

**85th MSSA Senate
September 20th, 2017
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 85th Speaker Brinkman**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
 - Henry Morris – Dean of Institutional Diversity
 - Climate Study Survey
 - How people feel about the University
 - 121 page document available to read online at www.mnsu.edu/cultdiv.
 - Results will be released in the next week. Diversity Plan will be written out for the next 3 years from what we learned from this survey.
 - Success Gap
 - Student retention and success. Growing diverse student population.
 - Looking at moving dollars from recruitment base to retention base.
- **Open Forum**
 - David Jones
 - Invitation to partner to discuss/plan in regards to the Maverick Adventures and Athletics Facility.
 - What are the campus/student/community needs?
 - Form a committee to work together with Administrators. Will set up regular meetings throughout fall semester.
 - Anna Sutherland
 - Pocket Points – Free Student App for Android/Apple.
 - Earn points and receive incentives to stay off your phone in class.
 - Coupons/discounts throughout town.
 - Kellian Clink
 - Capstone and the Understanding.
 - Send Graduate students my way for a study.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda - Approved**

Appointments:

Academic Affairs: Keaton Collas

Policy Consultation and Approval Committee: Kole Kleinschmidt

CSU Board: Sam Hovick

Parking Citation Appeals Board: Abigail Nelson

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Cynthia Callais

Recognized Student Organizations:

Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, Chinese American Student Organization, Corrections Club, Cultural Understanding, Learning and Teaching, Dagorhir Battle Games Mankato, Ducks Unlimited, Entrepreneurship Club, Fashion & Commercial Photography Club, Fraternal Values Society, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Geotechnical Engineering Club, Greater Mankato Young Life, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Korean Student Association, Latino Students' Wellness Programs, Lutheran Campus Ministry- The Crossroads, Mankato Cricket Club, Mavs of Action Committee- GWS, Men's Club Hockey, Men's Lacrosse, MNSU Law Enforcement Club, MSU Drag Race Team, National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), Order of Omega, Oromia Student Union, Phi Upsilon Omicron, Pre-Medical Club, Public Relationship Student Society of America, Society of Women Engineers, Spanish Club, Sport & Exercise Psychology, Student Art League, Student Dietetic and Nutrition Organization, Students for Alcohol and Drug Education, Teachers of Tomorrow, Vietnamese American Student Association, World Language Organization

Student Allocations Committee:

- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Abdul-Aziz**
 - a. Commencement Meeting. Was able to see what happens behind the scenes.
 - b. IT Solutions Meeting. Upgrade to MAV class. Pulse App would be a one stop shop for everything. Integrate all into one.
 - c. Students United Board Meeting Saturday. Text Affordability Plan, carbon commitment.
 - **Vice President Cremers**
 - a. Met with Foundation Director Kent Stanley. Separate entity than the University. Was able to learn how they fundraise and how money goes towards students.
 - **Speaker Brinkman**
 - a. NA

- **Senator Reports**
 - Senator Warner
 - Dishing with the Dean
 - Connecting students with the Dean of the College of Education.
 - Will have food. Two meetings per semester.
 - October 12 at 6:00pm. Location is TBD.
 - Building Professional Experiences and Diversity in the Classroom.

- **Vacancies**
- **New Business**

Motion 85.09.20.01

Moved by Senator Warner

2nd by: Senator Imtiaz

WHEREAS: The intramural softball field #4 does not receive significant use from the student of MNSU

WHEREAS: There is an increased demand for recreational open-field space

BE IT RESOLVED: The MSSA support the suggestion that the intramural softball field #4 be transformed into a recreational open-field space.

Warner: Yield to Todd.

Todd Pfingsten: \$30/semester to buy down construction costs/bonds. Students need more field space. We identified an under-utilized baseball field #4. Student fees will not increase to do this.

VOTE: MOTION PASSES.

Motion 85.09.20.02

Office Hour Transparency Motion Moved by: Senator Goode 2nd by: Senator Cronin

WHEREAS: Senators should be more transparent when pertaining to office hours. Students should be aware of at least one (1) consistent weekly in office hour to meet with Senators.

BE IT RESOLVED: Motion serves as an amendment to Article I Section 3 of the Bi-Laws. After the existing text shall read as follows: The President, Vice President, Speaker, and Senators will notify the Speaker and/or recording Secretary of one consistent weekly in office hour at the beginning of each semester to be posted by the MSSA office door and other public communications as deemed necessary by the Speaker and/or recording Secretary.

Goode: This motion has been given to me by someone in the past Senate. Transparency is what we strive for and freedom and encouraging you to go into the office. This will not be mandatory.

Cronin: Great opportunity for you and students.

Abdul: I would like to change recording secretary to Office Manager.

Isniqu: It will be mandatory if it is a part of the bylaws.

Johnson: If you are working on your 3 office hours and cannot hit your posted one hour, will you be reprimanded?

Goode: Yes. The one hour will be a part of your 3 hours.

Imtiaz: Does it have to be in shifts?

Goode: No. more than one can there at a time. Let your constituencies know.

Cremers: I do not see a problem with this motion.

Cronin: We would have it publicly posted; calendar on office window, social media, etc.

Beltran: What if we can't find a constant hour?

Cronin: The MSSA office is open 40 hours/week. I think we can all find one hour of time.

Hickey: We are all busy, but this is important as we represent all students.

Johnson: Options that office hours count if you are not in the office. Non-office hours.

Callais: Maybe there is an alternative way. Email online after hours.

Goode: This doesn't say you can't do office hours outside the office. Let Speaker Brinkman know if you can't. You still need to do 3 hours/week.

AMENDMENT: Recording Secretary needs to say Office Manager.

VOTE: MOTION FAILS

Motion 85.09.20.03

Meeting Decorum Motion Moved by: Senator Senator Goode 2nd by: Christina Hickey

WHEREAS: Minnesota State Student Association meetings are attended by students, faculty, staff, board members, and is being recorded for public viewing and Student Senate Members should be presentable and represent their students as appropriately as possible.

WHEREAS: History of Student Senate Members are seen to be distracted by forms of technology and pass time activities that are not being used to better the process of properly representing the student body to the best of their abilities.

WHEREAS: Students, faculty, staff, and board members should be able to clearly see the names of Student President, Vice President, Speaker, and Senators.

BE IT RESOLVED: Serves to amend Article II and add Section 5 to the Senate Operating Policies. Student President, Vice President, Speaker, and Senators may not wear the following to Student Senator Wednesday meetings unless it's MSU apparel or previously approved by Student President, Vice President, or Speaker: Athletic shorts, Sweat Pants, Inappropriate Graphic T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts (hoodies), or Hats of any type.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Serves to amend Section 3 Article II of Senate Operating Procedures. This will replace what currently reads as: "The Speaker shall reserve the right to allow the use of electronic devices such as computers, tablets, and cell phones during meeting" and read as: Student President, Vice President, Speaker, and Senators may not use the following unless it is being used to better the process of properly representing the student body if the Speaker allows:

Phones, tablets, computers, any form of games, or other devices deemed as a distraction.

Following this amendment will continue to read as "These devices will be treated with privilege and abuse of them can be seen as distracting to the purpose of the meeting. Cell phone ringers and alarms should be turned off before the commencement of the meeting."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Serves to amend Article II and add Section 6. Student President, Vice President, Speaker, and Senators must use the following forms of name representation:

Typed and not hand-written name on place card that is clearly placed in front of that specific Senate Member along with the MSSA Official name tag clearly displayed on the front of that individual's shirt if provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Serves to amend Article II and add Section 7. Failure to follow a procedure from Article II Sections 3, 5, or 6 will result in one (1) grievance. Two or more grievances (one grievance per meeting) made by Student President, Vice President, Speaker, or Senators about another not following this amendment will be made to Ethics and Standards Commission Chair and summoned to the commission for a hearing after the second grievance is recorded. Exceptions apply to students with the need for reasonable accommodation.

Goode: Say if you are wearing a hat and if no one makes a grievance, then you do not receive one. This is treated as a job and we need to look semiprofessional.

Hickey: Very useful motion. Formal meeting. Representing the university and students.

Callais: Seems kind of catty. We should just do it and not be told to do it.

Isniqui: Who determines what is offensive? Some people might not have nicer clothes and/or can't afford to buy them. Who determines what is nice? Who are we to judge others?

Goode: This is holding ourselves accountable. This can be a changed document.

Sarre: I'm all for dressing nice but winter time is coming up and people like to wear hoodies to stay warm. Why are hoodies included in this?

Collas: Business casual dress.

Johnson: Ask ourselves are we better than our constituencies. Why should we dress differently?

Ogunfolami: When I go on duty, I differentiate myself. Regarding what is offensive, if someone wore an All Lives Matter shirt, I would be offended. The wording is too broad in this motion.

Christensen: If I'm comfortable the way I am and with what I am wearing, then I don't see a problem. People do not have the right to tell me what I'm wearing is wrong.

Hickey: To determine inappropriate – if it distracts or takes away from our focus.

Brinkman: Friendly amendment: Strikes inappropriate tees and strikes hoodies.

VOTE: MOTION FAILS.

REVOTE ON MOTION 85.09.20.02

MOTION FAILS AGAIN.

- **Old Business**
 - **Announcements**
 - Cronin: Tomorrow meeting with the Mexican Consult. 6pm in the Alumni Room. DACA topic.
 - Ogunfolami: BMW Meeting Thursday 6pm in CSU 253. Sexual Assault and Rape Culture.
 - Warner: ULead Conference. October 24 5-8pm in the CSU. Register on OrgSync. Led by students and outside facilitators.
 - Bulcock: Hash out motions beforehand. Also, I will be working with the ULead Conference.
 - Brinkman: I'm very proud at the way you all have been handling cell phone usage.
 - **Roll Call**
 - **Adjournment**
- Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.