

84th MSSA Senate
March 22nd, 2017
Minutes

- **Call to Order by 84th Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - Todd Pfingsten – Outdoor Rec Fee
 - Why the Fee?
 - To rebuild and add much needed outdoor recreational fields, replace the original outdoor track, build an on-campus fitness trail and light some of the fields so we could play at night.
 - Quality, safe fields for softball, flag football, soccer, rugby, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee and more.
 - The need for storage buildings and restrooms.
 - The Fee:
 - Shows up on your Tuition and Student Fee bill as Campus Rec Facility Fee.
 - Discussion has took place over two years, including a failed referendum in 2007. Motion made and passed by MSSA in spring 2008 and began collecting student fees in fall 2008.
 - Debt service for the construction will be paid back over 20 years.
 - Fee-Revenue:
 - \$2.50/credit banded at 12-18 credits, or \$30/semester.
 - Take in approximately \$820,000/year in student fees.
 - Earn approximately \$7,000/year in interest.
 - Fee-Expenses:
 - Debt Service on approximately \$7 million in outdoor recreation and athletic facilities over \$503,000/year.
 - MN State (MNSCU) Fund Assessment over \$14,000/year.
 - Operations and Maintenance – staff, fuel, utilities, materials and supplies approximately \$135,000/year.
 - Renewal and Replacement Fund – equipment/mowers, facilities/track, etc. approximately \$70,000/year.
 - Kevin Buisman – Athletics Fee
 - “Building Champions”
 - Current: FY17 at \$3.71/credit hour
 - Proposed: About normal: \$3.84/credit hour (\$0.13 increase)
On the Average: \$4.11/credit hour (\$.40 increase)
 - A 3.5% increase provides just short of a \$37,000 in additional total dollars and this per credit rate would still leave us \$.37 behind the MnSCU average athletic fee/credit hour.
 - With the above scenario, the money would be allocated to men’s hockey for travel expenses related to the WCHA realignment.
 - On the average would provide over \$122,000 in new support.

- If approved, student fee support would remain the same next fiscal year and the increase would be used to replenish the reserve account.
- Michael Manderfeld and Emily Stark – Quality Matters
 - Quality Assurance through Faculty Development and Course Design
 - Instructional Design: Identify Desired Results, Determine Acceptable Evidence and Plan Learning Experiences & Instruction.
 - Online Course Design: Desire2Learn; Navigation; Aesthetics; Technical Skills; 3rd Party Integration; Institutional Resources; and Accessible Curriculum.
 - Factors Affecting Course Quality: Course design, course delivery, course content, institutional infrastructure, LMS, faculty readiness and student readiness.
 - QM reviews course design only.
 - Quality Matters Rubric Standards.

Martin: Any statistics on success after faculty go through this QM training?

Stark: It helps people immensely. No numbers yet.

Hassan: Do all faculty go through this training?

Stark: No. This is all voluntary. It's communicated to all faculty but not mandated,

Ruiz: Two years ago I had the worst experience with an online class. I took one again after the professor went through QM and I loved it.

Stark: That's great. This is what we need. Getting polite, constructive student feedback.

Encourage your fellow students to speak up.

Aziz: Why is D2L no mandatory?

Stark: Mainly because we are under the Academic Freedom Act.

- John Bulcock – MSSA Process Overview
 - Student Allocations Committee (SAC):
 - Made up of both Senators and non-Senators.
 - Appointed by the MSSA President and approved by the Senate.
 - Responsible for hearing and making recommendations regarding RSO Program and Travel funding request.
 - Responsible for hearing and making recommendations for Student Activity Fee-funded programs during the big Fiscal Year budgeting process.
 - Timeline:
 - March 29: SAC presents recommended budget to MSSA.
 - April 5: MSSA deliberates and approves/amends budget that will be sent to Dr. Jones and President Davenport for approval. This includes all fees.
 - March 29th Meeting:
 - SAC Chairman will present budget recommendation along with a narrative explanation for the recommended amounts for each program.
 - MSSA Senators/Officers can ask procedural questions, but specific questions about recommendations should be asked outside of meeting.

- Senators/Officers can single out departments they want to question in front of the entire Senate. These departments will be sent emails requesting their presence at the April 5 meeting.
 - Notebook with request documents made available in MSSA Office after meeting.
 - Between March 29 & April 5
 - If you have questions, ask them. SAC Chairman Cristian Perez will make himself available, as well as other committee members.
 - Review the notebook with request documents if you have concerns about specific programs.
 - Develop potential solutions and amendments outside of, and prior to, the hearing meeting.
 - Being prepared with specific recommendations/amendments will make meeting flow more efficiently.
- **Open Forum**
 - Martin Lee – Student Integrated Business Program
 - Mankato Backpack Food Program
 - We apply for a loan and try to make money.
 - Would like the support of MSSA.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda: Amended Approved**

Appointments:

Grade Appeal Panel: MaryElizabeth Cronin, Ibelizet Dominguez; **Commission on Ethics and Standards:** Griffin Goode (Chair), Brycen Moore; **Technology Advisory Committee:** Naeemul Hassan, Payne Robinson, Ayoola Okuribido, Thomas Klapperich, Tien Bui, Zachary Vincent

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Student Allocations Committee:

- Recommend allocating up to \$500 to assist **College against Cancer** with expenses related to the Relay for Life event to be held in Myers Field House, April 7, 2017; the event is open to all MNSU Students. Funding may be used to purchase food as it was deemed essential to the success of the event by SAC but must be purchased in accordance with university policy.
- Recommend allocating up to \$700 (\$50/student x 14 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the **International Business Club** to travel to the MBAA International Conference at the Palmer House, Chicago, IL on March 22-26, 2017.
- Recommend allocating up to \$1,000 for non-food related travel expenses to the **United Nations/International Relations Club** to assist 31 students

participate in the Arrowhead Model United Nationals conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI on April 13-16, 2017.

- Recommend allocating up to \$1,000 (\$50/student x 20 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the **Marketing Club** to travel to tour two marketing agency companies in Chicago, IL on April 6-9, 2017.
 - Recommend allocating up to \$0 (zero) for non-food related travel expenses to the **Muslim Student Association** to assist 4 students travel to the Al-Madinah Culture Center Annual Comedy Night at U of M Northrop Auditorium in Minneapolis, MN on April 2-3, 2017. It was the consensus of the SAC membership that this is a ticketed entertainment event and did not support the spending student fee dollars for travel to the event.
 - Recommend allocating up to \$600 (\$50/student x 12 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the **St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center** for travel to serve the homeless in the City of Los Angeles, CA working with the Dream Center a volunteer-driven organization on May 7-13, 2017.
- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Rayani**
 - a. I am the only one who can speak on behalf of entire senate. Senators cannot do that.
 - b. Motion for bike friendly campus. Will not be the same as the bike share program.
 - c. Relay for Life. Link was sent out. We fight for cancer, good cause.
 - d. Met with Public Relations.
 - e. Athletics Meeting. Budget Breakdown. Asking for specifics.
 - **Vice President Ruiz**
 - a. Review budget email Amber sent out. Be prepared.
 - b. Have a meeting with the Registrar's Office tomorrow regarding Senate being listed on your transcript.
 - c. Working with the GA (Laura) from Student Affairs regarding letter.
 - d. Walk to Capitol date has been set for May 7. Advocate for affordable tuition.
 - e. The Children's House. More to come at later date.
 - **Speaker de Ruiter**
 - a. MSSA vs. Student Affairs Annual Softball Game on April 12. Sign-up sheet coming around.
 - b. Senator reports/Office Hours.
 - **Senator Reports**

- Royce: Homecoming Royals instead of King and Queen. To make it more inclusive. Communication has begun. The application will not have gender spot on it. We plan on having open forums and discussions. We want MSSA to support this.
- Bodnar: Theatre 5 year review. Will be talking to the department.
- Torgeson: Academic Affairs Advising Model. Overall trend – Lack of communication. Encouraged to meet with your advisors.
- Pamal and Hassan: CSET Student Advisory Board. Brian Martensen encouraged all board members to attend MSSA meetings. Topics we went over included more internships, faculty award ceremony, doing CSET Fair, tabling in high traffic areas. Please reach out to us if you are struggling.
- Griffin Goode: SHAC presentation. Been meeting with the m a lot. I got the chance to tour the Clinical Sciences Building. Trying to contact Environmental Committee about composting. Was also a cool experience to meet with the Commissioner.

- **Vacancies**

- **New Business**

- **Announcements**

Bodnar: Karaoke Finals in the Ballroom tomorrow.

Steiger: Maverick Adventure Survey. So far we have 400 respondents.

Rayani: Spring Delegates coming up March 31.

Elections started.

Faulty of the Year Award and Administration, nominate someone.

African Night this Saturday.

See Amber about Graduation Cords if you are graduating this semester.

Ruiz: April 1st Cultural of Asia. Encouraged to go.

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.