

**84th MSSA Senate
February 15th, 2017
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 84th Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - David – Graduate Assistant for Maverick Adventures
 - Research Grant – This is through the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE)
 - The research that we are doing is looking three different areas.
 - We are gathering this data through a survey that will be sent to the entire student body within days. There will be a short, 3 minute video before the survey.
 - Budget Work, continually making small adjustments.
 - Bike Share Program
 - Learn to Ski/Snowboard
 - Have been having discussions with GMG and Visit Mankato.

Griffin Goode: Any plans for equipment? And companies or businesses in town that can help or partner up?

David: Just a couple.

Benjamin Thao: Does the video include closed captioning?

David: Closed captioning in English.

- **Open Forum**
- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Appointments:

Devin Ausen – Search for part time Director of Veteran Affairs; Ibelizet Dominguez – Ethics and Standards Committee; Ben Thao and Pakeou Lee – Search for Director of Asian American Affairs.

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Student Allocations Committee:

Recommend allocating up to \$500 for non-food related travel expenses to **Sigma Nu** to assist 12 students travel to the Sigma Nu Annual Leadership Conference in Fort Collins, CO on February 24-26, 2017.

· Recommend allocating up to \$70 for non-food related travel expenses to the **Muslim Student Association** to assist 8 students travel to a planning meeting regarding Islamic Awareness Day in Brooklyn Park, MN on February 18, 2017.

- **Officer Reports**

- **President Rayani**

- a. Student United Delegates Conference last weekend. Our school passed the most motions: Disability closed caption, textbooks, improve communication with SU, etc. I will send an email out.
- b. We won bowling!
- c. Talked with President Davenport on our campus vision. We will be having an open forum event again.
- d. Upcoming RCTC visit. Sign-up sheet will be passed around.

- **Vice President Ruiz**

- a. Sign-up sheet for Winona Retreat on February 26th at 1-5pm.
- b. Budget meeting tomorrow. Need Proxy.
- c. VP Straka will be coming next week to present regarding legislation.
- d. New building downtown – Huber Building.
- e. Online Funding Model – Difference in tuition.
- f. Needing one volunteer for the institutional equipment review committee.
- g. Mr. Cowan will be coming to present to us regarding parking.

- **Speaker de Ruiter**

- a. Minnesota Lynx Head coach is coming to campus.
- b. I Love the 90's Tour concert. See Amber for tickets.
- c. Office Hours.
- d. With the upcoming budget meeting, please pay attention and do your research and ask questions beforehand to be prepared.
- e. Parking Advisory Committee – making sure the free lot stays free.

- **Senator Reports**

- Lucier: President Commission on Diversity – Climate Survey has gone into pilot. 8 minutes to take. Quick Reference sheet for resources.
- Martin: We are in the process of creating an event that will be at the end of March – beginning of April. Stay tuned.

- **Vacancies**

- Off-Campus (1) – 2/15/17**

Wallace: Social Studies Education Major. Leadership Roles. Fraternity at large.

Samuel: IT Major. Make a positive impact wherever you go.

DJ: Chapter Fraternity. Make a difference.

Jeremy: Political Science Major. Love our country and school. Seeking law school.

Kayla Cremers: Please speak to budgets.

DJ: I have some experience in budget.

Jeremy: Very little experience.

Wallace: I have some experience with budgets.

Samuel: I helped with High School teams and their budgets.

Hassan: Mention an issue that needs facilitating?

Jeremy: Racial Profiling and gender inequality....it happens on our campus.

Samuel: Safety Walk.

DJ: Diversity.

What values are you bringing /contributing to MSSA?

Wallace: Hard worker, dependable, I like to help others.
Samuel: Team player, make life easier to students.
DJ: Fraternal values society.
Jeremy: Very conservative. Not liberal. But I have new ideas.
Rayani: How did you find out about the vacancy and why do you want to join?
DJ: Veterans Office.
Jeremy: I researched the student government website.
Wallace: Travis that works with John and Kayla. Be the voice for the people who aren't on campus.
Samuel: President Rayani.
Goode: Any conflict with doing 3 hours/week along with two committees?
Jeremy: Absolutely not.
Wallace: No.
Samuel: No.
DJ: No.
De Ruitter: Congratulations to Wallace Pope.
Wallace Pope elected and sworn in.
Discussion on skyping in for a vacancy:
Martin: We need to be informed before we make a decision.
Lucier: I don't regret it. Accessibility needs for future, we gave him a chance.
Goode: When I ran, I treated it like a job. Dressing up and being present.
Hassan: Good option to have. The accessibility.
Podorova: Why don't we utilize the technology?

- **New Business**

- **Announcements**

De Ruitter: Welcome Maria Bevacqua.

Hickey: Dance Marathon is coming up on February 25th.

Lucier: Tuesday is Black History Month Lecture in Ostrander.

Open Kitchen 11-1pm on Wednesday February 22.

Constantine: Congrats on your bowling win. Remember softball in April.

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.