

84th MSSA Senate
April 19th, 2017
Minutes

- **Call to Order by 84th Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - Cristian Perez- SAC Guidelines Change
 - Handout - All changes in red.
 - MnSCU is now Minnesota State System
 - Change allocated model. Instead of \$50.00/person it will now be \$75.00/person for traveling.
 - Trying to put money back into the student's hands.
 - Taylor Heid - Bees
 - Update and motion
 - Subcommittee has formed under the Environmental Committee.
 - Plot of land to start, behind pay lot. Prairie landscape.
 - Spoke to Chandler Holland, he has no issues.
 - Asking for your support and consideration.
 - Daniel Gries - Bylaw Changes / Constitution Commission
 - Handout. Changes marked in red.
 - Appeal came in and we denied it.
 - Leanna - American Lund Association
 - Myths vs. Facts

- **Open Forum**
 - Paige and Emily
 - Extend an invitation.
 - Research on campus harassment.
 - Meeting with Diversity Committee tomorrow at 3pm in CSU 280.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Senator Kitamura

Recognized Student Organizations:

Student Allocations Committee:

1. Recommend allocating up to \$85 for non-food related travel expenses to **RANGE Geography Club** to assist 7 students travel to tour and expand their knowledge about various areas of cultural geographic history in St. Paul, MN on April 22, 2017.
2. Recommend allocating up to \$500 (*\$50/student x 10 students*) for non-food related travel expenses to the **Sport Management Association** to travel and tour US Bank Stadium and Target

Field in Minneapolis, MN on April 21, 2017. It was the consensus of the committee that that none of the approved SAF dollars may be used purchase tickets for the MN Twins Baseball game. SAC does not support the spending of student fee dollars for the purpose of attending an entertainment event.

3. Recommend allocating up to \$550 for non-food related travel expenses to MavHouse Records to assist 12 students travel to participate in a guided tour of Paisley Park recording and production facilities in Chanhassen, MN on April 28, 2017
4. Recommend allocating up to \$250 ($\$50/student \times 5\ students$) for non-food related travel expenses to the Alpha Sigma Alpha to travel to a leadership conference at their national headquarters in Kansas City, KS on July 21-23, 2017.

- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Rayani**
 - **Vice President Ruiz**
 - **Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Senator Reports**
 - Senator Bodnar
 - Senator B. Thao
 - Senator Lucier
 - Senator Dufresne
 - Senator Goode
 - Senator Smith
 - Senator Torgeson
 - Senator D'Silva
- **Vacancies**
- **New Business**

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by President Rayani

Second by Senator Bodnar

Whereas bee populations are declining at a rapid and concerning rate

Whereas bees are responsible for pollinating the majority of our food plants and facilitating native plant biodiversity

Whereas MNSU, Mankato is a Minnesota State flagship institute and should be on the forefront of all global issues

Be it resolved the Minnesota State Student Association advocates for and supports that MNSU, Mankato become a Bee friendly campus

Be it further resolved the Minnesota State Student Association encourages University President Richard Davenport to sign the bee City USA Application

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Senator Ben Thao

Second by Senator Cremers

Recommend adopting all revised text noted in “red” to add clarification to the current SAC guidelines;

Ø Be it further recommended to continue the current program funding available to eligible RSOs of up to \$500 per fiscal year;

Ø Be it further recommended to increase the current travel funding available to eligible RSOs from \$50 to \$70 per student, with a maximum \$1,400 per fiscal year;

Ø Be it further recommended that the revisions become effective 7/1/17.

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by Senator Royce

Second by VP Ruiz

Whereas Minnesota State University prides itself on diversity and inclusivity for all students.

Whereas other universities have already made the transition to using the term "Homecoming Royals."

Whereas the Homecoming Committee has approved the transition.

Be it resolved, the 84th Minnesota State Student Association publicly support the decision made by the Homecoming Committee to transition from "Homecoming King and Queen" to "Homecoming Royals."

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Moved by Senator Lucier

Second by VP Ruiz

Move to amend the bylaws by substitution.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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Moved by Senator Goode

Second by Senator Isnig

Whereas: Committee Chairs do detailed work throughout the year with their committee to carry out the committees purpose to better serve the MNSU students without previous notes of what has been done and should be continued to be worked on. Committee Chairs are given the position with some knowledge stated in the Constitution and Bi-Laws that could be further outlined by previous Committee Chairs.

Be it resolved: Committee Chairs are encouraged to create and maintain portfolio that is to be kept in the MSSA Office that outlines Chair duties, what the committee has worked on and what they would like to see continued, and other information deemed necessary by the committee chair. The portfolio is encouraged to be updated towards the end of every term to promote further committee success

PR Position Bylaw changes added.

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by Senator Goode

Second by Senator Ben Thao

Whereas: The process of complaint and hearing to the Ethics and Standards Commission should be made more efficient.

Whereas: Article I Section 6 currently reads: "If a Senator, Coordinator, Specialist, Committee Appointee, the Speaker, the Vice President or the President are in violation of the requirements set forth by this article and all related governing documents, a complaint may be lodged against that elected or appointed official with the Commission on Ethics and Standards, as outlined in Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution".

Be it resolved: Following to Article I Section 6 of the Bi-Laws should read as follows: "Failure to meet the requirements stated in Article 1 Section 1-5 and its Subsections will result in a de facto complaint to Ethics and Standards".

Be it further resolved: The MSSA Speaker and Secretary are to give a copy of the meeting minutes and attendance record from every meeting within two weeks from that meeting to the Ethics and Standards Committee Chair to make sure that this amendment is carried out.

MOTION PASSES.

- **Announcements**
- **Roll Call**
- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.