

**77<sup>th</sup> MSSA Senate**  
**April 21, 2010**

**Final 77<sup>th</sup> Senate called to order by Speaker Tom Williams**

**Roll Call** (present, absent, proxy, excused)

Jennifer Dooley 29-1-0, Brett Anderson 30-0-0, Chris Kaufman 29-0-0-1, Alexi Roskom 24-0-0, Dan Hallgren 9-1-0-1, Alyssa Ries 19-10-0, Dan Kromer 23-0-0, Samuel Adams 15-1-0, Sarah Koenen 21-0-0-1, Jason Knopik 12-0-0, Dave Meyers 28-1-0-1, Micheal Do 13-0-0, Braeden Hogie 12-0-0, Jennifer Crane 23-4-0-2, Abdihakim Abdi 65-0-0, Michael Cooper 1898-0, Matthew Johnson 20-8-0, Abby Knott 25-4-0, Juan Munoz 14-0-0, Amanda Lebens 25-3-0, Brett Carpenter 9-1-0, Sarah Revering 24-0-0-1, Nikki Sabby 11-0-0, Ricardo Lopez 19-7-0, President Rajabali 29-0-0, Vice President Dooley 29-0-0

**Open Forum**

**Provost Olson**-At the last Meet & Confer we shared with the leadership the first of a series of Strategic Taskforce reports. There will be five reports coming out from the taskforces that President Davenport set up. One deals with designing the campus of the future, how to do extended learning better, one deals with what it means to become a doctoral institution, one deals with enhancing quality and excellence and the one I am handing out today is probably the one that is the least intuitive, Global Solutions. These taskforces are meant to map out the strategic future of the university. Any and all comment would be most welcome.

An email went out explaining the CAP reorganization today. What he is doing is what he said he was going to do which is put the CAP advisors closer to the colleges. 3 of 5 of the CAP advisors will be working with the college deans and faculty. One CAP advisor will be working with the Undeclared majors, that was the number one comment, how we will take care of undecided students. A fifth CAP employee will work with urban recruitment and retention.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes** 04.07.2010, 04.14.2010

**Officer Reports**

**President Rajabali**

One thing is that we did have a good year. Thank you all and the administration and Mr. Hodapp who has stuck with us through thick and thin. One thing I leave you with is everything we do is not to get attention or get power but to make a positive change in the university and that is the way we are heading.

Vice President Dooley-What is your best memory on senate?

President Rajabali-When I first got elected. That was an exciting moment and after that it went full swing into working to accomplish things.

**Vice President Bob Dooley**

Thank you all for a great year. It was challenging without a doubt and unfortunately next year will not be any easier. Thank the Provost and Dean Wolff, you do not have to be here but you are. Lately, I have heard complaints from students that cannot get their classes, these are mostly seniors. These are students that want to graduate next fall if they get into their classes. I encourage faculty to allow blue cards so they can register.

Provost Olson-We are aware of the problem. When you cut you do have that side of it. We are working with the College of Business, that seems to be the worst, to add more classes or make the classes larger. A bigger class is better than nothing.

Senator Do-What was your favorite experience?

Vice President Dooley-I just wanted to get involved. I fell in love right off the bat. I loved the people. It was fun just hanging out this year. It was fun talking philosophy of rules or whatever it might be. That was definitely my best memory.

Senator Meyers-Advise for next Vice President?

Vice President Dooley-I will share it with him and him only.

### **Speaker Tom Williams**

This was a fun year. I missed vocalizing my opinion. It was hard sometimes, I wanted to raise my placard. I got to listen instead of speak.

Vice President Dooley-How annoyed did you get when I whispered to you?

Speaker Williams-It was nonstop.

President Rajabali-What was your most memorable moment on senate?

Speaker Williams-When Senator Anderson and I met at elections. He was really nerdy. When I was asked about the number one thing facing off-campus. I went there solely for the Alcohol Policy but I said Parking.

Brett said it was clear that Alcohol was the number one issue facing off-campus students. Thank God there are two spots.

Senator Abdi-What are you looking forward to next year?

Speaker-Voting and having a voice.

### **Senator Reports**

#### **College of Business-Dan Hallgren**

I had a good time this semester. I wanted to resolve the laptop policy, which was resolved.

I was able to invest a lot of my time in the office. I am glad I was able to get involved.

Senator Anderson-What was your most memorable thing?

Senator Hallgren-Change in the laptop policy, which is why I came to senate.

Vice President Dooley-What did you gain?

Senator Hallgren-I can better interact with administration and people of all walks of life on campus.

Senator Anderson-Are you friends with the people in the College of Business?

Senator Hallgren-Yes, for the laptop policy. The target on my back is gone.

#### **Off-Campus-Abby Knott (read by Senator Haligren)**

I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of senate. Thanks to Cheri and Mike for all their guidance and positive input. I loved being around so many passionate and motivated individuals that work to create change instead of waiting around for change. I have enjoyed many heated debates and interesting conversations. I am looking forward to graduation and I wish the 78<sup>th</sup> senate much success next year.

#### **Off-Campus-Sarah Revering**

**Highland:** Michael Cooper and I met with Highland Hills Complex.

They have a new Property Manger Darryl Breitenfeldt seems a little more willing to work with MSSA than the old property Manger

#### **How to Help out the students:**

The property manger stressed more communication needs to be done with the residents of the apartment complex: Such as making sure they know their lease and the fees that can be implement on them or if they can't pay rent on time that month come talk it out with them.

#### **International Festival:**

Went extremely well

It was very good publicity for the Diversity Committee and MSSA

The Diversity Committee worked the welcome booth and a booth of their own

The Trivia Wheel we borrowed from Health services was a big hit and so was the candy given away!!

We only spent \$615.44 on the event out of the \$1000 that was allocated to us by MSUSA

Budget	
Publicity to International Student Association for International Festival	\$400
T-shirts	\$193.44
Candy	\$22.50
Total	\$615.44

MSUSA still hasn't paid has back the money spent on the event looking into that.

**Upcoming events:**

**Take Back the Night** tonight @ 5pm by the CSU fountain It is Also **Denim Day**

**End of school BBQ April 25<sup>th</sup>** At Highland Park to promote membership put on by Black Student Union

Time: 2pm to 7pm

**Diversity Student Achievement Ceremony** Wed. April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm CSU 284

April is Autism and Sexual Assault Month

**Last Senate Report:**

Senate has been an interesting experience I have learned a lot about people, leadership, and myself.

Senator Anderson-What was your favorite memory?

Senator Revering-When Brett Anderson and Tom Williams cornered me until I said I would be Diversity Coordinator. They chased me around until I said yes.

Senator Meyers-Are you are interested today as you were when you started?

Senator Revering-I am glad to be done, but I am sad to be leaving.

**Off-Campus-Brett Carpenter**

Some things I wish I knew when I got here. There is an old quote that says you get as much out as what you put into it. For MSSA that is totally it. 1) If you are just a senator and come every week. That is what you are. If you get involved in your committee and work hard you will get a lot out of it. 2) Parking tickets cost more in a gold stall than they do in a Parking Meter stall. So if you are ever in this situation, take the Parking Meter ticket which is only \$12 vs. the gold stall which is like \$21. 3) Degree audit reports cannot replace your departments best advice. Former Vice President Carmody and I thought they were but my department went through some things and some change in course names so here I am- still. I have no regrets, I got an extra year out of the deal. 4) Class sizes-I took classes at Buena Vista. The classes were very small. This year I have an even smaller class, it is an experimental class. I put a lot into it but my classmates don't. I don't see the difference between big classes and small classes as long as you put work into it. Recommendations: Always be professional or polite. You cannot ever understand every single side of a debate. You can only try. In the heat of modern politics it is emergency this or that. I hear that here, we have to do this quickly. My favorite Thomas Jefferson quote-"Delay is preferable to error". If you have to take that extra week-do it. Don't be afraid to speak about it off, but don't do it just to do it. Thank everyone, Provost, Administrators.

Senator Kromer-Do you really love being a Beaver?

Senator Carpenter-Yes, I still am. I never really identified with the whole Maverick thing. When I was at BV everyone was a Beaver. They had a long history and one of the stories was that Old Main burned down. Students broke into the Registrar's Office and threw out the filing cabinets. They quite literally saved the college. When I got here, it is great but it always feels like we seem like a franchise. If I had to do it again, maybe. You need to start traditions.

President Rajabali-Best senate memory?

Senator Carpenter-When I was elected Speaker and planning the senator orientation, it was the first thing I ever took a hold of and did. Being Speaker was the first leadership position I put myself into. It was a great time for me to calculate. Put everything into it that you have.

**Off-Campus-Juan Munoz**

This semester has been hectic, tiring, and exciting. I have been the president of a student organization, putting on and participating in events, and a student senator with a pulse on the

decisions that affect the university as a whole. It was a learning experience for me. I want to thank all of you for the work you have done, and I know many of you will continue to do. This may have been my last semester at MSU. Next semester I will be in Ecuador, finishing my International Relations and Spanish degrees, making me the first in my family to do so. There is still a possibility of me coming back for spring semester of next year, but if I don't, just always think-What Would Juan Munoz do? I just wanted to let you know that it's been a pleasure to have attended MSU, and worked with all of you. I hope I have made a difference in some aspect of my college career and hope you all do the same.

### **Announcements**

Senator Kaufman-Today is a Hallmark holiday, Administrative Professionals Day, Thank you.  
Senator Anderson-Dunk Tank

### **Roll Call**

#### Senators Present

Jennifer Dooley, Brett Anderson, Chris Kaufman, Alexi Roskom, Dan Hallgren, Dan Kromer, Samuel Adams, Jason Knopik, Sarah Koenen, Micheal Do, Dave Meyers, Braeden Hogie, Abdihakim Abdi, Juan Munoz, Brett Carpenter, Sarah Revering, Nikki Sabby

#### Senators Absent

Alyssa Ries, Jennifer Crane, Michael Cooper, Matthew Johnson, Abby Knott, Amanda Lebens, Ricardo Lopez

#### Executive Staff Present

President Rajabali, Vice President Dooley

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM

