

77th MSSA Senate
September 30, 2009

77th Senate called to order by 77th Speaker Tom Williams

Roll Call (present, absent, proxy, excused)

Jennifer Dooley 7-0-0, Brett Anderson 7-0-0, Chris Kaufman 7-0-0, Jayme Pretzloff 6-0-0-1, Alyssa Ries 5-1-0, Brian Dawson 5-1-0-1, Meagan Hertzog 6-1-0, Dave Meyers 6-1-0, Luz del Carmen Pimentel-Avila 6-1-0, Jennifer Crane 6-0-0-1, Abdihakin Abdi 4-0-0, Michael Cooper 4-2-0, Matthew Johnson 6-1-0, Abby Knott 7-0-0, Joshua Kilvington 6-0-0, Amanda Lebens 6-0-0, Shankar Reddy 6-1-0, Sarah Revering 3-0-0, Ricardo Lopez 4-0-0, President Rajabali 7-0-0, Vice President Dooley 7-0-0

Presentation-President Richard Davenport

We are starting out on some very positive notes. As of 4-6 weeks ago Forbes Magazine does a national ranking of colleges and universities around the country. They review about 2500 colleges and universities and MSU, Mankato was one of them. We moved way up the ranking, up into the top four quartile. What is significant about that is that we were in the one-half a few years ago. The second thing is that in Minnesota among public universities Minnesota State was ranked two, second to the University of Minnesota. We have been working very hard to increase the value of the university. We are up in fall enrollment to about 13,937 students today. That is up close to 500 students from last year. We are up in our off-campus site, 7700 France Ave. Enrollment there is about 700 students. We expect to have about 2,000 students at France Ave next year. This is a site where we have leased a building in the Twin Cities where we can address the needs of non-traditional students. These are students that live in the Twin Cities and are not able to make it here due to jobs, family. We are delivering select degrees that are in high demand. We are meeting a need in the state that has not been adequately met by a public university system. We have a lot to be proud of at MSU. Homecoming is coming up. We have to be very risk conscious. This promises to be a very good weekend. We have a good football team. The Timberwolves are here and will be performing an exhibition game on Sunday. We are also the only public university in the US that hosts two professional training camps and our name is repeated over and over and we get national TV coverage. We get a lot of publicity from that. We have made tremendous progress in raising the visibility of the university with our doctoral programs. Tailgating at the President's house from 1:30-3:00. Our football team is 5&1, we are leading the conference. This will be a banner year for MSU. You the ambassadors, set the example through your leadership. Everyone plays an important role. Thank you for being the leaders you are. We are off and running on the five new strategic priorities: Moving forward with the newest doctoral programs in Minnesota- this is significant because we have moved from a teachers college to a university and to a comprehensive university and now to a doctoral university. Not many institutions can boast that they are at that status. Now we need more scholarships, graduate and undergraduate research, a greater focus on solving world and global problems. Almost 90% of our students are undergraduate. Undergraduate will always be our first priority. We will be moving forward with our global solutions focus, working on quality and excellence in our extended learning campus. Campus of the future-green campus with the best laboratories and the safest environment we can provide. We will be asking for student participation to serve on the strategic planning taskforces.

Vice President Dooley-Doctoral university, how many doctoral programs do we have and are you looking at expanding?

President Davenport-We have four and I don't see us expanding in the near future given the budget crisis. We won't have a lot of resources until we get through the economic downturn. We would like to consider 6-8 other programs.

Senator Kaufman-What has the university done differently to get us into the top 4 percentile from Forbes?

President Davenport-Our doctoral programs raised our visibility immeasurable, our athletic programs, national championships. We rank second in the country in the directors cup in all around sports in most wins and parity, and a high ranking GPA. Our athletes overall GPA is somewhat over that of the student body. Our coaches place that as a high priority, and I am proud of that. Research of our faculty, we have moved mountains in the last 5 years. What we are publishing has received a 1,000 % increase in attention, that means it is reported by literature of other scholars. If your work gets quoted by another scholar that is the ultimate. That means your work is of significance. Public relations and Marketing has done an outstanding job in the Twin Cities. We are now shifting to a different phase of our campaign. We had a blitz on WCCO on the 10:00 news. You will see a piece on a student, an alum and a current faculty member. We are showing those on 4 different TV stations in the Twin Cities and in the Star Tribune if you pull up the web page it will be flashing across the screen. It is a positive eye image. It is a combination of all those things and others I have not mentioned such as the theatre program. We have a lot to be proud of. We are the institution on the move and the institution that everybody is looking at.

Open Forum

Xe Yang, Sadie Kramer-Greater Mankato United Way Collaboration

We are from Dr. Brenda Flannery's Principle of Management 330, section 8 class. We are collaborating with the Grater Mankato Area United Way. They offer help to the well being of the community, and they offer many programs. There are 6 teams in our class. Each team has a specific student population that we are to target or work with to help fund money and make awareness of the services and resources that the GMAUW provide. We are here to partner with MSSA on a "Pie your Senator" event for the general student population. Our goal is \$400.00. The more pies that are used, the more money we can raise. We have a location set up and the funding for the pies. We need collaboration with MSSA to make this a successful event.

Vice President Dooley-Do you have an idea of a date?

Xe Yang-Nov 2nd. 10:30-3:30 is a possible date. We can have senators come in shifts.

Vice President Dooley-Have you reached out to any other groups?

Xe Yang-Our target group is MSSA and the general student population on campus. This will be held in the lower level of the Student Union.

Sadie Kramer-Each pie costs so much to throw and we will have a donation box. We will have tabling to promote the event.

Sarah Hess-Have you lost your keys with your Mavcard attached? I lost my Mavcard with my name on it. If you went on line you could get my address and with my keys get into my room. This is a safety issue. I would like to suggest that we have the option to remove your address. Right now you can go to the Campus Hub and get everything removed or nothing. We should have more privacy settings on our Mavcard. We have more privacy settings on Facebook.

Senator Kaufman-Are you aware you can log on to eservices and change your address to a different address?

Ms. Hess-Can you completely remove it?

Senator Kaufman-Sure you can.

Ms. Hess-I was not aware of that and I don't think the general student population was aware of that.

President Rajabali-That is a very good concern and we will work with the Campus Hub and ITS to see what we can do about publicizing the fact that you can remove it.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Recognized Student Organizations Muslim Students' Association, MMA Club, Pre-Pharmacy Club, Student Nurses Association, Society for the Appreciation of Japanese Animation and Culture (SAJAC), Student Dance Coalition, NORML, Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society- Eta Alpha Chapter, Graduate Advisory Committee of the Speech Communication Department, Men's Club Soccer, Management Club, American Chemical Society Student Affiliates Chapter, National Residence Hall Honorary, German Club, Alpha Lambda Delta, IEEE, Pre-Physical Therapy Club, Alpha Phi Sigma, Cycling Club, Works On Paper, Sociology Club, Chicano Latin-American Student Association, Student Art League, Dental Hygiene Club, Campus Bible Fellowship, Handball Club, Men's Club Volleyball, United Campus Ministry, French Club/Pi Delta Phi. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, WELS Lutheran Campus Ministry, Ethnic Graduate Organization, Multicultural Student Council, NAACP, Animal Rights Concern, American Institute of Graphic Arts, Speech/Debate Team, Word of Truth Campus Ministries, Residence Hall Association, Men's Club Hockey, Student Athletic Training Association, Campus Atheists and Agnostics, Colleges Against Cancer, Pre-Dental Club, Food and Nutrition Club

Appointments: Diversity Committee- Chaturanga Heart, Amanda Lebens, Abdi Abdihakin Student Conduct Board-Kimberly Boike, Mark Dammann, Robert Dooley, Trevor Gohner, Matthew Guenthner, Christopher Kaufman, Joshua Kilvington, Megan Lane, Ashley Lang, Renee Lips, Michelle Maczuga, Holly Pahl, Stephanie Regenold, Newspaper Board-Robert Ringer Rebecca Cole, Ellen Mrja, Ethics and Standards: John Ikon, Ama Anna, Christopher Kaufman, Anthony Passante

Approval of Minutes 09-23-2009

SAC recommendations:

SAC M# 09.28.09A Food and Nutrition Club

SAC recommends allocating up to \$450.00 to Food and Nutrition Club to attend a Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo in Denver, CO.

SAC M#09.28.09 B MSU Circle K

SAC recommends allocating \$175.00 to Circle K to attend Fall Leadership Training Conference at Camp Patterson, Madison Lake, MN.

SAC M #09.28.09 C Psychology Graduate Student Association

SAC recommends allocating \$500.00 to Psychology Graduate Student Association to broaden student awareness of professionals in the field of psychology, current issues surrounding business, management, and psychology in the workplace speaker series.

Agenda approved with addition to consent agenda-M#09.30.09B Community Engagement

Elections- Gage A, Off-Campus, SET, Arts and Humanities

Gage A candidate-Jesse Stamm

I have always been apart of student government. I like being in a leadership position. I am also an Eagle Scout. If I were to become a part of MSSA I would like to work on environmental issues and housing.

Senator Kaufman-What is the biggest issue facing students in Gage A?

Mr. Stamm-Drinking, drugs and cleanliness.

Senator Anderson-As a senator if elected you would have to serve on two committees and do office hours, would that fit into your schedule?

Mr. Stamm-Yes

Mr. Stamm-You should vote for me because I would do my office hours and do all the things I can to make MSU a better university.

Elected Gage A Senator Jesse Stamm

Arts & Humanities candidate-Alexi Roskom

I am a Spanish and Business major. I am a newly elected member to the Student Union Board. I am looking to further my involvement with MSSA.

President Rajabali-What would you like to achieve during your time in MSSA?

Ms. Roskom-I would hope I could offer a confident voice and engage in on-going things on campus and hopefully improve. I do have strong opinions on the College of Business laptops. I hope I could help with research and in solving problems students have on campus.

Senator Anderson-If you were elected you would have to serve on two committees and do two office hours, would that fit into your schedule?

Ms. Roskom-Yes, I am very organized and I already have it marked off and I can attend every meeting.

President Rajabali-How would you communicate with your constituents?

Ms. Roskom-Personal face to face interaction. I think that is the best way. Technology communications, and other resources.

Ms. Roskom-I hope you feel I would be a positive asset to Student Government.

Elected Arts & Humanities Senator-Alexi Roskom

CSET Candidate-Jacob Severson

I am a junior and I am majoring in both Management Information Systems and Information Technology. This is my third year and I have seen both the good and bad point of both CSET and College of Business. I have two years left on campus because of the nature of my majors.

President Rajabali-What is the single biggest issue facing CSET?

Mr. Severson-The lack of emphasis in out of class opportunities. The College of Business has many opportunities that help build character and work with your skill set. I think a lot could be deemed in getting the kids in CSET more involved.

Senator Anderson-If elected you would have to be on two committees and do two office hours and be here from 4:00-6:00, does that work into your schedule?

Mr. Severson-That would work well.

Mr. Severson-I have seen good and bad points in the colleges. The College of CSET is doing a good job but I think working together with the students we could do a better job.

Elected CSET Senator Jacob Severson

Off-Campus candidate Martin Olson

Mr. Olson-I am a Political Science and Economics Major. One problem I think off-campus students face is that since leases end in July/August students don't know that they have the opportunity to see the campus attorney and hash out problems they may have. I think everyone knows someone that has been taken advantage of by a leasing company. To answer Senator Anderson's questions, yes I will be available to be in the office and be on two committees. I think it also would help to take out an ad in the Reporter at the beginning and end of the school year so then students would read it and know about the opportunities.

Senator Hertzog-How do you think you will reach your constituents in Off-Campus?

Mr. Olson-Going through the Reporter is a good way of reaching people. People do read that and they produce a good quality publication.

President Rajabali-What other issues do you feel affects students off-campus?

Mr. Olson- Students need to take responsibility for their actions and not just the university to dictate their actions. Thank you for giving me the opportunity of joining this prestigious organization.

Elected Off-Campus Senator Martin Olson

Officer Reports

President Murtaza Rajabali

My high light of last week was that I went to the Gala and wore a tux for the first time ever and saw oysters and crab in the CSU. We thanked the people that attended. They donated up to \$1.2 million.

The Alcohol Policy Taskforce met last Tuesday and the results will be discussed today.

I met with Dr. Fagin today as part of an investigation on CAP that I have been doing. I have talked to a number of sources and I have one more person to talk to and then I will be sharing the results. You will all be very interested in what comes out.

Homecoming Letter-some felt it was a little nagging. It is our job to inform the students of their rights if they do something wrong. This letter allowed them to know what could happen as a result of their actions.

Homecoming functions-MSSA reunion Friday night 5:00-7:00, an alumni tent on Sat .and hopefully participating in the parade. The President has invited us to his house on Saturday from 1:30-3:00.

I will be talking to the Alumni Board on Friday. I attended Policy and Review Committee today. We are trying to decide what policies should and shouldn't be reviewed. I feel we should do a review on grade change. The departments have their own grade appeals process but I think we need a university wide policy. This is something that concerns all students. From what I got from today, we will be working with Campus Hub and IT on the address change. I don't see that as a problem, they can put something on the web site.

You are required to speak at three classes or organizations. This was passed by senate last year. You are required to do this. This is the best time to do that. Now is the time to advocate for students, this semester. Next semester we will be ironing out details. Start now. If you want to get something done, go to organizations at this time.

Senator Crane-I copied down all the First Year Experience times and locations and I will post them and that would be a good place to start in going to classes.

Vice President Bob Dooley

I also attended the Gala this week and it was great to meet people from the community and personally thanking them for how much money people give. Some of them give in the \$100,000s.

Homecoming-Fireworks on Friday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday the Carnival in parking lot 7. Wrist bands for \$10.00 for the Carnival at the Hub.

The DD Cup- we sponsored this along with the Reporter and Student Union and the bars. This allows students not drinking to drink free soda all night Friday and Saturday.

In the Students First Initiative there will be a graduation planner that will help you get out in 4 years. It should help when you talk to your advisor.

I met with Marilyn Lott today and discussed a community engagement committee. I would like to start this initiative with the goals of making the community aware of some of the services we offer. Also in the motion are courses that offer community service in their curriculum. That is huge for the community and we should support that and get them involved with this committee. This would be an Ad Hoc Committee under us. I would like this to become a permanent committee under us, much like Environmental Committee. Mainly we need to meet with the Neighborhood Associations so that they know we exist and this can continue as a committee.

Alumni gathering Friday night 5-7 in the Hearth Lounge, President's Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Tent with alumni. Senator Knott-If you are interested in walking with us in the parade, we have a 69 Camero. This is a very good way for us to get some PR.

Speaker Thomas Williams

If you are speaking at the podium and you feel someone can answer a questions or give further information, please yield. Senator Reports-next week we will start hearing reports on RSOs and department heads.

Coordinator Reports

Academic Affairs-Brett Anderson

Update on the Book Program-Unique users-216 books have been checked out in two weeks. We have had 90 check outs of the Calculus Book.

New Business

M#09.23.09 A Alcohol Policy Response Alcohol Policy Taskforce

Whereas: The 76th MSSA passed a motion regarding the review of the Alcohol Policy draft in April 2009.

Whereas: The motion was reviewed by Administration, and a response was returned to the MSSA September 14th, 2009.

Whereas: The MSSA formed an Alcohol Task Force to draft a final response to the Presidents review of our motion.

Be it Resolved: The MSSA support the response drafted by the Alcohol Task Force.

President Rajabali-Last year the university was drafting an alcohol and drug policy. It takes a year to review the motion. In the spring during the final draft we passed a motion and they gave a response back to our motion. This is a final response we are giving to their response. This will finalize the draft that will go into the policy. Senator Anderson-We had 9 Be it Resolved clauses. Dr. Davenport responded to these 9 clauses. This motion is our response letter to Dr. Davenport.

President Davenport,

The MSSA appreciates the opportunity to review the response to the Alcohol Policy draft resolution. We appreciate the opportunity to provide student input for this important policy; furthermore, we look toward continued work on our shared goal of improving the life of students on this campus.

The following letter is in response to your letter received on September 14th. Our response is written in similar format numbered 1-9.

- 1.) Partnering. As always, we appreciate our collaboration together on student issues.
- 2.) Statewide Conversation. We appreciate the willingness to lead a discussion on High Risk Drinking at MnSCU's October conference, and we encourage further leadership in developing these statewide conversations. Furthermore, we encourage the Administration to join in conversations locally through the High Risk Drinking Coalition. Finally, the MSSA does not intend to influence policy at other institutions, however, we feel that collaboration with other campuses can lead to insight on shared problems and lead to new and fresh ideas on high risk drinking prevention and education.
- 3.) eChug. The MSSA is excited to work with the University in finding low cost alternatives to provide personal education on high risk drinking to new students at orientation, and we recommend partnering with students and faculty in the Drug and Alcohol Studies Department to help implement this recommendation for the upcoming academic year.
- 4.) Good Samaritan. The MSSA understands, at this time, that the Administration does not want to adopt a Medical Alcohol Amnesty Policy (MAAP) under this policy. The MSSA is intent on furthering research and discussion on a MAAP, and will do this in the immediate future as a stand alone policy in conjunction with this policy.
- 5.) Prevention and Education. The MSSA knows that education is an ongoing commitment. We will strive to forward new ideas to the Administration as we see fit, and vice versa. The MSSA, with your help, has one educational programming opportunity to explore. The *Red Watch Band* program teaches students signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning, how to handle emergencies, and CPR. More information can be found at redwatchband.org. We see this as a great program to increase both safety and education regarding alcohol.
- 6.) Progressive Sanctions. We appreciate your support of the progressive sanction policy. We further support the methods of communication you have proposed lettered "A" thru "D" in your response. We feel that it is important to notify the students of the policy and to thoroughly outline what would happen if future violations occurred. We feel that this notification will effectively put the students who have received their first violation "on notice," and will encourage personal responsibility for future actions by leaving the student informed on the policies progressive sanctions.
- 7.) Social Host. The MSSA is aware that the Social Host Violation is a city ordinance and not a campus policy. We support the determination of sanctions on a case-by-case basis with the understanding that the social host law is cumbersome, complex, and has many gray areas.
- 8.) Other Sections. We continue to support those items.
- 9.) On and Off Campus. We understand that there are inherent differences between on and off campus housing. However, we feel it prudent to examine differences in policy, and action, regarding alcohol violations in both settings in the near future.

We also appreciate that the petitions that were made outside of the policy draft review were seriously considered and reviewed. We felt it necessary to include those petitions since we were having a campus wide discussion on alcohol, and feel they are necessary adjuncts to this policy. We would like to thank you again for your view and consideration of student input on this important matter.

President Rajabali-This is self-explanatory. If you want changes made, this is our last opportunity and I suggest you address it now.

Senator Meyer-#2 you mentioned leading a discussion on high risk drinking at an Oct. conference, where you referring to MSUSA or MnSCU?

President Rajabali-We were suggesting a MnSCU Conference; that is where Dr. Olson and Walt Wolff will be attending. The discussion will be with the administration.

Senator Knott-Last fall a policy was put in place that if you were caught for an off-campus minor you are sanctioned and you take an educational course at MSU. We put together a group of people and we worked on a motion to combat this and say we are not ok with this and here are the 9 reasons why we are not ok with it. With the response we got back the most exciting thing is was #6 because the university actually did listen to the motion because now instead of sanctioning every person that gets a minor off campus, they only sanction a person that has a second offense or a violent offense. We did accomplish something last year.

Senator Stamm-Why were they hesitant about the Good Samaritan? I think the person that has to be hospitalized should be sanctioned but the person that helps them out I don't think should be penalized.

President Rajabali-The reason they gave us was because there was not enough research to show this would make a difference. We need to find more research.

Vice President Dooley-The reason we want this for both people is so that someone would not be hesitant to call for help. This would not affect a minor, this would be the \$50.00 from eChug. We are researching this to prove it does work and then we will try to do a second policy.

Motion Carries

M#09.30.09 B Community Engagement Ad Hoc Committee Vice President Dooley/Senator Kaufman

Whereas: Minnesota State University, Mankato and a vast number of its students are members of the Greater Mankato Community

Whereas: It is in the best interest of the University and its students to become involved in a wide variety of ways within the community.

Whereas: It will be greatly beneficial to the students to attain a more respectful image within the Greater Mankato Area.

Whereas: Academic courses that offer service learning in their curriculum aid in achieving a more responsible and respectful image

Be it Resolved: The MSSA encourage the university to continue all courses that have service learning in their curriculum

Be it Resolved: The MSSA support an effort for students to get involved in more prominent areas of the Greater Mankato Community.

Be it Further Resolved: The MSSA create a "Community Engagement" Ad Hoc Committee that will work closely with the Community Engagement Office in an effort to create a closer relationship with the Greater Mankato Area

Be it Further Resolved: The Community Engagement Committee work to communicate with the Neighborhood Associations and City Council, and make them aware of their services

Be it Further Resolved: The MSSA support the Community Engagement Committee in becoming a full time, MSSA committee.

Vice President Dooley-I would like to see this committee started and getting some goals I had last spring with getting involved with the Neighborhood Associations, City Council as well as city committees that would relate to something we are trying to do . It will be an AdHoc Committee but in the future I would like to see it become an MSSA Committee that would be under us and happen every year. The first Be it Resolved- The MSSA encourage the university to continue all courses that have service learning in their curriculum- basically, like the students that came and talked to us today, their class requires service learning. We want to make sure these classes are not cut due to budget cuts. Students learn more by doing service learning than in the classroom. They make a difference. We want to continue working on a co-curricular transcript. This is a transcript outside of the classroom that shows student leadership or service learning.

Senator Anderson-This is great, this is something we need to do.

President Rajabali-This was part of our campaign-researching out to the community. We want the community to

relate to the students better.

Senator Crane-The Greater Mankato Growth would love this. They are trying to engage students in the community. Vice President Dooley-I will be speaking to their President. The ultimate goal is better communication. This is the first step.

Motion Carries

Senator Reports

Allied Health & Nursing-Jennifer Dooley

Because I'm a new senator, the past couple of weeks, I have been actively observing and preparing myself to take a much more vocal voice in the senate. During the Academic Affair meetings we have discussed many issues including differential tuition, better advising strategies, and Student First Initiative. Last week I attended the College of Allied Health and Nursing Student Advisory Board where we talked about the upcoming homecoming events, followed by each department giving a brief summary of what they have been up to. In the upcoming weeks I will be meeting with a couple of RSO's to discuss improvements that can be made within the College Allied Health and Nursing. I will also be talking to the head of the environmental committee in hopes to get that started.

President Rajabali-Did anything jump out at the Advisory Board?

Senator Dooley-They mentioned the people that came in and looked at the College of Allied Health and Nursing and Saw how crazy it was with classes all over. That is a good thing because it helps us get a new building.

This was the bonding tour.

Off-Campus Matthew Johnson

I have been talking to people that live near me and seeing if there were problems we could look into. I think I found one issue and that is safety in crossing roads by campus. I will keep looking for more issues.

Senator Anderson-What complex do you live in?

Senator Johnson-Summit.

President Rajabali-Have you heard about the bed bug outbreak in Devonshire?

Senator Kaufman-Coming from someone that has actually been hit by a car, what kind of safety proposals would you make to the university regarding traffic around the campus area?

Senator Johnson-Maybe more signs. I need to investigate this.

Vice President Dooley-How about signs that say "look both ways"?

Senator Meyers-Did you know that in the President's 20 year Master Plan there is a plan for an underground travel area?

Off-Campus-Sarah Revering

Diversity Report:

Met with Dr. Fagin Vice President of Institutional Diversity

- Looked in to Purple and Gold Courses
- Talked about culture sensitivity, maybe incorporating something into our Orientations
- Touch base about recruitment for Latinos and American Indians
- He wants to me to look into working with Kelly Meiers on a Program involving a Diversity Education Series
- In the process of trying to set up bi weekly meeting with Dr. Fagin

Met with Tom Gjersvig, Director of the International Students Office

- Jobs for International students Improve Job outlook!
- Talked to Kelly Biers our last years Diversity Coordinator, he gave me Pam Weller-Dengel'S name the Director of Career Development Office. I have a meeting with her Monday of next week
- Kelly also told me to look into all jobs eligible for international students to be more often being posted on MavJobs. Com
- Slightly touch base on out of state tuition

Attended the Winona Conference. Fun, learned a lot more about my positions and what I would be working towards with MSUSA and on Campus as the Diversity Coordinator

Attended my First President's Commission on Diversity Meeting

- President Davenport addressed the Commission on the importance of having clear objectives to accomplish more and Latino and Indian Student Recruitment , Integrated Marketing video website to get a more diverse campus

The Diversity Committee had their first meeting Last Thursday

- Requirements for being on the Diversity Committee
2 international representatives and 1 Minority representative

Visibility of the Diversity Committee

- We want the students to come to us if they have an issue or some concern. They should be aware that they can come to us and we can bring it to Senate
 - Tabling

Suggestion to the Diversity Committees Main Issues of focus

- Building bridges between multicultural and international students
- Diversity Conference
- Bringing awareness about diversity more than just multicultural & international
- Cultural sensitivity training
 - Training at orientation
- More hands on content
 - Learning and respecting differences
- A “Go hang out with...” program to encourage students to get to know people with disabilities and become more tolerant of diversity
 - Jobs/healthcare for International Students
- Off-campus jobs for international students
 - Events: everyone needs to know that they CAN attend the events
- Talk to RSOs to build an advertisement connection
- Motion of Sexual Violence Awareness Survey (EMPIRG)
- Diversity Committee would like to pass a motion that would encourage the MSSA to support a survey that would be conducted, at no cost to us, to analyze the “state of sexual violence and discrimination on campuses throughout the state”

Off Campus Senator Report:

I attended my first Public Affairs meeting today at 11

Just getting into housing issues, following up on CAP, CSU advertising Options Students

Senator Kaufman-What are Purple and Gold courses?

President Rajabali-The Purple and Gold courses are in everyone’s curriculum they deal with cultural sensitivity. Everyone has to take those courses before they graduate

Off-Campus-Shankar Reddy

With a privilege of providing best possible effort on my final report on Oct 28th 2009, I have primarily classified my responsibilities and prioritized each and every opinion from students and management I have been working on stocking up as much information as possible to have a better understanding of each and every situation:

➤ **First and foremost Off-Campus students:**

- I have been talking to many students from Homestead and Devonshire and the maintenance manager. Each and every apartment gets fumigated every year. If bed bugs are found it goes against their credit history even if they do not bring them in.
- Transportation for the coming season.
 - Nominal charges. Students are willing to pay from Devonshire, Homestead & the Quads.
- Issues with housing, utilities and charges.
 - Highland Hills has many issues-charges of maintenance. Internet Services, Laundry timings-only until 10:00 at night.
- Awareness among students about health insurance and seasonal flu issues.
- Security and maintenance.

➤ **Departmental Dean report: (Electrical Engineering)**

- Building plan and allocation of professors to specified rooms in the department.
- Lab equipment and socks available.
- Inter disciplinary courses: Number of credits
- Transfer of credits.
- Graduate assistants and counseling.
 - Recently for all the graduate students during the orientation.
- Number of professors on Sabbatical and effects on the department.

- Students working as Research Assistants in other departments and grants.

Concerns in my mind: How am I going to contact the management to resolve?

President Rajabali-Good job on research. Fumigating apartments-who does that?

Senator Reddy-The landlord. They hire Plunkett to come in and check the bed bug issue. If they find a problem the students in the apartment have to pay to have it fumigated.

Senator Luz-You spoke to the manager of Highland-do they contract outside or do they work for Highland? Do they check to see if the work has been done?

Senator Kaufman-Highland apartments have their own staff but they also contract out.

Announcements

Senator Meyers-10 people will be going to the next conference. We will leave at 2:00 Friday, Oct. 15.

President Rajabali-Friday-Alumni reception-5-7 Hearth Lounge.

Luz-Dodge ball tonight Meyers Fieldhouse

Vice President Dooley-Come to the dodge ball tournament.

Roll Call

Senators Present

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Senators Absent

Jayne Pretzloff, Alyssa Ries, Meagan Hertzog, Jennifer Crane, Michael Cooper, Abby Knott, Amanda Lebens

Executive Staff Present

President Rajabali, Vice President Dooley

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

