

**86th MSSA Senate
April 25, 2018
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 85th President Abdul-Aziz**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
- **Open Forum**
 - Alex Lucier– Graduate Student
 - ADA Advisory Committee
 - Internal/External Review
 - Hiring Staff Member
 - John Bulcock – Assistant Director Student Activities
 - Welcome
 - Legacy – keep in mind
 - I’m a resource along with Amber Enz
 - Gabe Hewitt
 - Reporter Editor in Chief
 - David Bassey will be the new Editor in Chief next year
 - Joan Roca – Dean of Library
 - Retiring after 35 years
 - Congratulations. Be open and think of students that come after you
 - Admin is very open and willing to meet with you
 - David Jones
 - Congratulations 86th
 - Athletic Taskforce – Recreational Sports Club
 - Wrapping up into Fall
 - Recommendations from students/faculty and staff
 - Abdul-Aziz
 - Dean of the Day – Matt Cecil
 - Officers not sworn in will now be sworn in - Kole K.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Student Allocations Committee:

- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Cronin**
 - a. Congratulations 86th! Thanks for coming today.
 - b. No meeting until next year. Wednesday from 4-6 Mandatory.
 - c. Academic/Student Affairs will meet at 5:30 Wednesdays

- d. Senators – Mandatory that you are on 2 committees. Email me with the top 3 choices.
- e. Office Hours- 1x/week
- f. Summer Orientation
- g. Student Government Retreat – August 21-22. Camp Patterson. 1:30pm on 21st until 1pm on the 22nd.
- o **Vice President Ogunfolami**
 - a. Excited to work with you this upcoming year.
- o **Speaker**
 - a. N/A

- **Senator Reports**

- **Vacancies**

Speaker Vacancy Election (4/25/2018)

Gracie Smith, Andrew Trenne & Nathaniel Pesklo

Questions:

Ogunfolami: What is something that lead you to want to be Speaker?

Nathaniel Pesklo: Past Semesters, watching.

Andrew Trenne: Seeing everyone's face around the table. Meeting efficiency.

Gracie Smith: Midwest Business Chair, past experiences.

Robuck: What's your time commitment next year?

Smith: I am committed. Will be on campus a lot. Residence Halls.

Trenne: RHA President and team member.

Pesklo: Intern @ Lincoln. Am in the office 15-20 per week already.

Cronk: Name one major strength and one weakness.

Pesklo: Strength is patience and weakness is overbooking and hard time saying no.

Trenne: Strength is being observant and neutral and weakness is being too involved with committees.

Smith: Strength is empathy, to ask questions and see all sides and weakness is putting myself first & self-care.

Goode: 85th Motion on dress code. Thoughts?

Smith: Should be maintained.

Trenne: I would wait, get to know the body and get your opinions.

Pesklo: Vote in favor. Appropriate and presentable.

President Cronin: What have you done to prepare for this role?

Pesklo: Contacted previous speaker Nolan. Met with Ashley Strom. Reviewing Roberts Rules.

Trenne: Dusted off Roberts Rules, Constitution Bylaws, meeting you all and met with Nolan.

Smith: Contacted previous 3 speakers. Have done Regional Students United.

Imtiaz: How would you stay involved if not elected?

Pesklo: CSU Board, AA Committee, Senator, other initiatives.

Trenne: RHA President, Parking Committee.

Smith: Other options to stay involved, committees & campus involvement.

Hoiseth: Can you remain neutral and unbiased?

Smith: Serving in a role I have learned what it takes.

Trenne: Watch discussion, not say much since I would have a nonpartisan role.

Pesklo: Self regulate.

Witte: Communication skills, reachable?

Pesklo: Time coordinating events. Office hours, email, phone, and with Amber

Trenne: Facebook, email, text, office hours.

Smith: Timely communication every day in a timely manner.

Landis: Do you personally see any weaknesses in Robert Rules? If so, how to combat them?

Smith: Not knowing it. Practicing them, teaching them.

Trenne: It's another language. More about teaching.

Pesklo: Adaptable. Implement in rigid manner.

Closing Statements

Discussion on Candidates

Robuck: All 3 are very qualified. Gracie stood out. Experience, chairing meetings, teaching us rules.

Christensen: All 3 are wonderful. I've worked with Nathan but I think he would be far more effective in serving his college. Andrew knows Roberts Rules the best. Gracie was good and knew what to say.

Ramsey: Good qualifications. Parliamentary Procedure. I've known Nathan for many years.

Approachable and unbiased.

Akintan: Great candidates. Nathan and Gracie stood out, judging by the answers.

Cronin: Impressed with Gracie's experience. Leadership, teaching and running meetings.

Landis: Andrew sat down to learn Roberts Rules. Strong candidates.

Ogunfolami: Gracie and Nathan stood out. Andrews's answers were very similar.

Hoiseth: I'm nervous with Andrew – it's like he is holding a grudge with the name Student Government.

Gracie cleared her schedule for this. She would be the best.

Cronk: 3 strong candidates. Gracie already considered being speaker in past years and wanted to wait until she was truly ready.

Cronin: Gracie took next year's initiatives seriously.

VOTE: No Election

Akintan: Personally Nathan really stands out. Dedicates a lot of time. But I'm leaning more towards Gracie.

Christensen: Nathan will be great as either position. Will get my vote.

Ramsey: Doesn't have to stop doing what he wants. Could do both and be great.

Hoiseth: Will lose Gracie and her knowledge.

Robuck: Both would be great. I want someone who can teach me. Experiences. Gracie has that.

Erickson: They can still do committees.

2nd round of VOTING: No Election

Cronin: Diverse experience, Resume is huge, Chairs meetings. Reduced limits because she realized what senate is. Experience in Senate and outside of senate. I'm looking for most experienced.

Ramsey: Nate has experience too. Wants to do his best. Dedicated and not less experiences than Gracie.

Thompson: Shouldn't put so many points on experience. They will learn the role.

Cronk: I do know Gracie outside of Senate. Building relationships within Senate. Nate has already done that.

Robuck: Experience – this position needs it at this level.

Cronin: Gracie has goals – knows what she wants to do. Talked with 3 past senators.

Thompson: They both have goals and experience.

Erickson: Nathan is over top – how many hours he would spend in the office.

Ramsey: Nate is very easy to contact.

Witte: Both are perfect. I have worked with Gracie and she is hard to get ahold of.

Robuck: Gracie already has to do a 24 hour response time. If we vote Gracie, we still get to have both of them.

Landis: Given their answers, Nathan is feelings and Gracie is by the book, polished and prepared.

3rd round of VOTING:

Nathaniel Pesklo elected and sworn in.

Resignation as SBS Senator.

- **New Business**
Social and Behavioral Sciences Senator vacancy
- **Old Business**
- **Announcements**
 - Maverick Adventures Committee – Rental Service, Classes and Certificates.
 - SBS Senator vacancy
 - Mark Constantine: CSU is your home away from home. Join the Student Union Board.
Late Night Breakfast Monday 10pm. Finals week events.
 - John Bulcock: Coordinator Positions. Public Relations will work for summer.
 - President Cronin: Student Government, enact change.
- **Roll Call**
- **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.