

**84th MSSA Senate**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 84<sup>th</sup> Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
  - Wendy Schuh, Griffin Goode and Mitchell Hein - SHAC Fee
    - Full medical clinic and pharmacy.
    - Medical exams and consultation, treatment of illness & injury, immunizations, low cost prescriptions, most insurance plans accepted.
    - Health Education
    - The clinic sees about 15,000 visits a year. Pharmacy fill about 8000 prescriptions and sells over 3500 over the counter supplies each year.
    - Accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.
    - Location: currently located in Carkoski Commons, connected to Crawford, McElroy and Preska Residence Halls. Planned demolition of this space within the next 10 years.
    - FY18 Goals: Expand on Tele mental Health Services, Provide students real world opportunities, Implement evidence based strategies related to underage drinking and marijuana use and Increase international student access to mental health and primary care services.
    - Current Fee Per Credit: \$5.15
    - Proposed Fee Per Credit: \$5.31 which is about 4.98% increase.
    - Asking for a \$75,000 increase.
    - 70% of the budget goes to staff salaries.
  - Henry Morris: Institutional Diversity
    - Update of the different diversity initiatives across campus.
    - Enrollment data from spring 2016 - spring 2017: domestic students of color, Native Americans, Asian, Latinos, and African Americans. Numbers increased by 9.2%.
    - International Students increased 8.7%.
    - Caucasian White Students decreased by 10%.
    - Pattern has been happening across the country.
    - How do we continue to recruit, retain and be successful after graduation?
    - Mid Term report due to the system office for our diversity inclusion plan.
    - We have been doing a better job than other schools in the Minnesota State System in recruiting a diverse student population.
    - Goal is to close the achievement and opportunity gap between Caucasian students and students of diverse backgrounds.
  - Mark Constantine and Tien Bui: CSU Fee
    - Proposing a .6% increase in funding for the CSU.
    - Primary purpose of the increase would be to permit the CSU to host high caliber events aimed at increasing the cultural and educational value of the CSU.

- The CSU has a good record of balancing its budget.
    - Basement was renovated last year.
    - Mav Ave will be renovated during the summer.
    - Upcoming Spring Petting Zoo in the CSU.
  - Bryan Schneider: Tech Fee
    - Requesting a 3% bare minimum increase.
    - Technology on campus must constantly be improved.
    - Technology Facts of Life: Wears out, outdated, end of life, slows down, costly to maintain – support, and better technology replaces old technology.
    - Wanting students to have access to better technological services.
    - Academic Computer Center (ACC) in Wissink Hall is in need of improvements. Hasn't changed for two decades.
    - Upcoming projects: Office 365 Unified Tenant, Data Analytics – student retention, University Advising Application, Online MavCARD photo submission, windows 10 lab development, Cloud Service Migration (SharePoint, etc.) and Cloud based backup and disaster recovery.
- **Open Forum**
  - Todd Pfingsten – Campus Recreation
    - MSSA vs. Student Affairs Softball Game on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
    - Update on Maverick Adventures.
    - Survey will be sent out again since it only went to about half of our students.
    - Budget Request: We have our SAC hearing this Friday. \$17,349 is requested.
    - Graduate Assistant, Professional Development and Travel to do more research.
    - Was given direction from upper Administration to do this instead of asking for a large budget request.
    - Because of your leadership, Maverick Adventures is now on President Davenport's radar.
    - We always get feedback on campus recreation. People do not like the weight room, lockers rooms, etc.
- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Appointments:

**Students United Delegates Team:** Faical Rayani, Joshua Hrad, Ray Witte, Abi Saha, Zach Orum, Alex Johnson, Mackensie Cook, Maria Ruiz, Qendresa Isniqui, Emily Christensen, Mohammed AlShammari, Yulia Podorova, Abdulrahmane Abdul-Aziz, Alex Lucier, Frederick de Ruitter

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

## Student Allocations Committee:

- **Officer Reports**

- **President Rayani**

- a. Hope everyone had a great Spring break.
- b. Sandi Schnorenberg needs 10-15 Senator's to attend a focus group. 39m next Wednesday.
- c. Relay for Life
- d. MN Higher Education is inviting two students to attend a table session on Monday at South Central to discuss issues that are important to college students.
- e. Went to DC last week to advocate for affordable tuition.
- f. Spring Delegates March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- g. Will be writing a motion to support MSU being a bike friendly campus.
- h. We are looking into possibly implementing a huge athletic facility so that is why it seems like Maverick Adventures is being put on the backburner. Would hopefully be funded by alumni donations, and student fees.

- **Vice President Ruiz**

- a. Policy report next week from me.
- b. MSSA Scholarship: making progress.
- c. Immigration Event on Saturday. If you would like to go, let me know.

- **Speaker de Ruiter**

- a. This is the time where the meetings will be longer and it is really important that you all stay for the whole time.
- b. One empty seat is 500 people that do not have a voice.
- c. Overview of upcoming meetings: Next week we will have two more fee presentations.
- d. Will be having a meeting with Athletics. I encourage you to come and ask questions.
- e. Week after, March 29, 2017 we will have the SAC Narrative and budget presentation.
- f. Week after that, April 5, 2017 we have our big budget hearing. CSU 245 and it starts at 3pm.

- **Senator Reports**

- **Vacancies**

- **New Business**

Final Recommendations on Proposed Constitutional Amendments:

- 1.) The President and Vice President shall be elected at-large, and they shall run and be elected as a pair or unified ticket. Independent candidates for President and/or Vice President shall not file for solo candidacy.
- 2.) To meet the minimum 10% participation threshold all General Election Ballots cast are all to be counted together whether or not they indicated "yes," "no," or "abstain" on each proposed amendment. Eliminated from each amendment's final ratification result would be all "abstain" votes cast. Ratification of an amendment is then determined by a simple majority of the addition of only the "yes and "no" ballots cast.

- 3.) Remove “Undeclared Senators” language substituting “At-Large Senators” to reflect that the “Undeclared Major” voting constituency no longer exists;
- 4.) Eliminate duplicative line about the Centennial Student Union Board election, and formalized Student Union Director an ex-officio nonvoting Board member to ensure communication in the long-term;
- 5.) Abolish “Limited Voting” restrictions so voters have freedom to vote on each open Senator seat in given categories;
- 6.) Ensure that the Senate can act to fill a Senator vacancy during the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting following meeting where vacancy was declared in the meeting agenda;
- 7.) Reformat Article V on Independent Boards and Commissions to highlight a “Section 2: Judicial Commissions” which already includes the Constitution Commission, the Ethics and Standards Commission, and the Elections Commission.

- **Announcements**

Open Forum for Constitution Commission, tomorrow, March 16, 2017 at 1pm in CSU 280.

Rules Readings. Will need to conform to our schedules to make it work. Working on specific times.

Within Res Halls, need approval with the CA on campaigning. You can campaign off campus.

MSSA is an off-limit zone. Student Activities office is a no-limit zone. Blue tape has to be used to post posters in the CSU.

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.