

77th MSSA Senate

April 29, 2009

77th Senate called to order by 76th Speaker Brett Carpenter

Roll Call (present, absent, proxy, excused)

Jennifer Dooley 1-0-0, Brett Anderson 1-0-0, Chris Kaufman 1-0-0, Philip Wolter 1-0-0, Jayme Pretzloff 1-0-0, Bill Boegeman 1-0-0, Amin Abdul-Mohomed 0-1-0, Holly Pahl 0-1-0, Brian Dawson 0-1-0, Olja Susilovic 1-0-0, Lucas VanBeek 1-0-0, Meagan Hertzog 1-0-0, Dave Meyers 1-0-0, Sarah Revering 1-0-0, Luz del Carmen Pimentel-Avila 0-1-0, Jennifer Crane 0-0-0-1, Michael Cooper 0-1-0, Matthew Johnson 0-1-0, Abby Knott 1-0-0, Joshua Kilvington 1-0-0, Amanda Lebens 1-0-0, Shankar Reddy 0-1-0, Sanjaya Ranasinghe 1-0-0, Thomas Williams 1-0-0, President Rajabali 1-0-0, Vice President Dooley 1-0-0

Open Forum

Dr. Jerry Schneck-Speech, Hearing & Rehabilitation Services-Graduate Certificate in Forensic Vocational Rehabilitation.

Requesting approval for differential tuition for a new Forensics degree program. There will be an extensive amount of expenses incurred for this program which will not be covered through current departmental revenue. The cost will be covered from regular tuition, from Differential Tuition for the College of Extended Learning, from other state monies, or online fees.

This is a certificate program of five courses. There is a tremendous need for formal training in forensics and a need for quality experts. The standards are rising in the forensics division. The course work all relates to what they need to know to go into the courtroom. There are only about 6 educators out of 400 in the U.S. This will be the first and only program nationally to train in forensics. We need the support because this is a new program. Differential tuition will cover costs of adjunct and telecommunication costs. The cost will be about \$500.00 an hour to program. This will help us market the program. We currently have 41 students signed up. Without this we can not start the program. We are utilizing streaming video in terms of developing high quality media. The people working on this degree are working in the field. This allows them to keep up on the medical and sociological aspects. They earn \$100-\$800 an hour for forensic testimony. They know the court system.

Senator Pretzloff-Is it mainly differential tuition for start up?

Dr. Schneck-No, this needs to be self-supporting. The certificate will cost about \$8,500. It is readily acceptable.

Senator Kaufman-How many students do you project in a year?

Dr. Schneck-15 new students entering in the fall. Any additional will bring us to about 22. This does have implications for all majors.

Senator Boegeman-Will this be self-sustaining?

Senator Kaufman-You mentioned a tax write off?

Dr. Schneck-Yes, this will help these people. They will get immediate and long term benefits.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Recognized Student Organizations, Initial Recognition-Engineers Without Borders (EWB)
Correction in officer titles.

Speaker Election

Harshdeep Bhasin

I was a student senator for SET in 2007 and 2008 and I served on a number of committees: Student Technology Roundtable, Academic Affairs, Diversity, Vice Chair of SAC, Treasurer of Minnesota State University Student Association, and Chair of Revenue Fund of the Office of the Chancellor

I will graduate this year and will be admitted to graduate school in the fall. I know Roberts Rules and will gain more knowledge.

Vice President Dooley-What are the limitation of a proxy?

Mr. Bhasin-You must be a constituent from the college you are proxying for and you can not vote in elections.

Senator Anderson-How would you characterize your role in two adjectives?

Mr. Bhasin-Non partisan, organized.

Senator Williams-The Speaker has to take an unbiased approach. Are you strictly unbiased?

Mr. Bhasin-Strictly unbiased.

Senator Williams-Would you not express any personal opinions in the office or out the meetings?

Mr. Bhasin-Out of the meetings if some one comes up to me and wanted to discuss things, I would.

Senator Pretzloff-Would you reprimand a senator by sending out "stinger" emails?

Mr. Bhasin-If necessary.

President Rajabali-Are you ready and willing to lay down the rules aggressively?

Mr. Bhasin-Of course.

Mr. Anderson-To overturn a decision you have made what percentage of the vote would it take?

Mr. Bhasin-2/3rds.

Senator Anderson-Would you be in favor of a colored card to state your opinion like a ditto card-saying I agree.

Mr. Bhasin- I would have to check Roberts Rules for that.

Speaker Carpenter-Would you be willing to isolate yourself from the senate body in the case of a grievance filed to the student body in regard to an RSO?

Mr. Bhasin-Absolutely.

Mr. Bhasin-I look forward to your support. I would work hard to do the job.

Elected 77th MSSA Speaker Harshdeep Bhasin

Officer Reports

President Rajabali

Welcome to the 77th Senate. Student Affairs Reorganization-The Vice President of Student Affairs position was cut, to replace that they have done a reorganization of the structure. There were many compromises made. Tomorrow we will have Meet & Confer and can then give feedback on changes.

In the meeting we discuss goals and responsibilities for the Dean. What that means is that because the Vice President position was cut we have to find ways to save the university money and enhance ways to provide student service. It should improve with this new structure. We want to preserve morale, facilitate operation between Student Affairs and other work areas, follow the bargaining contracts, focus on student learning and develop future leaders in terms of department heads, not students.

The entire structure falls under the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Dean of Students plan worked out the best with clusters under that: Student Health Services Team, Student Life Services Team, Enrollment Services Team. The highest class person in each cluster became the team leader.

We attended the MSUSA Conference last weekend. Meet & Confer is next Thursday. We will discuss the budget and summer consultation process.

If you will be here this summer let us know. We need to make a commercial and we would like some of you to be in it. Director of Academic Success Search Committee-luncheons 11:30 next week. The candidates will be there and they would like them to talk to students and have them give feedback.

We will be talking to Orientations this summer and we will be working on the book program. Please come to the office and have your picture taken.

Senator Williams-Will they be opening a search for the team leaders?

President Rajabali-No, The team leaders are already directors, like the Director of the CSU or Health Services.

Senator Williams-Is there something like this in place?

President Rajabali-This is a new feature.

Vice President Dooley

Whiffle ball today after the meeting. In Student Union Board today we discussed the food prices downstairs for next year. There will be a 5% across the board increase mainly for the increase in food and labor costs. Pancakes will go to \$1.70.

Reorganization Plan-There are really no changes. The only significant change is Dining Services will be moving to Finance and Administration and will report to Vice President Straka.

There was a mistake in the Free Press about a fight on the MSU drunk bus. This was corrected by Dave Cowan as we have no affiliation with the bus.

President Rajabali-Orientation will be the week before school starts. We do a lot of goal setting at orientation. We will send you the exact date.

New Business

President Rajabali/Vice President Dooley

M#04.29.09 A Differential Tuition, Graduate Certificate in Forensic Vocational Rehabilitation

Whereas: The graduate certificate in forensic vocational rehabilitation is a new program

Whereas: The costs connected to the course are fairly large and alternative funding is not currently feasible

Whereas: A majority of the students attending this course will be working class or paid for by the companies

Be it Resolved: MSSA support the creation and the implementation of differential tuition for students wanting to take the Graduate Certificate in Forensic Vocational Rehabilitation

President Rajabali-The only one left to sign off on the document is MSSA. This is a new course and that is why we are supporting it. Those taking the course will be working in the field and maybe their company will be paying for it. It is not a degree or a certificate but a new course.

Vice President Dooley-This is standard for graduate programs.

Motion Carries

Announcements

Senator Williams-As Diversity Chair I am looking for individuals looking forward to being on the committee.

Vice President Dooley-We lost in Bowling, we can not afford to lose in whiffle Ball.

Roll Call

Senators Present

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Senators Absent

Amin Abdul-Mohomed, Holly Pahl, Brian Dawson, Lucas VanBeek, Meagan Hertzog, Sarah Revering, Luz del Carmen Pimentel-Avila, Michael Cooper, Matthew Johnson, Shankar Reddy12

Executive Staff Present

President Rajabali, Vice President Dooley

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5 15 PM

