

84th MSSA Senate
February 22nd, 2017
Minutes

- **Call to Order by 84th Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - Dr. Ginger Zierdt - Integrated Advising Model
 - The integrated Advising Model came about in 2008-2009 regarding advising. Students were not happy and wanted changes.
 - Transfer credits: Do they count? They have to be settled earlier.
 - Case Management Approach.
 - 3 Central Elements of the Model Concept:
 1. Coordinated front-end loaded pre-advising and relationship-building.
 2. Use of advising station for intake and referral (Case management).
 3. Coordinated and intensive professional development for staff, professional advisors and faculty advisors.
 - Taylor Heid - (President of Zoology Club) Bees on Campus
 - Bee Friendly Campus. Has been on radio and in The Reporter.
 - We have a Facebook Page for student outreach. Trying to educate others.
 - Pollinator friendly plants. Will keep the theme of purple/gold plants.
 - Reduce herbicides.
 - Looking into solidarity bees. Bee City USA

Martin: What has been the initial feedback from other Universities?

Taylor: They said to start with education. They have seen environmental awareness has a huge positive impact.

President Rayani: Thank you. Will we attract allergic bees?

Taylor: I cannot tell you for sure. We can plant different plants and they will be on the outskirts of campus.

- John Neitge - Policy
 - Graduate Student who is still employed by the school and the sexual assault policy on campus.
 - January 19, 2017 the student was found in violation of MSU/MnSCU 1b.3 sexual assault policy, etc.
 - The respondent received a sanction and was placed on the University disciplinary probation order.
 - The survivor who does not want to be named is willing to meet with administrators.
 - Follow up: Administrators are looking into this.
- Kellian Clink - Storytelling
 - Storytelling Event in March.
 - Read the resources (attached at end)
 - Majority of all students (60%) wish they had gotten more help with emotional preparation for college.
 - Among myriad challenges, pressures such as paying for college expenses (40%), making new friends (30%), keeping in touch with family and

friends not at their college (28%) and being independent (16%) were reported as being extremely or very challenging, and nearly half (45%) of students felt that “it seems like everyone has college figured out but me.”

- Storytelling can positively influence the learning environment.

- **Open Forum**

- Katelyn – Black Students Union
 - Promote organization.
 - Pan African Conference, March 17, 8-11pm. Food and entertainment.
 - Black Intellectual Gentleman: promoting minority black men.
 - Black Intellectual Meetings on Tuesdays at 6pm in CSU 238.
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- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Approval of the Minutes: 4/27/16, 8/24/16, 8/32/16, 9/07/16, 9/14/16, 9/21/16, 9/28/16, 10/05/16, 10/12/16, 10/19/16, 10/26/16, 11/02/16, 11/09/16, 11/16/16, 11/30/16, 1/11/17

Appointments:

Constitution Commission - Tien Bui, DJ Gries; **Elections Commission** – [Jeremy Loger, Tien Bui], Frederick De Ruiter, Connor Martin, Kaoshua Thao, Pamal Wanigasinghe, [Non senators in Brackets]

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Student Allocations Committee:

Recommend allocating up to \$200 ($\$50/\text{student} \times 4 \text{ students}$) for non-food related travel expenses to the **School Psychology Society** club to travel to the National Association of School Psychologist Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX on February 21-25, 2017.

- **Officer Reports**

- **President Rayani**
 - a. Potential Fee Increases. Students United hasn't gone through an increase in 11 years.
 - b. Wanting feedback from students.
 - c. Asked for budget breakdown.
 - d. Advocacy Day.
 - e. I am also running for state chair for students united.
 - f. Ask questions before budget meetings so they can be prepared.
 - g. MSA Meet and Confer is tomorrow. Sign-up sheet is going around. Free Food!
- **Vice President Ruiz**
 - a. System Office sent an email which I will be forwarding on to everyone. Share with your constituencies.

- b. If you are a member of one of the seven universities taskforce, please stay after this meeting.
 - c. February 23, 2017, the Open Forum for the Strategic Budget Planning will be held in Ostrander.
 - d. Enterprise: 52 members. Please ask your friends to sign up.
 - **Speaker de Ruiter**
 - a. I will be running for Vice Chair for Students United.
 - b. I am the Chair of the RSO Committee. I do not have the complete list of members, so if you are on this committee, please reach out to me.
 - c. Pedal Past Poverty is this weekend and we do not have enough people signed up! Please come. It's for a good cause! 9am-2pm Saturday February 25, 2017.
 - **Senator Reports**
 - Senator Peterson: Getting more males involved in the dental hygiene program, speech pathology and nursing.
We are in our 45th year of the Dental Hygiene program. The first 35 years, there were zero males. For the last ten years, we have had three males. We discussed different ways to tackle this issue. Any feedback welcomed.
 - Senator Aziz: Student Affairs Update – Recap from last semester - Financial snapshot for the environmental committee. Safe Walk Home Program.
Following through with the finance of the environmental committee and Senator Smith will keep us updated on the Safe Walk Home Program. We are working on an Off-Campus Committee Concern to handle off campus concerns. Also working on bike friendly campus. Talked about a bike advisory committee.
 - Senator D'Silva: Recycling. Bring your recyclables and we will donate to the Ronald McDonald House.
 - **Vacancies**
 - **New Business**
 - **Announcements**
 - Rayani: Sign up for the SCTC Trip.
 - Bulcock: Reminder the Elections Commission is seeking 1 member still.
 - Hickey: Dance Marathon is on Saturday. You can still register to be at the event.
 - Lucier: Starting tutoring in American Sign Language.
 - Martin: Working on inclusivity event with Senator Isniqui. Looking for volunteers and attendance by you.
 - **Roll Call**
 - **Adjournment**
- Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Kellian Clink's Presentation Resources

Jed Foundation (2015). The First Year College Experience: A look into students' challenges and triumphs during their first term at college. Retrieved from:

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