

**84th MSSA Senate
February 1st, 2017
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 84th Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - Brandon and Alex – Student Events Team
 - We are a student led organization.
 - Special Events: Club Maverick, Inflatable 5K, CSU Haunted House and Queer Comedy Night.
 - Speakers/Entertainment: Hypnotist, Chicago Boys, Tax 101 and Six Appeal.
 - Mavericks after Dark: Cosmic Bingo, Foam Party and Family Feud.
 - Stompers Cinema: Outdoor Movie Series
 - Semester Totals: Cost per student calculations is \$2.81
 - Spring 2017 Preview: Cheryl Reeve, EDM Festival, Stompers Film Festival, Price is Right, Kato Ninja Warrior and Spring Concert.
 - Christian Perez – SAC Chair
 - Recommendation of allocating \$3,000 to support Veteran Service Programming.
 - Devon – President of Veteran’s Club. Looking for funding for all veterans on campus.
 - Wanting to hold on and off campus events. Conferences, job fairs, Veteran’s on the Hill Event, movie nights and speakers forums.
 - Would report to SAC throughout the year to give updates on how the funds are being used.
 - Grace and Kate - MACURH Business Conference Update
 - Regional Business Conference
 - Hosted here next weekend. Volunteer opportunities available.
 - Largest student run organization in the world.
 - Midwest affiliate of College and Universities Residence Halls.
 - 3 conference/year. There is a bidding process to host conference.
 - Theme: Dr. Suess Turning the Page.
 - February 10-12, 2017. 150 delegates and advisors will be attending.
- **Open Forum**
 - Steve – Marketing Coordinator for Leadership U
 - 31 Questions Challenge
 - Spotlight you and your organization.
 - Looking for volunteers!
- **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Move SAC’s recommendation to New Business.
Approved.

Appointments:

Kyle Mercer: Environmental Committee, Student Affairs Committee; Bryan Beltran: Student Affairs; Samuel Oluwadoromi: Diversity Committee, Technology Round Table, Public Relations Committee; Jon Smith: Grade Appeal Panel; Samuel Toft: Grade Appeal Panel.

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Film and Production Club; Scandinavian Club; International University Grand-Bassam Alumni Friends Network; College Recovery Community; Kuwait's Student Organization;

Student Allocations Committee:

- Recommend allocating one-time funding of **\$3,000** to support veteran service programming by the **MSU Veteran's Club** and the **Veteran Services Coordinator** during the 2017-18 academic year.
- Recommend allocating up to **\$130** for non-food related travel expenses to the Muslim Student Association to assist 6 students travel to the MN MSA meeting at the U of M in Minneapolis, MN on January 28, 2017.

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Be it further recommended that detailed reporting of all veteran programming events funded by these dollars be submitted to the Student Allocation Committee on or before October 15, 2017, November 30, 2017, February 15, 2018 and April 1, 2018.

Be it further recommended that the MSU Veteran's Club will not be eligible to apply for any additional travel or program funding as a RSO per the SAC guidelines during the 2017-18 academic year.

Be it further recommended that based upon the outcome results and details provided in these reports, the Student Allocation Committee will provide a recommendation regarding any further funding for veteran service programming for the fall of 2018 no earlier than December 2017 but no later than April 1, 2018.

- Recommend allocating **\$0 (zero)** for non-food related travel expenses to Greater Mankato Young Life to assist 12 students travel to a weekend retreat in Detroit Lakes, MN, February 3-5, 2017. It was the consensus of the committee that the activity description provided on the form: “a weekend of stress free fun” did not meet the criteria outlined in the SAC guidelines.
 - Recommend allocating up to **\$400 (\$50/student x 8 students)** for non-food related travel expenses to Mudworks to travel to the National Council on Education for Ceramic Arts (NCECA) in Portland, OR, March 21-25, 2017.
 - Recommend allocating up to **\$700 (\$50/student x 14 students)** for non-food related travel expenses to the Student Art League to travel and tour the Art Institute of Chicago, Museum of Science & Industry and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, IL, May 11-14, 2017.
 - Recommend allocating up to **\$550** for non-food related travel expenses to Sigma Chi to assist 16 students travel to the Province Seminar for all MN & ND chapters in Fargo, ND, February 10-12, 2017.
 - Recommended allocating up to **\$400 (\$50/student x 4 students)** for non-food related travel expenses to the School Psychology Society to travel to the MN School Psychology Association’s Mid-winter Conference in Plymouth, MN, January 27, 2017.
- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Rayani**
 - a. Needing driver for Delegates February 10-12th.
 - b. MSA Meet and Confer is on Thursday February 2 at 11:30 am. Sign up if you can make it.
 - c. RSO Community recognition/appeal/901 accounts.
 - d. Open discussion on Campus Climate.
 - e. Dining Hall Ribbon Cutting is on Friday, February 3rd.
 - **Vice President Ruiz**
 - a. We met with Dean Morris, President Davenport, Sheri Sergeant and Dean Stoyhoff regarding President Trump’s executive Order. There are many resources on campus.
 - b. Motion regarding Veteran’s.
 - c. 83 students signed up from tabling!
 - d. Budget Sub-Meet and Confer: Delegates and change of software.
 - **Speaker de Ruiter**
 - a. Office Hours will be enforced. 3 hours/week.
 - b. Executive Order Ban. We will have a 15 minute open discussion. No speakers list.

- **Senator Reports**
 - Senator Smith: Security off campus. I am doing an internship with Campus Security. Been having conversations with Chandler Holland and Sandi regarding the Safe Walk Home which is a very rigorous program. Alternative possibilities: Apps for mobile phone, community policing – help and support.
 - Senator Torgeson: Q&A on the Maverick Adventure Program. Met with Sam, Todd and David to get some more answers. Space was a huge concern. Pennington Hall? Campus Recreation is already at max capacity. Equipment trade up? Help cost. Lifespan on equipment – state guidelines.

- **Vacancies**
 - **Off-Campus (1) – 2/15/17**

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Connor: I liked what they said. Valuable thing to invest in. I support it.

Kayla: I’m concerned if the first year doesn’t go well and if we can then revoke it. Has to be a full year or nothing.

Faical: Great investment.

Abdul: Great initiative.

MOTION PASSES.

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Motion: President Rayani

Second: Vice-President Ruíz

Whereas student interest has been apparent in designating a quiet and serene meditation room for all people

Whereas there exists a reflection space in the CSU adjacent to the women's center and several students have expressed the inadequacy of the space to meet their needs

Whereas Saint Cloud, the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, and Metro State University have a closed off meditation room

Whereas Minnesota State University, Mankato is a flagship institute in the Minnesota State University system and a champion of diversity across the nation.

Be it resolved MSSA will send out an all student survey email in collaboration with the office of Institutional Assessment and Research to assess the interest and need for an adequate reflection room/meditation space available to all students

Be it further resolved MSSA will discuss the results of the aforementioned survey as a new business item during the Senate meeting on March 1st and take action accordingly.

Faical: Self Survey will be sent out but will discuss at a later time.

Maria: We are just asking permission from the Senate.

Jacob: No problem with survey. This is our jobs as Senators.

Connor: Specific wording of room?

Faical: Mediation/Reflection Space.

Maria: We plan on doing tabling and talking with religious studies classes.

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Motion: Vice-President Ruíz

Second: _____Martin_____

Whereas the primary objective of the Career Development Center is to provide services and resources assisting students and graduates with career planning and the search for employment.

Whereas Minnesota State University, Mankato's students who are veterans may experience a difficult time in creating resumes/CV, letters of intent for but not limited to graduate assistant-ships, full-time or part-time work, internships, or training opportunities.

Whereas the Veterans Resource Center currently does not have a full-time Student Support Position

Be it resolved MSSA asks that Pam Weller, Director of the Career Development Center, create an action plan that will commit to improving the center services to better serve the needs of veterans.

Maria: There are over 600 veterans on campus. The career development center will speak at the veteran's office but it is still a struggle.

Bryan: Devon is planning trip to job fairs. Plans and means.

Faical: Utilize resources we already have on campus.

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- **Announcements**

Maria: Planning Meeting at 5:30pm in CSU 269 for the Vigil.

Kayla: Dance Marathon recruitment is next week.

John: Office of Admissions is seeking tour guides. And the people from Around Campus (planners) are seeking paid internships.

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.