

MSSA Senate
January 27, 2010

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

Roll Call (present, absent, proxy, excused)

Jennifer Dooley 18-0-0, Brett Anderson 18-0-0, Chris Kaufman 17-0-0-1, Alexi Roskom 12-0-0, Alyssa Ries 14-3-0, Dan Kromer 11-0-0, Connie Johnson 6-0-0, Samuel Adams 4-0-0, Sarah Koenen 10-0-0, Dave Meyers 17-1-0, Micheal Do 2-0-0, Jennifer Crane 15-1-0-2, Abdihakin Abdi 15-0-0, Michael Cooper 14-3-0, Matthew Johnson 14-3-0, Abby Knott 17-1-0, Juan Munoz 4-0-0, Amanda Lebens 16-1-0, Sarah Revering 13-0-0-1, Ricardo Lopez 14-1-0, President Rajabali 18-0-0, Vice President Dooley 18-0-0

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments Legislative Affairs Coordinator-Katie Palacio, Constitution Commission-Brett Carpenter

Recognized Student Organizations International Business Organization, Tau Kappa Epsilon, J&G Promotions, Delta Sigma Pi, Student Ambassadors, Psi Chi/Psychology Club, National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association, Alpha Chi Omega, Gerontology Club, Math Club, Information Security Student Organization, Mankato Area Activist Collective, Sigma Tau Delta Honors Society, College Republicans, Student Nurses Association, Disability Awareness and Advocacy Group, NeStCom, Interfraternity Council, American Society of Civil Engineers, Latter-day Saint Student Association, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, ROTC

Student Allocation Committee Recommendations

SAC Motion #01.25.10A Sigma Sigma Sigma

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to \$300.00 to Sigma Sigma Sigma to travel to the Tri Sigma Officer Academy at Western Illinois University in Macomb IL.

SAC Motion #01.25.10B Student Nurses Association

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to \$800.00 to Student Nurses Association to travel to the National Student Nurses Association Convention in Orlando, FL

SAC Motion #01.25.10C Psi Chi

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to \$250.00 to Psi Chi to host guest speakers discussing alternative options to graduate school and psychology in Ostrander Auditorium, Friday, January 29, 2010.

Approval of Minutes 12.20.2010

Approved

Presentation

David Engen, Honors Program

Minnesota State Mankato Honors Program: A Competency-Based Learning Model. This is a process that has been going on since 2007. We are trying to create a new honors program that fits the changes that are happening and continuing to happen with the President's strategic plans and curriculum changes. A committee was put together to create a new Honors Program. This was a very deliberate process with lots of interviews with Presidential scholars, current students, alumni, business leaders and many people from the university visited the National Honors Conference. We decided to create a program that took advantage of the strengths of the university and the culture we are trying to build. We wanted to create a program that would virtually fit with any program on campus and could compliment any field of study. The committee decided to go with a competency based program, to focus on achieving very specific skills for the students. The three skills identified were: leadership, research and global citizenship. Demonstrations, Competencies, Integrative Learning Experiences, Skills, Abilities, and Knowledge, Learning Experiences, Traits, Characteristics, and Abilities of Individual Students. We worked off the strengths and abilities of the Learning Communities, Freshmen and Sophomore. They have a support group. In the first two years develop skills, abilities and knowledge, students then in Jr/Sr year work through honors in major programs. Language Training, Honors Sections Gen Ed, Honors Seminars, Senior Portfolio. Research/URC, Study Abroad, Leadership Experiences, 300/400 level courses. Students work on portfolio from beginning to end. This is a competency based program so what matters is where you end up and not where you start. We hope students will do study abroad, leadership and research. This will also go into portfolio. Students will use Minnesota E folio format. This is not just traditional classroom learning. We will also take into account co-curricular. If students want to demonstrate leadership experience, this is a great place to do it. Research is an important part of this

program so we encourage students in the program to get involved in undergraduate research through the undergraduate research conference. That would go into the portfolio demonstrations. 11 students were recruited over the summer to work in a pilot program. They took FYE, Intercultural Communication this spring as part of the Honors Learning Community. We accepted another 20 students in December. We hope for future classes of about 30 and then maybe open it to 50-75. Long term goal, 5-10% of population. Many peer institutions have Honors Programs of about 1,000 students.

Senator Adams-How would you get in the program if you are a transfer student or not a Freshman?

Mr. Engen-We want to create a transition for transfer students or community college students. The fastest growing movement in Honors Programs are in the Community Colleges.

Senator Johnson-How many credits of language do you take?

Mr. Engen-You may not have to take any. It is competency based. It depends on where you are. You might have to take four if you are a freshmen studying a new language. Students don't have to take the courses here. We can test to see where students are or might be. There is not a single credit amount.

Vice President Dooley-What is the cost, is there an additional cost to the university?

Mr. Engen-There is not an additional cost to the student. We offer Honors to attract high ability students. It increases the reputation of the university as a whole. Students do not pay any more for being in the Honors Program. The Honors Program costs pay for my salary and the professors teaching those classes. It also helps pay for some of the co-curricular activities.

Senator Crane-Is there an application process?

Mr. Engen-Yes, right now students applying for presidential scholarships can be integrated into the program application. We have adopted the application with the Office of Admissions.

We also want to invite talented students that are here, that would be a December application. The application is available on the Honors website.

Lauren Pilnick-Coordinator, Sexual Violence Education

Sexual Assault Awareness Month planning was started last week. Take Back the Night is a rally in March and this is to speak out against any violence. We do Violence Free Zone training for faculty and staff and students in April. We are also doing Denim Day-an event to help raise awareness against victim blaming. I am looking for members to serve on this planning committee. We will meet the first and third Wed. of every month. We also have the Vagina Monologues coming up Feb. 19 & 20. This is to raise awareness and funds for violence against women and girls. This is a global movement. They name a beneficiary every year. This year it is the Congo. They are in the most deadly war since World War II. The women and girls are receiving the brunt of that war by being sexually tortured and assaulted. BCrew-Is open to men and women to get involved. It meets every Thursday at 3:00 PM in CSU 256. Men Against Violence, MAVS-Wed. 8:00 PM Armstrong 217. We have other events going in March in the Women's Center.

Elections: College of Business, Off-Campus, Undeclared, Crawford, Gage A

College of Business-Dan Hallgren Marketing major. I have been involved in student leadership in the past years. I feel I have some things I would like to work on in the College of Business. Basically the fees are kind of being abused. I am interested in how the lap top policy is turning out. With my marketing background I would like to serve on Public Affairs and help out with that.

President Rajabali-What is the single biggest issue in the College of Business?

Mr. Hallgren-Printing is being abused more than people think it is.

President Rajabali-How would you plan to get in touch with your constituents in the COB?

Mr. Hallgren-COB news would be one way. People could email me and then I could get back to them.

Senator Munoz-What would you do to promote MSSA?

Mr. Hallgren-I am a Marketing major, work on brand equity as far as MSSA, working on a brand image.

President Rajabali-When you join senate you become a leader in your college, what kind of leadership experience do you have?

Mr. Hallgren-I have been involved in RSO's and held executive roles. I have done some recruitment successfully.

Elected College of Business Senator Dan Hallgren

Off-Campus Senator Candidates

Nikki Sabby- I live off-campus and I think one of the biggest problems is commuting. I would like to make it less stressful. Parking is an issue so I would like the busses to be made more readily available. I also would like to see more safe and clean walkways. I would like to see more teachers encouraged to use D2L so that if I can't make it to class due to the weather I would have my notes readily available. I would like to see more student meal plans, something that would be tailored to fit commuting students. I would like to see a smaller meal plan because the majority of people do not live on campus. I would like to see something where the school is involved in matching students taking summer classes with a sub leaser. I would also like to see something where we could rate apartments. I would like to see more teachers encouraged to use EBook access. I am the Vice President of Gama Phi Beta and I have a lot of leadership experience.

Nathaniel Sexton- I am the President of an RSO on campus. Parking is an issue but walking is not too much of a problem for those that live close to campus or from the furthest lots. There are not a whole lot of solutions. I think getting off-campus students involved on-campus is more of an issue. Many off-campus students are only on campus for their classes and not involved outside of that. A newsletter online or more information for Off-Campus students on the web site might get them more involved. I am president of a student club on campus so I am used to talking to other students about issues.

President Rajabali- What drove you to run for this position?

Ms. Sabby- I listen to my peers and I hear a lot of issues. I feel that I need to make something happen. I like to help people. I am capable and outspoken.

Mr. Sexton- I want to be involved and work on issues and I am capable of resolving issues..

Senator Munoz- What kind of experience have you had on campus?

Mr. Sexton- I have gone to Latino Night, Masquerade Ball and some German events. I have a fairly diverse group of friends and I try to be on campus and involved.

Ms. Sabby- I am involved in many organizations. I interact with a lot of people and I have been to many cultural events with my sorority.

Senator Anderson- If elected you have to serve on two committees and do two office hours a week. Would you have the time to do that?

Ms. Sabby- I am excellent with time management and I am here all the time.

Mr. Sexton- I would make time for all of that and I am on campus all the time.

Senator Cooper- What is your biggest strength?

Mr. Sexton- Open to people- I am welcoming.

Ms. Sabby- I am unbiased, I take information from a lot of people and listen fairly.

Senator Abdi- What do most people criticize about you.

Ms. Sabby- Maybe I spread myself too thin.

Mr. Sexton- I guess I look into problems but maybe sometimes I should be more critical.

Senator Anderson- How do you describe critical thinking?

Mr. Sexton- Gathering information and making the best possible decision.

Ms. Sabby- I have taken many classes in critical thinking. Breaking things down into the correct group and dealing with each thing individually.

Mr. Sexton- I am competent

Ms. Sabby- I believe I have the ability to reach out to broad groups of people. I have a lot of ideas and I get things done. I am dedicated.

Elected Nikki Sabby Off-Campus Senator

Crawford Hall Candidates

Xiomara Wimmer- I heard about this today. I want to get a Janitor Appreciation Week going.

This is my second semester in Crawford. I am a Fellow for STEM. I hold meetings for cohort groups.

If I don't get elected I still want to do Janitor Appreciation.

Braden Hogie- I live in Crawford D Hall. I have always been excited about what goes on in political science. I have been involved in other activities on campus. I am the RHA representative and I am a Student Ambassador. We give tours. I am in the executive board position which is the highest position you can get as a first year Ambassador. I am on student panels for Orientations.

Senator Cooper-Knowing that you have to be at this meeting every Wed. and do two office hours a week plus be on two committees, do you have the time?

Ms. Wimmer-Yes, I can be there.

Mr. Hogie-I am aware of the commitments and I am fully capable of attaining them.

Senator Meyers-What is your major

Mr. Hogie-Sports Management and Marketing

Ms. Wimmer-I want to be a chiropractor so I am taking science, pre- chiropractic.

Senator Knott-If not elected would you be interested in serving next year?

Ms. Wimmer-I am not sure about next semester.

Mr. Hogie-I do have a room reserved in Crawford for next fall unless I get the Community Advisor position.

President Rajabali-How else can you help residents in Crawford?

Mr. Hogie-The community lounge is not attractive, it has out of date furniture. Maybe get more resources into those areas.

Ms. Wimmer-Wasting electricity-I have a light outside my room, having all the hall lights on-energy efficiency.

Senator Munoz-How would you go about improving Crawford?

Ms. Wimmer-I have talked to people and I think having the light on is a problem, electrical, unplugging your TV. Recycling day at the beginning of Orientation on things that are recyclable and that are not.

Mr. Hogie-The WOW events in the Res. Halls. The attendance has been fairly low. It is a challenge and not all events are as appealing. I would like to work with floor councils and hammer out events and better planning strategies that would include more individuals.

Mr. Hogie-I would like to be a student senator. I would be willing to work as much as it would take To help students.

Ms. Wimmer-Janitors, recycling

Elected Braeden Hogie, Crawford Hall

Officer Reports

President Rajabali

This motion should not have been tabled. We have been going on for ages with information that is out there. In the future when we have something this big go out there and do your research.

Program Metrics-The biggest concern is will your degree be worth anything if you are the last student in that program? The faculty is dwindling. We need to see what we can do about it. Every four weeks we will be having consultation on diversity. We need to involve the faculty in the discussion.

Security issue-there is an investigation on it. I guess that is a good thing so this does not happen again.

Health Insurance-we're deciding on the coverage for domestic students and international students. One new thing is that all the premiums went down because last year there was not much use of the coverage. They will be going down 10%, unless there is a change in the J-1 status, which is study abroad students which affects the F-1 for international student.

Mandatory Health Insurance state wide-MSUSA says this should be an option. They should not be forced. We found out that we were the only institution in the system that mandates health insurance on international students after they graduate for OPT. The ISO will be changing this.

Book issue-part of what we discussed in the past is accommodating for older text books. Faculty could tell you the changes if you had the older addition. We also want to push eBooks. We encourage faculty to look into this.

Meet & Confer tomorrow. We will be talking about Institutional Diversity, scholarships, strategic priorities, program metrics and reorganization.

Meet Your Senator went very well. Everyone made a difference.

Got a Gripe campaign is still running. We have gotten a good response already.

Bowling Challenge-Feb. 2.

Game night tonight.

Senator Kaufman-Are students turned off by ebooks because they cannot resell them?

President Rajabali-From what I believe they come with a printable edition.

Senator Crane-Do you know what we will do with the Got A Gripe information when the week is over?

President Rajabali-It will be in the senate office and brought to the cabinet meeting and administration. We want to try to resolve it or decide if we need to pass it on to the next administration.

Senator Abdi-Ebooks-save more money?

President Rajabali-Yes, they are cheaper but there is not resale.

Senator Abdi-You do not have access to ebooks after a period of time.

President Rajabali-They are on DVD. You can keep that or download it.

Senator Adams-Is there a way of keeping professors accountable if they ask you to buy a book and they do not use it?

President Rajabali-That is in their contract. We can only reason with them.

Vice President Bob Dooley

Motions of this importance we must get right. Talk to people you represent. You have one more week.

The Diversity meeting did go well. This did bring groups together with us. We brought things to their attention that I don't know if they knew before. The big thing we felt was that groups don't always work together. Each individual department might think they are more important than the other.

Pan African Conference-Feb, Third Annual Pow Wow-March

Thank the Student Union Board for working so hard on the motion.

Thank Alyssa for working on graduation cords.

MSUSA will be electing a Vice Chair next weekend.

Senator Anderson-Graduation cords?

Senator Ries-I have looked at websites and I would like to have cords that show we are part of MSSA.

Senator Munoz-Would they be for senators gradating or in the past as well?

Senator Carpenter-Has the graduation office been contacted?

Vice President Dooley-Yes, we would have to go with standards.

Speaker Thomas Williams

Senator reports are on the door. Speak with an RSO. Talk to the students.

Senator of the Week-Dan Kromer

New Business

M#01.27.2010 A Latino Center

Whereas: Minnesota State University, Mankato currently projects a possible increase of the Latino student population.

Whereas: The University wishes to recruit and accommodate the anticipated Latino student population growth.

Whereas: It has been proposed to construct a Latino Center in the Centennial Student Union.

Whereas: The meeting, lounge, and performance space is extremely limited in the CSU and given the limited capacity, the Centennial Student Union is unable to house the Latino Center as a standalone entity.

Whereas: Creation and construction of a Latino Center and Plaza Comunitaria will add to the financial burden this institution is currently facing.

Whereas: Future operational funding for the Latino Center has yet to be identified.

Whereas: The University Vision and Mission's Statement of Goals; clearly defines the importance of cultural enrichment opportunities and further promotes it through involved learning for undergraduate, graduate students, state, region and the global community.

Whereas: Cultural enrichment ceases to exist when diverse cultures are segregated from each other and the entire student population.

Whereas: The Centennial Student Union Board has developed a Letter of Recommendation regarding the Latino Center proposal.

Be it Resolved: The MSSA adopt the Letter of Recommendation proposed by the Centennial Student Union Board.

Be it Further Resolved: The ICSC (Intercultural Student Center) and Multicultural Affairs Office be consolidated into one large shared space.

Be it Further Resolved: ISA (International Student Association) be moved to the current Multicultural Affairs Office.

Be it Further Resolved: The ICSC (Intercultural Student Center) and Multicultural Affairs Office be asked to work in collaboration with each other to help accommodate the addition of a Latino Center.

Senator Roskom-Letter of Recommendation

Letter of Recommendation

To: Walt Wolf, Dean of Students

From: Alexi Roskom, Chairperson, Student Union Board

The Student Union Board would like to thank Dr. Fagin and his staff for the detailed proposal on the Latino Center, which was received and discussed on Friday January 15, 2010 at the first Union Board Meeting of the spring 2010 semester. After much discussion and deliberation on the topic; several space options were considered, cost and needs were evaluated, as well as the need and purpose for the Latino Center. The mission statements of the University and of the Centennial Student Union were heavy factors in a majority vote of the Board's selection of the best suited recommendation. This recommendation reflects the views of the entire board and we welcome your reaction to our proposal.

The Student Union Board recommendation:

While the fast growing Latino population is recognized, the Student Union Board believes that creating a separate center for specifically the Latino population is contrary to our Institutions Mission Statement. We, as the CSU Board feel a separate center would not be inclusive to the general student population and contradict the "Statement of Problem" by not providing a space that would bridge communities or create a social cultural exchange for the students at Minnesota State University-Mankato. Creating a Latino Center, directed solely for the Latino population would not provide maximum cultural enrichment for the University. Students, administration, faculty and other individuals should be exposed to diverse cultural backgrounds in a safe and comfortable environment. In order to build strong, positive relationships, partnerships, and friendships it would be beneficial to create a place that provides and promotes interaction among all cultural backgrounds.

We feel combining the Intercultural Student Center and Multicultural Affairs Office into a consolidated center, while allocating space for offices to house all four of the major culture groups (African-American, Asian-American, Latino and Native American) and student lounge area would be the most beneficial to intercultural students. This space would have emphasis on the exchange and reinforcement of their cultural existence and better assist the student's development and understanding of various cultural groups. The International Student Office could be replaced with a combination of Intercultural Student Center and Multicultural Affairs Office incorporating space for groups such as the Chicano/ Latino students association. The International Student Office would be relocated to the current location of the Multicultural Affairs Office.

Regarding the Plaza Comunitaria, the CSU board feels that the purpose of such an office does not coincide with the purpose of the Centennial Student Union. We recommend that this portion of the Latino Center be moved to another venue such as the Memorial Library where the educational aspects of the Plaza Comunitaria could be better met. In addition, we believe that the English Language Institute currently being housed in the Intercultural Office space would be better placed within an academic support area adjacent to the Plaza Comunitaria. The possibility of an off-campus location should also be considered for both of those services.

In short; we welcome the co-curricular student activity population of the Latino Center into the CSU and hope it can be incorporated within an enlarged Intercultural Center, and would like to see the academic support and community (non-student) support activities in an alternate location.

Cost and space needs should be addressed at a later date to allow for more information regarding this project to become available. With the University's restructure and the above relocation suggestion more time is needed to address these issues.

Sincerely,

Centennial Student Union Board

The Student Union Board has worked very hard to find a middle ground that includes the Latino Center and the institution and we hope Senate will support the proposed recommendation.

Senator Carpenter-What are the basic differences in the Student Union Board recommendation and the proposal?

Senator Roskom-The Latino Center proposal was asking for its' own center with construction within the CSU. We don't have enough meeting space within the CSU to allocate for one population and we feel this does not serve the needs of the entire student body. There are also money constraints on that construction. The letter is combining to enrich cultural diversity for all students. There will be minimal construction costs. The Plaza Comunitaria is more of a greater Mankato educational forum.

Director Woodward-What the Union Board talked about is taking space that currently exists for the International Student Center and the Multicultural Affairs Office and saying, you have a bunch of space, can we use it better? Swapping the ISA and the Multicultural Student Office and making one big multicultural space so that all 4 major cultural groups would be housed in one area of the Student Union with their advisors. The pieces that are academic or community based could be housed in library so that things that are for students would be here in the building and that things that are used for teaching or other purposes would be housed out of the area.

Senator Munoz-For the letter of recommendation that says the Latino Center would not be an individual center-wouldn't that be holding the Latino Center to a different standard as we already have a Women's Center and a LGBT Center for example. I agree with the overall end result but not so much the methods that were used to get there. The Latino Center is being held to different standards because of semantics in the letter.

Senator Roskom-Not a different standard but we have about 38 different cultural groups on this campus. We cannot support creating doing that and meeting the demands of the increased population. This will create a more diverse culture.

Senator Anderson-Is the Counseling Center off-limits or is there a possibility of moving that?

Director Woodward-Nothing is set in stone in this building. The Counseling Center is hard to move because the walls are sound proof, so it is expensive. Also, hopefully in the future Res Hall renovations or in a student services building in the future the Counseling Center would be moving and it would create more meeting space. That is 4-5 years down the road so we would need to see if that is worth doing now considering insulating those walls.

President Rajabali-I agree with this recommendation. I commend the Union Board on a fantastic job of weighing out the requests. This makes it easy for a multi-cultural student to find things in one spot. It is cost effective. ISA and the International Center could be together as well. That would make it easier for them as well but we can't do that because of the expense.

Senator Crane-Have you talked with the various groups and got their opinion?

Senator Roskom-No, this is just a recommendation and will be sent to the Administration. It is very open to change. Obviously they will be consulted in the process. This is the best solution we could come up with.

Senator Munoz-Move to amend the motion by removing Plaza Comunitaria from the 5th Whereas and removing the 8th Whereas. 2nd Vice President Dooley

Senator Munoz-The 5th Whereas-financial funds for the Plaza Comunitaria will come from the public and the resources provided by the Mexican government. It would not create a financial burden for MSU

students. 8th Whereas-I remove this because they are currently removed from the entire student population and I would like that to be corrected. When one diverse group wants to be independent or distinct it is no longer a diverse group. A Latino student is not the same as an African American student. That is not a diverse group. I do overall agree with the motion, however, this amendment would send a correct message in the proposal we want.

Vice President Dooley-I agree with the 5th Whereas. The 8th Whereas I think it makes sense because it all ready is secluded but it makes sense that they should not be secluded from each other.

Vice President Dooley-Move to amend the amendment 8th Whereas-remove [and the entire student population]. 2nd Senator Carpenter. We think that if they are together they would be more efficient. This would keep the essence we want.

Senator Carpenter-I like the Whereas-it is a great statement and sums up the majority population opinion. It is a terrible way of saying it but it is segregation. This motion says why we did it and what it causes.

Senator Munoz-I believe a better compromise would be cultural enrichment ceases to exist when diverse cultures are segregated from the entire student population more so than from each other. A group is only diverse when it interacts with other cultural groups, I don't think is correct. More so we want to integrate with the entire student population more so than just be friends with each other. We want to be part of this college. I would like it to read [Cultural enrichment ceases to exist when diverse cultures are segregated from the entire student population].

Senator Roskom-To clarify why it is written I agree with you, the Latino Center could stand on its own but with the diverse cultural together it provides less confusion for students because then it would cease to exist because if you do not know where to reach out to different cultures and gain more knowledge then it does seek to exist. If there are multiple locations and offices the office would not be utilized as well.

Vice President Dooley-With draw motion.

Senator Munoz-Culture enrichment ceases to exist when diverse cultures are segregated from the entire student population.

Amendment passes

Senator Carpenter-Would the Plaza Comunitaria be completely funded by the Mexican Government and would it take space that we already have or is vacant? It will have to go some place regardless of who pays for it.

Senator Munoz-The Plaza Comunitaria would be funded by a private group. It would work around space not being utilized in the evening. The Latino Center would be a vessel for it. Right now if the Latino Center was not built another vacant space perhaps even in the library would do. It would not drain student funds.

Senator Crane-Can you explain the Plaza Comunitaria a little more?

Senator Munoz-The Plaza Comunitaria is established by the Mexican government to education migrants who immigrated from Mexico. It would provide education from middle school to high school and educate the parents of the students we are trying to attract and make them more comfortable with colleges and the education system.

Senator Anderson-What is the time line on this? When would contractors be looking at this? When would the Mexican Consultant come up with the money?

Director Woodward-There is not a time-line. The President is waiting to hear from you before he makes any decisions on what happens next. I know the construction process takes about two months to plan and then you don't build anything during a school semester. The earliest would be over the summer.

Senator Anderson-Would we look at alternatives outside of what is explicitly listed in here, like cost wise?

Director Woodward-This is just a recommendation from the Union Board to the administration. They can get recommendations from whoever they want. They don't have to look at the recommendation. It is my understanding that the administration has set money aside, it would not be student dollars.

Senator Roskom-We do not have proof of outside funding. If housed in the CSU it would incur the CSU facility fee that all offices do and where would that come from?

Vice President Dooley-I think that question is covered in the next Whereas-[future operational funding for the Latino Center has yet to be identified]. I think we will still be good with this.

Amendment passes

President Rajabali-The funding has not been identified. That would be the next step in the process.

From what I have been told by the President is that not all the money is coming from the consulate. It could be coming from Strategic Planning which still affects students no matter which way you look at it.

Dalton Crayton, Director Intercultural Center-You should have had someone from Institutional Diversity, Dr. Larson or Dr. Fagin before he was reassigned, give you information on this. You have rights to your opinions but you need to have people that are going to be involved at the table. You are trying to put sardines in a can. You are going to have the biggest confusion. Why would we move Academic Success to the library? Academic success is open until 10:00. I will make a recommendation. It would be nice if we had a Multi-cultural house off-campus, three or four stories where every group could have a center, not just one group but everyone.

Senator Anderson-After hearing the discussion I am not discrediting the work. I like the motion, what concerns me is that I think the letter is so specific. We are not contractors, that might not be the most cost effective answer. I want to make sure that down the road is it semantics wise the best location.

Senator Cooper-How would changing the location limit the services the Intercultural Center provides?

Dalton Crayton-We have an English Writing Institute where you are talking about putting office spaces. We just paid \$70,000 to get that remodeled. Why would you put some more stuff in there? I support the Latino Center but I don't support consolidating those offices. I understand space is the issue but we need to come together and have a solution with all entities at the table. As a student you need to be served. You don't want to compact everything together. The Intercultural Center is utilized. You are students and don't be bamboozled by administrators. Have your own mind. When you go home at night, sleep good. You are trying to put sardines in a can.

Senator Abdi-Latinos have their own cultures, the Latino Center is better for all of us. This does not create segregation. Latinos are like everyone else. We already have other cultural centers, Women's Center, LGBT. Why have we not thought about that and not pick on the Latino's?

Senator Roskom-This letter is specific because the original letter was less specific and clarity needed to be identified with the specifics. We did seek advising help on construction costs in combining and given the square footage in the Student Union and I do understand what you are saying about the sardine issue. I am not going to agree with that but I am not going to disagree. There would be ample space, there would still be computers and it seems the English Institute that is currently there would better coincide with academics for all students. It could even have better hours if it were moved into the library with other tutoring services. The Board felt this was not restricting or taking something out of the Intercultural Center but would create more growth for the English Institute.

Senator Anderson-Move to table for a period of one week. 2nd Senator Cooper.

Senator Anderson-We should talk this over and not make a rash decision. This is a big recommendation.

Senator Cooper-This represents a lot of time and money.

Roll Call Vote

Senator voting Yes

Dooley, Anderson, Kaufman, Kromer, Johnson, Koenen, Do, Crane, Abdi, Cooper, Knott, Munoz, Leens, Carpenter, Revering, Sabby

Senators voting No

Roskom, Ries, Meyers

Executive staff

President Rajabali-No, Vice President Dooley-Abstain

Abstain

Hallgren, Adams, Hogie

Motion to table for one week passes

Coordinator Reports

Student Affairs Coordinator-Jennifer Crane

I met with Walt Wolff last week-something exciting-Stay Safe 360 – 7 minute U-tube clips on personal assault, personal identity, spring break tips and travel safety. They will be emailed to all students and they will have access through D2L. 20 minute clip in case there is a shooter on campus.

Metrix go out to all employees – Understanding that it may be a tough time for faculty and staff in the next few months

Feb. 19th – Statewide job fair with price reduced to \$15.00.

Senator Reports

Allied Health & Nursing-Jennifer Dooley

So far, the beginning of this semester has been relatively relaxed in regards to my senate duties. The committees I am currently on are just starting to get the "ball rolling" on a number of things. I am looking forward to Academic Affairs, because we are starting new projects that I am very interested in. In the CAHN dean search committee we are in the process of reviewing applicants and have another meeting next week. I have not heard anything about the Ethics and standards committee, but I am going to contact the coordinator at the beginning of next week. I was unable to attend Environmental committee last week because I had class, but the goals and priorities of the committee were discussed. Finally, I am contemplating what RSO I would like to meet with for my final senator's report this semester- there are so many options. ☺

College of Graduate Studies-Connie Johnson

Graduation is around the corner-apply now. The IRB's for graduate students are on-line. Research is on-line only, this is a change from the past when you could do a paper format. The Asian Pacific American Conference is looking at our traditions and how they cross over to modern traditions this year. Februray 13 is BSA New Year.

Off-Campus-Michael Cooper

Toast of the Town is a small RSO that meets on campus Thursdays and talks.

In Student Affairs we are getting ready to put our housing survey. Also working on the Alcohol Awareness Magnets and how to distribute those. Met with Denise from Campus Kitchens. Should be up and running by 2nd week in Feb.

College of Social & Behavioral Science-Dave Meyers

Caucus training tomorrow 5:30 MH 208. Talked to RHA. Sent email to leaders of all RSO's and let all CA's know.

During theRSO fair I met our newly appointed Legislative Affairs Coordinator -Katie Palacio Campus Camp Wellstone -It is a non-partisan, campus organizing, leadership development, RSO recruitment/retention training.

President Rajabali-The Board did put in emergency situations if you could not attend a MSUSA Conference.

Announcements

Senator Cooper-MAVS tonight Armstrong 217 8:00 PM.

Senator Meyers-President Obama-State of the Union tonight at 8:00 PM.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Jennifer Dooley, Brett Anderson, Chris Kaufman, Alyssa Ries, Dan Hallgren, Dan Kromer, Connie Johnson, Sam Adams, Sarah Koenen, Micheal Do, Dave Meyers, Braeden Hogie, Abdihakim Abdi, Michael Cooper, Juan Munoz, Brett Carpenter, Sarah Revering, Nikki Sabby

Senators Absent

Alexi Roskom, Jennifer Crane, Matthew Johnson, Abby Knott, Amanda Lebens, Ricardo Lopez

Executive Staff Present

President Rajabali, Vice President Dooley

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM