

**85th MSSA Senate
January 24, 2018
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 85th Speaker Brinkman**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - Kelly McIntee – American Lung Association
 - Tobacco 21
- **Open Forum**
 - Brett and Emma
 - Retaining 15% more fraternity and sorority members.
 - 3.14 Overall GPA.
 - Completed over 4,000 community service hours.
- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Appointments: Griffin Goode- Ethics and Standards (Chair), and Keaton Collas – Constitution Commission.

Recognized Student Organizations: National Black Graduate Student Association, American Institute of Graphic Arts Student Group, Secular Student Alliance, Chinese Student Association, Maverick Disc Golf Club

Commission on Ethics & Standards: Senator Rawal, Senator Pope

Student Allocations Committee:

Travel Requests

1. Recommend allocating up to \$350 ($\$70/\text{student} \times 5 \text{ students}$) for non-food related travel expenses to **Ducks Unlimited** to travel and attend the DU State Convention in Willmar, MN on February 9-11, 2018.
2. Recommend allocating up to \$480 for non-food related travel expenses to **Alpha Sigma Alpha** to assist 8 students travel and attend the National Organization Academy sorority leadership training in Kansas City, MO on February 2-3, 2018.
3. Recommend allocating up to \$840 for non-food related travel expenses to **Encounter MSU** to assist 20 students travel and attend the winter retreat in Pipestone, MN on January 26-28, 2018.
4. Recommend allocating up to \$560 ($\$70/\text{student} \times 8 \text{ students}$) for non-food related travel expenses to the **Student Nurses Association** to travel and attend the National Student Nurses Association annual convention in Nashville, TN on April 4-8, 2018.
5. Recommend allocating up to \$210 ($\$70/\text{student} \times 3 \text{ students}$) for non-food related travel expenses to the **Council for Exception Children** to travel and attend the National Cou

- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Abdul-Aziz**
 - a. Shelly and Ramiro, shout out to driving the Tobacco 21.

- b. February 12 Public Hearing in Mankato. Need supporters/
 - c. February 5. North Mankato Vote
 - **Vice President Cremers**
 - a. Bowling Challenge sign-up again.
 - b. City and University Meeting tomorrow at 5pm.
 - **Speaker Brinkman**
 - a. Office Hours
 - b. Senator Reports
 - c. Handouts from retreat. Cheat sheets and senator report guidelines.
- **Senator Reports**
 - Senator Akintan
 - Dean Brenda Flannery meeting. (COB)
 - Vision of COB
 - How Senate can help
 - Senator Isniqui
 - Academic Affairs Committee
 - Textbook Affordability
 - Sun Gage Publisher
 - Finish Grade Appeal Process
 - Senator Christensen
 - CSU Board Committee Update
 - Current sign outside reflection space
 - Composting in the CSU
 - Budgets
 - Senator Thompson
 - Allied Health and Nursing Update
 - We are #4 on the Governors Bonding List
 - Clinical Sciences Building – next phase
 - Maverick Adventures – told to slow down. Possible bubble talks.
 - Senator Ogunfolami
 - Residential Life
 - Spoke with Cindy Janney regarding security in dorms.
 - Work in progress.
 - Survey – working with students.
 - Card Readers
 - Senator Warner
 - Dishing with the Dean
 - November 15 meeting – Good attendance.
 - Diversity and Inclusiveness within Education.
- **Vacancies**
 - Graduate Senator (1/31/2018)
 - Arts and Humanities Senator (1/31/2018)
 - Off Campus Senator (2) (1/24/2018)**
 - Bill Hamm
 - Melanie Ramsey
 - Kat Nelson

Alex Henderson

Kat Nelson elected and sworn in.

Melanie Ramsey elected and sworn in.

- **New Business**

Motion 85-01-01-24-2018 Moved by: Senator Warner, Seconded by: Senator Cronin

Whereas: Food waste collection for composting in the Centennial Student Union would assist in furthering the efforts of MNSU's Climate Action Plan, specifically the strategy of waste reduction titled, "Develop a Comprehensive Composting Program."

Whereas: Compost collection has been proven beneficial to decreasing the amount of food waste that the University Dining Center produces.

Be it Resolved: The Minnesota State Student Association supports the efforts of Food Services to achieve food waste collection for composting in the Centennial Student Union

Motion Passes 26 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain

Motion: 85-02-01-24-2018 Moved by: Senator Goode, Seconded by: Senator Cronin

Whereas: The name "Minnesota State Student Association" is ambiguous.

Whereas: The name "Minnesota State Student Association" is not well recognized by our student body.

Whereas: Students of the University might access services provided by this body with greater ease if the name of this body eludes to our function as a student government.

Be it Resolved: The ballot in April 2018 shall bear a referendum to change the name of the Minnesota State Student Association to "Student Government".

Be it further resolved: The name change shall be facilitated as a collaboration of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee, Constitution Commission, and any additional committee as deemed responsible by the student body president.

Be it further resolved: The name change shall be put into place on or before March, 31st, 2019.

Tabled to PR and Marketing Committee.

Motion: 85-03-01-24-2018 Moved by Senator Cronin, Seconded by: President Abdul-Aziz

Whereas the current definition of consent under Minnesota State Policy 1B.3 is broad and does not address the firm requirement and definition of affirmative consent

Whereas the 7 board directors of Students United representing all university students in the Minnesota State System passed a uniform amendment to the Minnesota State System affirmative consent language in October 2017

Whereas the system office affirmative consent policy language is adopted at all Minnesota State Institutions

Whereas any campus may amend or add on to any existing Minnesota State System office policy

Whereas 1 in 4 women will be raped in as part of their higher education experience

Whereas the Minnesota State System is a leader in the state in areas of equity, inclusion and diversity

Whereas Students United will launch an education and training campaign in conjunction with affirmative consent policy language change

Be it resolved, the 85th MSSA calls for a Minnesota State University, Mankato Policy review for the consent policy and recommends the following language to be implemented:

Part 2 Definitions, Subpart E. Consent.

“Consent is informed, freely given and mutually understood. Minnesota State requires affirmative consent to be present and expressed by both parties participating in sexual activity. Affirmative consent is defined as “informed, freely and affirmatively communicated willingness to participate in sexual activity that is expressed by clear and unambiguous words or actions.” If coercion, intimidation, threats, and/or physical force are used, there is no consent. If the complainant is mentally or physically incapacitated or impaired so that the complainant cannot understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual situation, there is no consent; this includes conditions due to alcohol or drug consumption, or being asleep or unconscious or physically involuntarily restrained or if either party is not of legal age pursuant to Minnesota State Law. Silence does not necessarily constitute consent, and past consent of sexual activities does not imply ongoing future consent. Whether the respondent has taken advantage of a position of influence over the complainant may be a factor in determining consent. A lack of protest, absence of resistance, or silence do not imply consent. Consent must be present through the entire duration of sexual activity, and may be withdrawn at any time. When consent is withdrawn, all sexual activity must stop, once consent is withdrawn it must be affirmatively given again before sexual activity resumes. The existence of a present or past dating or romantic relationship does not imply consent to future sexual activity. Prior dating or romantic relationships or sexual activity will not have an influence on officers determining the presence of consent. Whether the respondent has taken advantage of a position of influence over the complainant may be a factor in determining consent.”

Motion Passes 25 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain

- **Old Business**
- **Announcements**
- **Roll Call**
- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.