC. I am in my second term on Constitution Commission. I am on Flight Team and recently became involved with Campus Kitchens.

Mr. Fuller-I am involved in a fraternity and just started in United Nations Club.

Mr. Schmalz-Absolutely nothing as I was working last semester.

Vice President Rajabali-As a senator you are automatically on two committees, what committees would you be interested.

Ms. Carpenter-As an off-campus senator I would be on Student Affairs. I am already on SAC and Constitution Commission.

Mr. Fuller-I could not say without seeing a list.

Mr. Schmalz-SAC

Mr. Kuhne-I don't know of other committees but I would join one that sparked my interest.

Senator McMahan-What best qualifies you to be an off-campus senator?

Mr. Fuller-Determination.

Mr. Schmalz-Never live on Campus.

Mr. Kuhne-Leadership, respect, self-esteem.

Ms. Carpenter-Reliable, committed, timely.

Senator Clement- How would you increase awareness of ride-share?

Mr. Schmalz-Allow opportunity for students to take a survey and see where they are commuting from and go from there in setting up carpools.

Mr. Kuhne-Flyers for awareness of opportunities, use local radio stations, use the media.

Ms. Carpenter-Communication Board on our web site.

Mr. Fuller-We would need a platform for students, plus find a location for Park & Ride.

Vice President Rajabali-How would you get your views to your constituents?

Mr. Kuhne-First of all by just getting out there and talking to people. Maybe setting up a table in the CSU and give out information.

Ms. Carpenter-Posters, talk to off-campus students, faculty send out emails

Mr. Fuller-Some people do not look at flyers or tables. I think speaking in classes and trying to reach those that are not on campus that much.

Mr. Schmalz-Everyone picks up the Reporter, that would be a good way to communicate to off-campus.

President Anderson-Over the past year the Student Association has had long and many conversations dealing with the universities' role in disciplining off-campus student. What in your mind is the universities role in disciplining the off-campus student?

Ms. Carpenter-I believe it is out of their jurisdiction. Most of us are over 18 adults. MSU is a business and they need to be careful about things.

Mr. Fuller-We need to preserve our rights.

Mr. Schmalz-I feel the school should not have rights in my personal life off-campus.

Mr. Kuhne-We are consenting adults. If we make mistakes it is on us. Campus should not have involvement in it what so ever.

Senator Wilke-What do you think the activities of off-campus students do to the representation of the university?

Mr. Fuller-The vast majority of the community does think we are just college kids and that we are not responsible. They need to realize the majority of students are responsible and that we are here to work hard and not just have fun. Potentially it could hurt our image but it is taking away too many of our rights.

Mr. Schmalz-I don't think the community looks at students in general, I think it is what we think of our selves that is the issue.

Mr. Kuhne-No matter what happens our decisions will affect the vision of the school. We make mistakes but our public life should not be tied into the school.

Ms. Carpenter-I think it affects us as much as we let it affect our school. Someone that lives off-campus and is not affiliated with the school can do something every day and get away with it.

Mr. Schmalz-I have experience, I have traveled around the world in the military. I have gone in and out of different countries in the middle east. I feel I have the ability to communicate with different people on campus.

Mr. Kuhne-The leadership skills I learned in the army will benefit everyone. I am hoping my experience and age and new ideas will help to keep people refreshed and keep them going.

Ms. Carpenter-I think I have the time and commitment to do this. It is something I would like to do.

Mr. Fuller-I feel I can bring a different view to the board. I would strive hard to get as many off-campus opinions as I could on an issue because there are many issues we need to deal with.

Elected Off-Campus Senator Kristy Carpenter

Approval of Minutes (9-17-2008) Minutes stand approved

Officer Reports

President Ryan Anderson

We had a finalist for the Director of the First Year Experience Office on campus today. I got to be part of that process. The First Year Experience Office, as the university moves with our enrollment management and retention goals will play a very important part.

I received a call from the Director of the Student Savings Club Card. This is something we had before but it did not really work well. Students really didn't find out about it. Businesses did not often promote it so it dropped off for a couple years. They have a new pitch now. We would pay almost \$2,000 and then we would dictate which businesses would be involved in it. I talked to some folks and I thought about this for a long time but with all the pizza joints with mark downs always competing I don't feel this is the right thing to do at this time.

I attended a Curriculum Design System presentation yesterday. It was very interesting. Traditionally when professors wanted to start a new course it was very labor intensive and had to go through many different people for signatures. It is now on-line. So anyone, faculty or staff can go on line and look at changes that may be made in departments. I logged on last night and saw where they are looking at changing Speech Communication major to Communication Study. There is a program to duplicate our MBA program at 7700 France Ave. It is stuff like that is on there and students and view it at any time. Vice President Rajabali and I met with Dr. Davenport last week regarding our Open Forum. It will be Oct 2 from 11:30 to 1:00, hopefully on the mall. There will be complimentary food. We will be discussing Parking/transportation and Dr. Davenport suggested the tobacco policy. There will be an open mic-so come put us on the spot. This is our one opportunity this semester.

Homecoming this week. MSSA worked with the Alumni Association over the summer to design and sponsor a shirt to be given away. I was both happy and disappointed that they were all given away in 45 minutes. It is important that you attend these events because down the road when we discuss what kind of homecoming we would like and how much money we want to allocate we will know how much of a priority it is to us. We will have a float in the parade. Please meet in the senate office and wear a Vote or MSSA shirt.

MSUSA-I am on the Board of Directors by virtue of being the Student Association President. I would like to thank all the delegates that attended for their dedication.

I will be attending a Campus Rec meeting this Friday, hopefully this will be the last planning meeting before they break ground.

I will be attending the Alumni Association Board meeting this Friday and I will be addressing what current students and young alumni would like to see from the Alumni Association.

I will be helping out with the Young Professionals event we heard about tomorrow from 5:00-7:00 .

Vice President Rajabali and I will be attending the grand opening of 7700 France Ave, up in the burbs. There will be a ribbon cutting and hopefully we will get a tour.

Senator Wilke-In regards to the Student Savings Club. From my experience, being part of the Mankato community for quite a while, there is the Scarlet Card, the Boosters from West Card, the Cougar Card and they all seem some what redundant. Has there been any efforts for the Student Association to perhaps reach out to them and perhaps bring them on campus as well?

President Anderson-There hasn't been. I perceive those programs as the school would receive benefits when they are sold. We would be paying for the rights to distribute these cards. It is something we could look into.

Senator Wilke-I believe their model is better because they use it as a fundraiser for athletics. Perhaps would that be a better model for this campus to use it as a fundraiser and perhaps have some discounts?

President Anderson-I think a fundraising idea would make sense but I don't think that is what this guy had in mind.

Senator Gladis-At the forum will there be any stance if the permit to carry comes up?

President Anderson-That is the beauty of the open mic, if folks want to ask questions about that it will be their opportunity. It won't be a topic we designed but if it comes up I would answer the question as best as I can and see what President Davenport has to say. Our state-wide association, MSUSA took a stance against the changes to the MnSCU gun policy Conceal and Carry. We will have a survey going out late this week where we ask the question to students "Currently students are not allowed to have guns on campus, would allowing licensed students the Conceal and Carry on campus make you feel more safe, less safe or no change. I hope that when this does come up we will have some data to reflect on developing a stance for the association.

Senator Gladis-Will the results of the survey be published?

President Anderson-We will have a link to it on our web site and in our Newsletter and we will send out an all school email. If the response is as positive as the response to get involved with MSSA I am sure we will have over 1,000 responses, certainly enough to give legitimate results.

Appointments: Arts and Humanities Dean Search-Kelly Biers, Legislative Affairs-Phil Shea, Sara Pawlitschek, Bulour Zarzar, Textbook Price Containment-Phil Shea, Olja Susilovic, Bookstore Advisory-Michael Cooper, Student Technology Roundtable-Brock Kanstrup, Jayme Pretzloff, Enrollment Management New Entering Freshman-Michael Cooper, Enrollment Management Extended Learning-Sara Pawlitschek, Enrollment Management International-Olja Susilovic, Student Allocations Committee-Syed Atil Zaidi

Vice President Murtaza Rajabali

One thing I heard from the recent Election is the issue of Parking. It is a big issue but I think some of us went in the wrong direction. We need to be working to get fewer cars on campus rather than more parking on campus. More public transportation would be a priority to me. I met with David Cowan-Director of Transportation on Campus. From Monday to Wednesday we have no public transportation from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Other routes during the week are not covered. My plan is to try and get those covered. We had a conference call with the Mankato City Transit. They are actually working on a federal grant to increase public transportation from Monday to Wednesday. Stomper runs from Thursday to Saturday, 6-11. They are trying to increase it overall for the whole week. One of the reasons they are trying to increase public transportation is because they have had a huge increase, over 40% in transportation usage compared to the past. There is a great need for this.

When we met with Dr. Davenport he told us of plans to build the College of Business in the sunken lot and then in the future they would get rid of the street from the corner of Julia Sears to the PA. He would like more of a pedestrian campus. He also talked about Gage towers and what could be a possibility over there. Open Forum-We will be discussing the smoking ban however it is not limited to anything. You can ask any question you want.

I attended the MSUSA Conference in Bemidji. We had several work sessions. I attended a session on the DARS system. Many students do not know about the DARS system. This is a report that shows you what classes you have taken etc.. They are trying to make it more interactive so hopefully students will use it more.

Advising is an issue at other campuses as well as here. At St. Cloud they actually have 600 students for one advisor. They were thinking about compensating for good advising. That could be an initiative for faculty to work harder on advising. They would also like to allow adjunct faculty to advise. Adjunct faculty are not under contract to advise. They are trying to make that so they can advise as well. They discussed getting more professional advisors, some private schools already have that. Peer advising would be great. Technology wise-they wanted our input on what would be good. International Health Insurance-we are trying to get the committee to meet before the conference so that we can discuss the prices and provide evidence.

Homecoming Float-we would love your help and support on Saturday. The gavel is ready to go.

One thing I am really excited about is a course in Computer Engineering was added. Since I came here it has not been certified. They have been trying to certify it for the last two years so it now being certified is huge. It gives more credit to my degree.

The printer I mentioned in Armstrong is not there. I will have to find out why it is not there.

At the MSUSA Conference it was mentioned that there are several MnSCU Committees for students to sit on: Academic Services, IMF Advisory, Graduate Council, Faculty Awards Committee, Diversity Awards Committee, Tutoring Services, Academic and Student Affairs Policy and many more. These are from the Chancellor's Office so you would have a huge impact on all the campuses around the state.

Senator McMahan-Does the President have a time line for the College of Business Building and the pedestrian campus?

President Anderson-That would be a great question to ask next Thursday.

Senator McMahan-Is there any way of getting numbers on how many students live on-campus and how many live off-campus or down the hill for transportation purposes? I know a lot of constituents that live

downtown or in old town. How feasible would it be to get transportation to run around to all those places because it is really a bad area?

Vice President Rajabali-I am not sure if we can get that information but they do have everyone's addresses so we should be able to get the statistics.

Speaker Brett Carpenter

Recognized Student Association Approval:

Re-Recognition: Men's Lacrosse, Society of Women Engineers, Animal Rights Concerns, Interfraternity Council, Gamma Phi Beta, Flight Team; Society for Technical Communication, Sigma Tau Delta Honors Society, Marketing Club, Council for Exceptional Children, Entrepreneurship Club, Graduate Advisory Committee of the Speech Communication Department, German Club, MSU Robotics Club, Pre-Pharmacy Club, United Campus Ministry, MSU Habitat for Humanity; Residence Hall Association, Saudi Students Club

Initial Recognition: Society of Automotive Engineers, Economics Club, Works on Paper

Senator Reports

Science, Engineering, and Technology - Casey Adkins

Things have been slow for me lately. My committees have just started and not much has happened. In my Academic Affairs meeting, we have only discussed problems that we would like to work on. On the top of our list is the College of Business lap top fee. We plan to bring in the dean of the college so the committee has a chance to straighten out any misconceptions of this fee. Next on the list is advising. Basically, this came down to quality. Advisors don't always lead you in the right direction. I think Peer Mentoring and tutoring would be a great idea. Steps have been taken to find out more information on this topic. We feel we need to set up a set of questions in a survey to find out more on advising problems. Another issue was advising for those who have more than one major. Do they receive two advisors? Can one advisor do the duties of two separate colleges? Etc. The Parking Appeals committee just started on Monday and was a different experience. We sat around and voted on about 100 appeals. Some excuses were funny while others didn't seem to have a case at all. I am also on CSET Advisory Bd.

President Anderson-What is the success rate when you appeal?

Senator Adkins-We had a lot of warrants because there was a lot of confusion about signs such as Brown and Orange, lot 22. Many people park in the orange drive through to brown. I would say 10%.

Senator Clement-Can you appeal in person, or do you just fill out a form?

Senator Adkins-I will find out as we really need hard proof.

Senator Gladis-You can go in front of the Appeals Committee.

Senator Clement-There is not a higher power; it is all done by the committee?

Senator Adkins-As far as I know, yes.

Off Campus - Holly Pahl

I have not been very busy this time around. I am currently on the Student Affairs Committee and running for Vice Chair. So every Student Affairs Committee member, vote for me! At the meeting we talked about parents with children. As a mother, I am very aware of how little we are granted as parents. I feel like something has to be done. This is my 4.5 years of college, and there is no child care grant I can apply for. I am also looking into going into grad school and there is no grants for child care after the undergraduate level. Other than that it has been a slow start, but I am very excited to be involved another semester here at MSSA.

College of Business - Ryan Johnson

I have a large constituency in the College of Business. Last year I represented McElroy Hall. I have been active at destabilizing the workings of the laptop policy. I am vehemently against it. I am on the Academic Affairs Committee and the Parking Advisory Committee.

President Anderson-What have your constituents say about the policy?

Senator Johnson-I have not found anyone that supports it.

Senator McMahan-What have you done to destabilize the laptop policy?

Senator Johnson-The beginning stage is to talk about it. You have to lay the ground work. In Academic Affairs we are preparing a blue print to attack this.

Senator Clement-Is it the software or hardware that students are opposed to?

Senator Johnson-It is hardware; you have to have Dell, over priced Dell. This is basic free market capitalism. If we had competition for computers it would be cheaper.

Senator Wilke-One of the main arguments the College of Business has is that you save money with technical services for students that do not have the Dell computer to get their computer up to par. Has there been any specific empirical data to show that they are saving money on the technical services that they would have had to spend with other companies laptops?

Senator Johnson-The administration may have their arguments on the policy but I feel there is a Dell lobbyist on campus. I will work hard to get that information.

Senator Leonhardi-Scott Johnson said they do not have that information out but they will get that for us.

Off Campus – Andrea Buecksler

It has been just over a month since this semester has started, and I am glad to announce that I am starting to get the hang of being a senator. I have been appointed to 3 committees which I am really enjoying. The committees have allowed me the opportunity to really examine some current issues on campus.

The Student Affairs Committee is delving into some hard issues such as students with children.

This is a pretty big issue and we have a lot to look at.

Academic Affairs is also looking into the areas of advising and the College of Business laptop fee.

I have also been appointed to the Bookstore Advisory Committee which has yet to convene this semester.

Lastly, I'm calling on all senators for help with the Homecoming Float. The float construction started on Wednesday with several helpful bodies, however, there is more work to be done. The more people the merrier, trust me. Also, Cheri sent out an email so I am sure all of you have gotten this bit of information, but I am going to reiterate for you. We need more people to be in the parade. It would only be about an hour and a half commitment, from about 10:30 to noon. The parade itself is from 11:00 to noon. If interested, please let us know!

Announcements

Senator Dooley-Our fellow senator Maddox is running for homecoming king.

Senator McMahan-Johnny Holm pep rally tomorrow night.

Senator Gladis-Wear MSU clothes to the game on Sat. because Fox is broadcasting it.

Roll Call

Senators Present

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Senators Absent

Panoulia Vang, John Busch, Yonis Gabow, Thuy Huynh, Brian McMahan, Holly Pahl

Executive Staff Present

President Anderson, Vice President Rajabali

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

