

**85th MSSA Senate  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 84<sup>th</sup> President Faical Rayani**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
  - Sandi Schnorenberg – Director of University Security
    - Active Shooter – used to be “Shelter in place”
    - Now it is “Run. Hide. Fight.”
    - New National Protocol
    - Call 911 if active violence.
  
- **Open Forum**
  - Gregory Wilkins – Student Activities
    - Welcome Week was a huge success.
    - Outstanding numbers/attendance with cosmic bowling, Welcome Dinner, and Hypnotist.
    - Homecoming tickets for BOB and Jay Sean.
    - This weekend is the Mega Foam Party and outdoor movie.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Appointments: Ethics & Standards: Christina Hickey, Yulia Podorova, Ryder Wahl, Ayoola Okuribido, Brycen Moore. Academic Affairs: Qendresa Isniqui, Mohammed Shahid, Jeremiah Kirch, Tonmoy Paul, Travis Higgs, Griffin Goode, Alex Lucier, Shelly Thao, Alimatou Bah, James Seeley, Wallace Pope, Alexander Johnson, Samson Akintan, Ibelizet Dominguez, Kyle Mercer, Erica Thompson, Cynthia Callais, Keaton Collas, Brhane Gebregziabher. Student Affairs: Monica Warner, Christina Hickey, Mohammed Shahid, Jeremiah Kirch, Raymond Witte, Jeremy Loger, Nayeem Imtiaz, Katelynn Ogunfolami, Leke Hoxha, Bryan Beltran, Saurav Rawal, Wallace Pope, Kate Schmit, Ramiro Vinan Vega, Nolan Brinkman, Mindorr Sarre, Sujan Shrestha, Emily Christensen, Jacob Meyer, Brycen Moore

Mohammed Shahid. Diversity Commission: Mohammed Shahid, Sehreen Sachwani, Raymond Witte, Katelynn Ogunfolami, Alex Lucier, Shelly Thao, Nathan Lee, Alimatou Bah, Samson Akintan, Ibelizet Dominguez, Brhane Gebregziabher. Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee: Tonmoy Paul, Nayeem Imtiaz. Technology Fee Advisory Committee: Akrem Basha, Bryan Beltran, Ayoola Okuribido. Athletic Fee Advisory Committee: Sophie Tonander, Mindorr Sarre, Brycen Moore. Student Health Services Advisory Committee: Griffin Goode, Shelly Thao, Ryder Wahl, Kyle Mercer. Student Allocations Committee: Yulia Podorova, MaryElizabeth Cronin (MeMe), Ibelizet Dominguez,

Grade Appeal Panel: Kaylynn Cousin, Nolan Brinkman.

Legislative Affairs Committee: Alexander Johnson, Ramiro Vinan Vega.

Public Relations & Marketing Specialist: Meme Cronin, Sehreen Sachwani, Mallorie Briggs, Nayeem Imtiaz, Saurav Rawal, James Seeley, Kate Schmit, Erica Thompson, Cynthia Callais, Mitchell Favor, Sydney Lovold. Environmental Committee: Erik Olsen, Mallorie Briggs, Monica Warner.

Presidents Commission on the Statues of Women: Alimatou Bah. University Conduct Board: MaryElizabeth Cronin (MeMe). Election Commission: Alex Lucier, Leke Hoxha. Student Union Board: Qendresa Isniqui, Mohammed Shahid, Andrew Trenne. Maverick Adventures Ad-Hoc Committee: Joe

Wolf, Griffin Goode. Planning Sub-Meet & Confer: Travis Higgs. Constitution Commission: Yulia Podorova. Director of Center for Education Abroad and Away Search Committee: Pakou Lee. Bookstore Advisory Committee: Mohammed Shahid.

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Wallace Pope, Alexander Johnson, Leke Hoxha, James Seeley, Griffin Goode,

Recognized Student Organizations:

Lambda Chi Alpha, Geology Club, Beta Alpha Psi, Graduate Scholars of English Association, Knights of Columbus Council 16408, Pre Physician Assistant Club, Environmental Sustainability Organization, Gamma Phi Beta, MSU Veterans Club, Accounting Club

Student Allocations Committee:

- **Officer Reports**
  - **President Abdul-Aziz**
    - a. Retreat went well. Went over Roberts Rules and Team Building.
    - b. Students United Chair Meeting on Saturday Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Town Hall Tuesdays start next week in the Hearth Lounge.
  - **Vice President Cremers**
    - a. Planners were worked on over summer.
    - b. Assigned appointments to committees, still assigning appointments.
    - c. Reminder: no side chatter and phone usage.
- **Senator Reports**
- **Vacancies**
  - Speaker Vacancy (8.23.17)**

Nolan Brinkman & Alex Lucier

Opening Statements

Nolan Brinkman: Proficient in meeting facilitation, and have a multifaceted understanding of the university from my experience in Greek Life, MSSA, MNSU Security and teaching experience.

Alex Lucier: Student and Counseling experience. If elected, it would be my last year on senate. I would train in the next generation of Senate.

Questions:

Describe your experience in running formal meetings?

Lucier: Studied Roberts Rules over the summer but have no experience in actually running meetings.

Brinkman: 1 year experience with the RSO Sigma Nu.

Are you able to make the time commitment?

Brinkman: Yes

Lucier: Yes

Describe your Leadership experience and MSSA experience?

Lucier: This is my 8<sup>th</sup> school year. I've been an undergrad senator and won senator of the year last year.

Brinkman: Fraternity experience, speaker, MN Army National Guard Sergeant and served on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Senate.

How could this position help, strength/weakness?

Brinkman: Networking and growth development.

Lucier: Weakness would be time management.

What specific goals do you expect to see?

Lucier: Help train, work together to make sure we have the best leaders possible. Well rounded.

Brinkman: Meeting efficiency.

Honesty, Respect, & Fairness – Which is more important?

Brinkman: Fairness to make sure everyone gets a chance to speak.

Lucier: Agreed. I would also say Fairness.

Give an example on how you will leave personal opinions behind.

Lucier: Just being a Senator is your job. Represent you constituents and not just yourself.

Brinkman: Represent what you're truly feeling. I have experience with the Army and teaching.

The Speaker has authority, how will you regulate phones & other distractions?

Brinkman: Just like I give my students, the 5 Second Rule. Be professional about it. Polite business etiquette.

Lucier: In the technology age we are in, effective use of time. I am not afraid to call someone out about it. Nothing personal.

Interpret your experience with Constitution Bylaws.

Lucier: I read the bylaws over the summer and there are some things I want to change.

Brinkman: I have read them and worked with them in prior experience.

Closing Statement:

Lucier: Thank you all for listening. Hope to work with you.

Brinkman: Thank you for your time and consideration.

Discussion Points:

Strength of Brinkman's experience and preparation.

Alex served recently on Senate. Good amount of time he took to review the Constitution and Bylaws.

Both are passionate. Leadership training with Nolan I liked.

Inclusive language that Alex uses I like.

Nolan is most qualified. Meeting efficiency.

I appreciated what Alex stated for training for the next generation.

The goals of both stood out for me but Nolan and his meeting efficiency is what I admired.

Nolan has military training and experience with not showing favoritism. He would have neutrality.

Remember we are voting on the individual, not friends.

VOTE:

Nolan Brinkman elected and sworn in.

- **New Business**

Senator Johnson: Dissent to Commission & Ethics

Johnson: I've looked thru constitution and bylaws and nothing is published that gives any reasons cited were just cause.

Abdul-Aziz: What anyone can do is recommend/refer anyone to the committee. The chair will review and the committee will make a decision.

Cremers: Move to approve decision to recommend to Ethics and Standards.

Beltran: 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Approval Passes.

- **Old Business**

- **Announcements**

- Speaker Brinkman: Graduate Senator Seat vacancy in 2 weeks.
- President Abdul-Aziz: Townhall Tuesdays, office hours will count. Email will be sent out regarding senator profiles. Fill out. Senator picture next week.
- John Bulcock: I am the MSSA liaison and help provide support to you. Night to Unite next Tuesday night. Recruitment starts for Fraternity/Sororities. Amber and I will be emergency Grant Advisors. Trivia and Kickball coming up.
- Griffin Goode: Maverick Adventure Ad-Hoc Committee. Joe Wolf is the new GA. Please see me or Joe if interested in serving.
- Mark Constantine: CSU 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Check out the new banners in the Hearth Lounge. Wear your CSU 50<sup>th</sup> pins and win prizes.

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.