

**86th Student Government**  
**April 10, 2019**  
**Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 86<sup>th</sup> Speaker Zellmer**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
  - Alex Lucier
    - Election Results
  - Dean Henry Morris
    - Diversity Inclusion Plan for next 3 years
    - Reasons for good/bad experiences here at MNSU: Academic, Financial and Environmental.
    - Looking at how this affects minority groups because those are at-risk students (and how it affects all students, but minority students will be given a little more attention and help.
    - Also working on changing policies and procedures that enhance the reasons.
    - Working on retention to works on opportunity gap.
  - Lynn Akey – Common Bell and Coordinated Scheduling Proposal
    - Common Bell common structure for class scheduling
    - Helps utilize space on campus
    - Asking for feedback
    - Structure day-time demand courses in a better way
    - 5 different schedule times/pattern
- **Open Forum**
  - 1,718 (12.5%) of students voted in the election
  - April 26 – Maverick Adventures presents Bird Watching
- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**
  - Appointments:*
  - Recognized Student Organizations:*
  - Commission on Ethics & Standards:*
  - Student Allocations Committee:*
  - Travel Request(s)*
    1. Recommend allocating up to \$910 (\$70/student x 13 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the **Sport Management Association** club to tour Mercedes-Benz Stadium and Sun Trust Park to learn about the sports industry in Atlanta, GA on April 10-15, 2019.
    2. Recommend allocating up to \$375 for non-food related travel expenses to the **Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)** to tour two PR based businesses (Beehive Strategic Communication and Mall of America PR team) in St. Paul and Bloomington, MN on April 26, 2019.
- **Officer Reports**

- **President Cronin**
  - a. Inauguration next Wednesday
  - b. Speaker Election
  - c. End of Year Banquet
  - d. Transition reports tips and tricks sheet
  - e. Students United Coordinator position application
  - f. Executive Session
- **Vice President Omar**
  - a. N/A
- **Speaker Zellmer**
  - a. Office Hours
  - b. Dean of the Day
  
- **Senator Reports**
  - Senator Newinski
    - Pre-Professional Advising Survey to be sent out
  - Senator Erickson
    - 96 courses offered in Textbook Reserve now
    - Increased checkout for books
  - Senator Chaity and Sagal
    - Discussing making bus/land-to-air to give rides to students after 9:00pm for those who get stuck.
    - Recharge Mankato: promotes rechargeable vehicles/electric cars. Help pollution problem. Survey announced.
  - Senator Garten
    - Looking for new chair for Maverick Adventures
    - Meetings at 11am in Student Government Office on Tuesdays
  - Senator Bejarano
    - Creating subsection for just graduating students/grad students during career fair
    - Graduate student support group every Thursday to help grad student's mental health
  - Senator Pospishil
    - Tailgating with alcohol
  - Senator Mitchell
    - Terrible recycling off-campus
    - Keeping recycling clean (too much trash mixed in recycling bins = all recycling is considered trash)
  - Senator Moy
    - Dental students can't find patients to work on to graduate.
  
- **Vacancies**
  - **College of Arts and Humanities Senator (Election 4/10/2019)**
  - **Residential Life Senator (Election 4/10/2019)**
  - **Off-Campus Senator**
  
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**

- **Motion 86.04.03.2019.01- Creation of the Student Basic Needs Committee – Moved by: Senator Landis, Second: President Cronin**

*Amendment to Article IV Standing Committees, paragraph 1:*

The Standing Committees of the ~~MSSA~~ **Student Government** shall be the... Athletics Fee Advisory Committee, ~~and~~ Campus Recreation Fee Advisory Committee, ~~and the Student Basic Needs Committee.~~

*Amend by addition the Constitutional Bylaws*

Article IV Standing Committees, New Section 15:

**Section 15: Student Basic Needs Committee**

The Student Basic Needs Committee shall be responsible for representing the interests of students experiencing difficulties meeting basic needs, such as food insecurity or housing instability.

**Subsection A:** The Student Basic Needs Committee shall possess the authority to develop recommendations concerning the availability and access to basic needs, such as nutrition and shelter, for students of Minnesota State University, Mankato. Specific committee activities may include, but not be limited to, identifying and promoting resources for students experiencing food insecurity or housing instability, conducting data collection surveys, and organizing opportunities for students to participate in solutions-oriented projects.

**Subsection B:** Membership of the committee shall be open to all students, staff, faculty, and community partners. Voting membership of the committee shall consist of 7 members, including:

- 1) Four (4) students appointed by the Student Government President, a minimum of two (2) of whom serve as Senators of the Student Government.
- 2) One (1) faculty member appointed by the Faculty Association Executive Committee.
- 3) One (1) employee appointed by the Student Affairs Vice President.
- 4) One (1) member, whether student, employee, or faculty, appointed by the Dean of Institutional Diversity.

The committee shall meet, at minimum, monthly at the call of its chair. The chairperson shall be elected by and from among the student appointees of the committee.

**Subsection C:** The Chair of the Student Basic Needs Committee (or an appropriate designee) will report as scheduled by the Speaker, to the Senate on committee actions and provide the Speaker with any meeting minutes.

**Vote: 20-0-0 Motion Passed.**

- **Announcements**
  - No Academic Affairs Meeting
  - Get your cords

- Maverick Day of Service April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Greek Week – Lip Sync tomorrow at 7pm
- Kato Ninja Warrior tomorrow at 7pm

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.