

**85th MSSA Senate
September 6th, 2017
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 85th Speaker Brinkman**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - Leadership U Student Board
 - Relationship, Skills, Leadership building.
 - Activities and seminars.
 - If you know anyone who is interested in fostering their leadership skills, send them our way.
- **Open Forum**
 - Mark Johnson – VP for Information Technology
 - What’s happening with Technology?
 - Summer Projects.

 - David Jones
 - DACA
 - President Davenport is taking this very seriously.
 - Main question is how many students/staff on campus does this affect? We do not track that on campus here.
 - Looking at national petition’s that are out there and Davenport is considering signing.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda – Amended and Approved**

Appointments:

Environmental Committee: Sarah Hast & Shayli Kalmon

Legislative Affairs Coordinator: Welbec (Bill) Hamm

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

African Student Association, Asian Pacific Student Organization, Athletic Training Student Association, Badminton Club, Bangladesh Student Organization, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Black Student Union, Chicano Latin-American Student Association Club Baseball, Construction Management Student Association, Cru, Delta Sigma Pi Encounter MSU, Ethiopian Student Association at MNSU, Habitat for Humanity at MSU, History Club, Information Security Student Organization, International Business Organization, Lighthouse Chapel International – Mankato, Love Your Melon, Mankato Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Club, Maranatha Christian Fellowship, Mens Rugby Football Club, MNSU Finance Club, Mudworks, National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, Native American Student Association, The Navigators, Okinawan Karate and Kobudo Club, Pakistan Student Association, Panhellenic Council, Phi Delta Theta, Residence Hall Association, Saudi Student Association, Sigma Chi, Society for the Appreciation of Japanese Animation and Culture, St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center,

Student Dance Coalition, Student Nurses Association, Students Today, Leaders Forever, Table Tennis Club, United Nations/International Relations Club, Women's Rugby, Works On Paper

Student Allocations Committee:

- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Abdul-Aziz**
 - a. Town Hall Tuesday is back again next Tuesday. Promo items/planners, etc.
 - b. Students United will be having their retreat this weekend. Heart of the Leader training.
 - c. Meet and Confer is tomorrow in CSU 203 rom 9-10am.
 - d. RSO Structure
 - **Vice President Cremers**
 - a. Kylie from Student Events team reached out to us and asked if anyone wants to be Homecoming Judges for Homecoming Royalty. Talk to us if interested.
 - b. Mankato Pride is happening this Saturday. If easily identified, will count as office hours.
 - **Speaker Brinkman**
 - a. Make sure you are all getting ready to submit your senator reports. You have to do two reports per semester. Tuesday before 10am is the deadline for the agenda.
 - b. Office Hours: Going out in the community and showing support and that MSSA exists.

- **Senator Reports**
- **Vacancies**
- **Graduate Senator Elections**

Opening Statements:

Laurie Hiebert: Undergrad at MSU in Mass Media. Graduated in December 2016 and back for my graduate career. RHA, Handball Team. Been in and out for four years. I still live in town and still have two years left.

Alex Lucier: 2nd year graduate student. CSP, served as off campus senator also. Undergraduate degree from MSU.

Questions:

Why do you want this position?

Lucier: Last year I got a lot of work done as the Graduate Senator and want to finish that. I passed a motion to start an Ad-Hoc Committee for the graduate welfare and health program which I want to work on.

Hiebert: I'm running for this position not only to increase my student involvement but to bring fresh ideas to the 85th. Was involved in a lot of RHA programs.

Are you aware of the time commitment?

Hiebert: Yes, I am aware of the time commitment, but do have flexible time.

Lucier: As having served this seat last year, I am aware of the time commitment. I have fewer outside commitments this year.

How would this position help you utilize your greatest strength and prove your greatest weakness?

Lucier: I would say my greatest strength is my determination. When I want to get something done, I work really hard to get it done no matter how long it takes me. My weakness is that I tend to be very critical of myself.

Hiebert: My greatest strength is the ability to think quickly on my feet and be creative. My weakness is to stand in front of a group of people and share my ideas sometimes. It helps me break out of my comfort zone.

How do you plan to reach out to your constituencies?

Hiebert: Graduate Students on campus tend to have good relationships within the departments and this is a good way to contact our departments.

Lucier: I am the VP on Graduation Coalition and part of that is to bring together the Graduate Students.

Closing Statements:

Lucier: Thank you all for listening. I hope the things I mentioned sound like what you want for a senator.

Hiebert: Thank you everybody for your time. I look forward to working with MSSA either as a Senator or just a graduate student here on campus.

Discussion:

Both are great with hard work. We should postpone this election and give them more time to prepare. Based on qualifications, I do think we could vote.

They need to be able to meet with their constituencies once they know they are in the Senate they can finalize what their goals are. Based on specifics, I liked how Alex already had those connections.

Candidate Hiebert mentioned she wanted to promote events for us, I think she could serve well on the PR Committee.

I feel like there is some dissatisfaction with some of their goals. Could we bring them back in and tell them we didn't like their answers or need more?

Brinkman: That might be insulting to them if we do that, so no. Remember for voting, you can always abstain from voting.

I think we are focusing on the dissatisfaction a little too much.

Alex is experienced and has certain connections already. I would prefer Alex right now.

We are kind of going in circles now. Ability to learn and push themselves.

Do what you think is right.

Call to question.

Motion to postpone until next week.

Vega: We are in a difficult position right now as Senators. We have to do what is best. Candidates did not come prepared based on their answers.

Cremers: I just want the vacancy filled so we can have a full senate functioning body. You feel like they haven't answered to your satisfaction but I feel we have enough information besides the goals questions that we can go off of that.

Voting to table election until next week. Motion fails.

VOTING FOR ELECTION:

Laurie Hiebert elected and sworn in.

- **New Business**
- **Old Business**
- **Announcements**
 - Maverick Adventures Ad-Hoc Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 10:30 am in MSSA Office.

- John Bulcock: MSSA sponsored GAME DAY t-shirts. We will provide each senator a shirt. Distribute them at the first football game. You may see a request to help. Website livekato.com. Sign up for City Emergency Alert.
- Mark Constantine: Work with SAC and CSU Board...encourage and students who want to get involved as we are still a little short. SAC meetings Thursdays 1-2pm.
- Dean Joan Roca: Dean of Library. Look forward to working with you.
- Senator Witte: RHA General Assembly meeting is Monday.
- **Roll Call**
- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.