

84th MSSA Senate
April 26th, 2017
Minutes

- **Call to Order by 84th Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
- **Open Forum**
 - David Jones – Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
 - It's been a crazy couple of weeks. Just wanted to say congrats.
 - Talk of new athletic facility, wanting the support of the next senate.
- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Minutes

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Student Allocations Committee:

- Recommend allocating up to \$1,000 for non-food related travel expense to the **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)** club to assist 22 students travel to the annual Midwest Regional Concrete Canoe Competition hosted by the ASCE at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville on April 28-29, 2017.
- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Rayani**
 - **Vice President Ruiz**
 - **Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Senator Reports**
 - Senator Bodnar
 - Senator Podorova
 - Senator Martin
 - Senator Hassan
 - Senator Hamsa
- **Vacancies**
- **Old Business**

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Moved by Senator Lucier

Second by Senator Podorova

Move to amend the bylaws by substitution.

MOTION PASSES.

- **New Business**

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Moved by VP Ruiz

Second by Senator Cremers

Whereas:

Shengyeng Emily Lee has been the MSSA student worker for the last past three years. Shengyeng Emily Lee has been deeply involved in student government and the work behind the scenes. Through her involvement she has greatly contributed to the success of MSSA. Shengyeng Emily Lee's professionalism embodies MSSA mission and her hard work is a prime example of her dedication and commitment to MSSA.

Be resolved:

Shengyeng Emily Lee will be receive the MSSA distinguished service graduation cords.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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Moved by President Rayani

Second by VP Ruiz

Established in 1967, Students United is an independent, non-profit organization funded and operated by students. Students United serves over 70,000 students attending Minnesota's seven state universities: Bemidji, Mankato, Metropolitan (St. Paul/Minneapolis), Moorhead, St. Cloud, Southwest (Marshall) and Winona. Students United has been a strong voice for state university students on the campus, system, state and federal levels for over 40 years. Recognized by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees as the sole representative of state university students in Minnesota, and work on a variety of issues at several levels

Whereas: Students United holds state-wide Delegates Assemblies, student advocacy day at the capitol and in DC in which students take exciting and bold action to prioritize higher education

Whereas: Student leaders in student government represent the interests of students as well as representing MNSU, Mankato as a whole.

Whereas: Student Government affects system-wide change and is written into legislation as well as Minnesota State System policies and guidelines.

Whereas: Students have presented concerns regarding missing classes

Be Resolved:

MSSA calls for a review of the "Missed Classes for University Sponsored or Sanctioned Activities and Makeup Work Policy"

(<http://www.mnsu.edu/atoz/policies/misshedclassesandmakeupwork.pdf>)

Be further resolved: MSSA is in favor of adding "Minnesota State Student Association" to this policy as an extracurricular activity that foster and enriches their college career

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MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by President Rayani

Second by Senator Isnigi

Whereas Minnesota State University, Mankato students have expressed a high interest in bicycling and a bicycle friendly university

Be it resolved the MSSA is in full support of fulfilling any possible requirements for Minnesota State University, Mankato to become a bike friendly university as outlined by the League of American Bicyclists and their application for a "Bike Friendly University"

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by President Rayani

Second by VP Ruiz

Be resolved:

Zachary Orum will be receive the MSSA distinguished service graduation cords.

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by President Rayani

Second by VP Ruiz

Whereas: There has been a significant increase in student needs for recreational and athletic facilities.

Whereas: The necessities presented by students demand for a larger space than Otto Recreation that better serves and accommodates the Fitness Classes, Club Sports, Intramural Sports, Fitness, Outdoor Adventures, Athletic practices, Special Events, and Personal Fitness.

Whereas: Such a facility should be first and foremost for the use of all MNSU, Mankato students.

Be Resolved: The MSSA is in support of exploring and planning for the creation of a new indoor permanent athletic facility to meet all student recreational, fitness and athletic needs first and foremost.

Be it further resolved: The executive leadership will draft and send a letter to President Davenport in support of exploring the concept of including a new Athletic Facility mentioned above on the University Master Plan in conjunction with MSSA.

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by President Rayani

Second by VP Ruiz

Whereas:

"The mission of Minnesota State Mankato is to promote learning and scholarship and to further the educational development of each of its students. Some students will elect to enrich their classroom experience through their participation in a variety of extracurricular and/or co-curricular university sponsored or –sanctioned events and activities, including but not limited, to the arts, theater, music, dance, forensics, and intercollegiate athletics. In many cases there is significant competition amongst universities to attract such talent-based student leaders to individual campuses, and oftentimes universities will invest scholarship dollars and staff training and teaching time in the recruitment and further development of these talents. By these actions, it is clear that the university values and recognizes the important role of these extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities"

Whereas:

"These students recognize their own responsibilities to balance the demands of their participation in these extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities with the academic obligations they assume when they enter an institution of higher learning. At the same time, the university must acknowledge a similar level of responsibility in assuring that these students are fairly recognized for their election to enrich their classroom experience through their participation in a variety of extracurricular such as being a member of the Minnesota State Student Association"

Be it resolved:

The Minnesota State Student Association urges administration support the initiative that will allow the registrar office to add the MSSA student leadership experience to the official student transcript

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by Senator Isniqui 2nd by Senator Hassan

Whereas: Senators need to be encouraged and reminded to present themselves in a professional manner.

Whereas: The College of Business Senator Martin is a prime example of presenting themselves in a professional manner.

Be it resolved: The MSSA works with Senator Martin to create a "Break in case of emergency" case with a professional office attire to be placed in the MSSA office.

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by President Rayani 2nd by Senator Dufresne

Whereas: Vice President Ruiz is the most thankful individual ever to enter the MSSA office.

Whereas: Her spirit and humility is crucial for excellent leadership.

Be it resolved: There will be a Maria Ruiz endowment courtesy which contains Thank You cards and will be placed on the bookshelf in the MSSA Conference Room for anyone needing a thank you card.

Be it further resolved: Frederick de Ruitter will contribute any necessary funds to make this happen.

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by President Rayani 2nd by VP Ruiz

Whereas: Speaker de Ruitter has served on Senate for 4 years.

Whereas: Speaker de Ruitter has valiantly defended the free lot on the Parking Advisory Committee for all 4 years.

Be it resolved: The MSSA Student Attorney Spot be name the Frederick de Ruitter MSSA Attorney Parking Spot in honor of his tenure at MSSA and serving all students.

MOTION PASSES.

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Moved by VP Ruiz 2nd by B. Thao

Whereas: President Rayani has been a source of inspiration for many to join leadership positions.

Be it resolved: There will be a "Tell me your dreams" case in the MSSA office.

MOTION PASSES.

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

The last 84th Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.