

78th MSSA Senate
September 1, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy)

Jennifer Dooley 2-1-0, Nikki Sabby 3-0-0, Chris Mangione 3-0-0, Brandon Quam 2-1-0, Dan Kromer 3-0-0, Amin Mohamed 1-2-0, Nathan Gustafson 3-0-0, Samuel Adams 2-1-0, Cody Ingthron 2-0-1, Sarah Koenen 3-0-0, Lani Petrulo 3-0-0, Zachary Lincoln 2-1-0, Braeden Hogie 2-1-0, Cody Buechner 2-0-1, Micheal Do 3-0-0, Benjamin Guthmiller 3-0-0, Lela Magxaka 2-1-0, Nansy Pradhan 2-1-0, Robbie Sitka 0-3-0, Matt Skluzacek 2-0-1, President Williams 3-0-0, Vice President Anderson 3-0-0

Open Forum

Christine Connolly-Director Health Services

Thank student senate. Resigned position to move to New York. In the past 10 years we have had a very good relationship and appreciate working with all of you.

IMPACT-Fall Fire Dance on the PA Lawn-Sept. 15, 8:00 PM. Family Weekend, last week in Sept. Homecoming Oct 4-9, theme-Stomper Conquers the World

Zachary Lincoln-Unclassified Senator, advisor wanted me to help with a panel working on importance of general education courses and on critical thinking and communication courses developed in those courses. Please send questions regarding general education courses to be used to Zachary.lincoln@mnsu.edu

Approval of Consent Agenda

Recognized Student Organizations

Psychology Graduate Student Association, Business Club, NeStCom, College of Rivenwood Tower, Mankato Area Activist Collective, Residence Hall Association, Gamma Phi Beta, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Korean Student Association, Mankato Ski and Snowboard Club, Scandinavian Club, Alpha Phi Sigma, Phi Sigma Pi, American Chemical Society, Student Affiliates Chapter, Speech/Debate Team, Pan African Student Organization, Chi Alpha, Film Society, Maverick Flight Team, Management Club, Students for Alcohol and Drug Education (S.A.D.E.), Students of Urban and Regional Studies Institute, Student Nurses Association, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Vietnamese American Student Association, Sigma Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha, International Business Organization, Food and Nutrition Club, Maverick Comedy Club, Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, Interfraternity Council, Order of Omega, Women's Rugby, College Republicans, ROTC RSO, MENC- Mankato Chapter, Athletic Training Student Association, Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society- Eta Alpha Chapter, Gender & Women's Studies Club, Delta Sigma Pi, Sport Management Club, Campus Atheists and Agnostics, Alpine Ski Team, Get Up MN – Mankato, Men's Lacrosse, Circle K International, Students For Sustainability, Art History Round Table, BANGLADESH STUDENT ORGANIZATION, American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Minority Nursing Students Organization, World Language Organization, Panhellenic Council

Appointments

SAC Mumeeb Rasool, Kaitlyn Feind, Moriah Mills, George Dallman, Lela Magxaka, Salman Hakim

Student Union Board Reece Bonneville, George Dallman, Nikki Sabby, Salman Hakim,

Diversity Cristina Hracovschi, Nansy Pradhan, Lela Magxaka, Zachary Lincoln,

Public Affairs Cristina Hracovschi, Kaitlyn Feind, Matt Lexcen, Zachary Lincoln,

Newspaper Board Dannie Higginbotham, Micheal Do

Officer Reports

President Williams

First and foremost-tonight, senator appreciation at 6:00 tonight.

I met with Doug Mayo and owner of JEI Energy Solutions that is the company we were going to for the in kind we discussed last week. They would not be able to do an in kind of the nature we are looking at but there is one that he just got a permit for to design and manufacture within Minnesota. It is a 3 kilowatt residential. He could donate one if not multiple turbines. This is another avenue to explore. He could do multiple sites and multiple installations. They generate enough power to charge a vehicle. They can be placed in smaller corridors and they take less wind to actually turn. It could be another option for us to look at if the larger one is an avenue we do not want.

Amnesty Policy and Alcohol Sanction-with the university work on awareness and students being more responsible we only had 39 of the over 100 arrests during Welcome Week. Alcohol is community problem and not just settled around this campus. The community needs to work with everyone to combat high risk drinking.

Amnesty policy-Draft one has been completed. It is a base outline of what the university wants to see. We will be working on this in Student Affairs and with Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities Mary Dowd.

Senator Adams-The multiple wind turbines that generate a small amount of electricity, would that be around campus and not just in the Student Union?

President Williams-Yes, it could be multiple sites. He could donate and we would pay for installation.

Vice President Anderson

Hertz was on campus yesterday at the Community Fair. They said they had a lot of questions regarding websites, pre-enrollment. We won't be able to register students until the cars are here on Oct. 4. The Marketing Club will be able to help us.

The Task Force we created last week will be important so if you are interested please get to me.

The alcohol numbers were exactly what we wanted the community to see. The high risk portion is not nearly as much as it used to be. This pushes us toward our goal. The Free Press and City Council have given us good reports and they were glad that the perception is being changed.

Facebook-please join.

Last night we are at Night to Unite, we started out at Highland Park where we met neighbors from the Highland Park Association. I told him about the task force that we created and that we were looking at getting a student on the neighborhood associations, maybe a new coordinator position. I then talked to city councilman Mike Laven. This led to possibly getting an ex-officio on city council. In the next couple weeks we will draft a proposal on what we look to gain from that relationship with the city and how we work it into both our structure and their structure. The city administrator seemed very open to the idea. The university administration has a good relationship with the city, we have a great relationship with the university. The students are just kind of missing that third leg where we have a good relationship with the city. Lincoln Park was very receptive to having formal representation from this body at neighborhood associations. Finally I met with the deputy commander from the police department about Welcome Week and Homecoming and the alcohol amnesty policy. Hopefully, we can start talking about that with the city.

Senator Adams-Ex-Officio member of City Council, would they have voting power?

Vice President Anderson-No voting but being at the table together discussing topics.

Senator Mangione-With elections coming up are we looking at having that seat to be elected for?

Vice President Anderson-We would leave the option for the seat open to the President or his designee. Or the other possibility would be a new coordinator position as a community relations position. It would be a lot for the President taking classes and then the city council and the issues affecting students.

Senator Petrulo-Is there a deadline for when they want to get the Amnesty Policy completed?

Vice President Anderson-University policies usually come to a head in March or April. The city policy is so far in its infancy that I don't know what to tell you. My priority would be to get a spot on the council first and then work on the amnesty policy, there are legal issues such as court and fines etc. On the university level it is easier to write the policy then to actually carry it out.

Speaker Schmidt

Minutes will be available Monday afternoon for you to review.

Senator Reports

Allied Health & Nursing-Jennifer Dooley

Interviewed: Christina Miller

Position: Speaker Chair on IMPACT

Information

- I) 9 Elected positions on impact
 - a. President, 2PR, special events/homecoming, concert company chair, Stomper Cinema, Mavs after dark, business manager, and speaker chair

- II) Speaker chair tasks
 - a. Bring speakers to campus
 - b. One speaker a month (at least)
 - c. Fall schedule is already set up
 - i. Welcome Week= hypnotist
 - ii. Homecoming= Comedian
 - iii. Family Weekend= Magician
 - d. Spring is wide open
 - i. In March they are going to bring slam poets

- III) Upcoming events
 - a. October- National Colligate Alcohol Awareness Week- Collaboration with the Greeks and RHA- bring a comedian to talk about high risk drinking
 - b. November they are looking to collaborate with Veteran affairs for a speaker

- IV) Other Information
 - a. They get their budget from the student activity fee
 - b. Business manager sets the budget with the help of Bonnie
 - c. Laurie Woodward is giving the speaker \$1000 dollars a month to start bringing a comedian every month
 - d. Get a lot of information from NACA (Conference for campus programming chairs)
 - e. Currently no advisor

College of Education-Dan Kromer

This week my assignment was to meet with my Dean. I was pretty excited for that to be my first report because the College of Education has a new dean after the departure of Dr. Michael Miller. The interim dean for the year will be Dr. Jean Haar, who is moving up from the chair position for the Department of Educational Leadership. The only problem is that currently she is in China working on the partnership with the Chinese government and our Aviation Department to get funding and more students into the program which avoided being cut last year.

When I do finally get to meet with Dr. Haar I hope to hear about that trip and how it went as well as discuss some road blocks we've run into with the SCOT program in the College of Education. Other things I hope to cover this year are the changes happening throughout the Elementary Education and KSP curriculum due to the Bush Grant that the College has received.

Senator Gustafson-What is the SCOT program?

Vice President Anderson-The program takes students not part of the program and they go into the class and take notes on the instructor and then talk to the students about what helps them in the class or what hinders them. Feedback is given to the instructor.

Science, Engineering & Tech-Sarah Koenen

Last Thursday we had our CSET reception. I emailed almost all the RSO's in the major. I met with the IEEE Club and I am working on the Math League and more. I am excited about working on the Advising Task Force that will be starting up soon.

Off-Campus-Cody Buechner

For this report, I was able to choose what I wanted to speak about, and so I have. First of all, I have decided that I would like to run for a vacant Academic Senator position, so I decided to get a jump start on what it would be like to represent that particular college. I met with my advisor and discussed different ways to connect with the various departments within my college. I left with some good ideas, most notably a listing of the clubs for each department. On top of that, I sat down with an off-campus student who approached me with the idea of implementing a 9-hole Frisbee golf course somewhere on campus ground. We discussed what procedures we could take in order to accomplish a proposal for such

an idea (i.e. what data would need to be collected, a petition idea, who in the University could help start the process). We left on a good note, each being delegated a task to accomplish by our next meeting.

Announcements

President Williams-Look at the committee lists so you can be on top of the ones you are appointed to. Make sure you are doing your diligent work as a student representative on those.

Senator Kromer-Academic Affairs will meet Friday in the office at 1:00.

President Williams-Director of Campus Recreation, Todd Pfingsten will meet with us next week and give us a tour of the new Campus Recreation fields.

Senator Gustafson-Chronicle of Higher Education-New series on quality, it will be interesting to see what we go for in quality in the next few years. There cases on quality are interesting.

President Williams-Student Affairs senators try to meet with me in the next week or so on what you are expecting and what you hope to accomplish.

Roll Call

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Senators Absent

Amin Abdul-Mohomed

Executive Staff Present

President Williams, Vice President Anderson

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM