

78th MSSA Senate
January 12, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jennifer Dooley 14-1-1, Cody Buechner 14-1-0, Matthew Lexcen 9-2-1, Dan Kromer 16-0-0, Nathan Gustafson 14-2-0, Cody Ingenthron 11-3-1-1, Sarah Koenen 16-0-0, Steven Johnson 3-0-0, Rachel Sargent 11-2-0, Ted Gibbons 10-2-0, Michael Paul 12-0-0, Braeden Hogie 11-2-3, Mark Morphew 6-5-1, Micheal Do 15-1-0, Benjamin Guthmiller 11-3-2, Kelvin Borchardt 8-1-0, Lela Magxaka 14-1-0-1, Nansy Pradhan 14-1-1, Matt Skluzacek 14-1-1, Taylor Pederson 16-0-0, President Williams 16-0-0, Vice President Anderson 16-0-0

Open Forum

IMPACT-Kevin/Erica

Old Time Photos and Mega Flicks-star in your own home video. Jan 24 10-2, Hearth Lounge
Student Organization Fair-Tuesday, Jan 25. 10-1 Ballroom

Fried Mavericks On A Stick-Mavericks After Dark-giant corn dogs on a stick. Jan 29 10 PM-12.
CSU Lower Level

Deenna Latus/Kristin Underwood-Career Development Center

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Internships, fulltime and part-time jobs on and off campus. Make sure your profile is updated by your Jr. year. We email you about Mavjobs. You can upload your resume. Sign up for events on Mavjobs. We sponsor a number of events. Minnesota State Universities job fair February 21, 2011, www.mnsujobfair.org. Register by logging into your mavjobs.com account.

Comprehensive web site www.mnsu.edu/cdc. Graduate survey-we keep data on your job or if you are unemployed. Take the survey after you graduate. This is helpful because you can see where the organizations are located where people got jobs, what job field is hiring graduates for.

Ashley-Student Activities, Greek Community-Dance Marathon, Saturday, January 22. 6-9 in the ballroom. Karaoke, DJ, this event is a fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. Minimum donation of \$10.00. Registration can be done at the door or on line.

Nathan Gustafson-Open Forums for Dean's Search-College of Social & Behavioral Science, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs.

Introduction of Mary Dowd, Interim Dean of Students. John Bulcock will be replacing Mike Hodapp as MSSA liaison

Approval of Consent Agenda

Recognized Student Organizations

Live United at MSU, MSU Hip Hop Team, Ethnic Studies Student Organization

Approval of Minutes 12-1-10

New Business

M#12.12.11A Student Activities Transfer of Funds President Williams/Vice President Anderson

Whereas: A unique circumstance has occurred allowing MSU to host a concert for a well known Minnesota artist with limited financial costs to IMPACT. This would allow IMPACT to host a second concert at MSU.

Whereas: Due to contract negotiations the event planner is able to sell tickets for \$20

Whereas: IMPACT and Student Activities wishes to subsidize ticket prices by \$10 by using \$5,000 from their own account and \$5,000 from carry-over within Homecoming. (Balance of Homecoming currently at \$9,415.)

Whereas: The Student Allocation Committee will not meet until Tuesday January 18th and the event planner wishes to start promoting within the week thus requiring MSSA action.

Be It Resolved: The MSSA approves Student Activities transfer of \$5,000 from their Homecoming account to the IMPACT account for means of reducing ticket prices to \$10 for the concert in question.

President Williams-IMPACT was approached about a concert.

Greg Wilkins-The contract has not yet been resolved it is currently in the Vice President's Office being written with some regards to some legal needs and expectations that we have. This is for a major artist that usually goes for about \$45,000. He is willing to bring it to us for a much lower cost. We have been in conversation since about Oct. of last year. Brittney from Concert Company has been working directly with the promoter. The initial conversation will be held this Friday. We are working with Finance & Administration on the contract to see if we can hold the concert in the ballroom for a reduced cost of \$10.00 per student. We would have 1,000 tickets, 200 tickets would be open to the general population. Any tickets we have not sold would be given back to the promoter and students would have to purchase for \$20.00. We are excited about the show. We are looking at a date of Feb. 22.

President Williams-There was some surplus from Homecoming because the comedian cost was less.

Senator Gibbons-What happens if not all the \$5,000 is used specifically for the concert?

President Williams-They will have to use all the \$5,000 in order to bring the cost down.

Greg Wilkins-There would be money coming back if the tickets were not all sold.

Motion passes

M#01.12.11B MSSA Residential Hall Bylaw Changes Vice President Anderson/President Williams

Whereas: The Residence Hall Association Executive Board has suggested changes to the MSSA Bylaws concerning the relationship between MSSA Residential Hall Senators and the Residence Hall Association

Be it Resolved: The MSSA adopt these Bylaw revisions as drafted.

Vice President Anderson-This is similar to the changes made this past fall. We have been looking for a way to strengthen relations between Residence Hall Senators and RHA . The original establishment of the Residence Hall senators is not quite meeting the way it was originally intended. Residence Hall senators have the greatest asset any senator could have in their own association as they have all the people located in one room at one time, at least representatives from that area. Under the first change it is already stated that Residence Hall senators are ex-officio members of RHA but we never really had the requirements that they should be going to these meetings.

Proposed changes:

Subsection 3: Residence Hall Association General Assembly Meetings: As ex-officio members of RHA, Residential Hall Senators shall attend regular RHA GA meetings. A Senator or their proxy shall not be absent from two (2) consecutive RHA GA meetings or from more than forty-nine percent of the regular meetings during the semester without prior arrangement of the RHA President and Speaker of the Senate.

Subsection 2: Residential Hall Senators

As ex-officio members of RHA, Residential Hall Senators shall attend regular RHA meetings. ~~Attendance at these meetings will count as one (1) office hour.~~ Senators may also spend up to 50% of their office hour requirement tabling in their respective main lobby, ~~or~~ dining facility area, or during RHA designated Liaison time. These activities shall be reported during a regularly scheduled Senator Report. The Student Affairs Coordinator or RHA President, as appropriate, will be responsible for coordinating these activities.

All Senators will be required to serve on at least two (2) committees. Committees of the Senate shall include standing committees, internal committees, cabinet committees, and other committees as are necessary or desirable.

Residential Hall Senators are automatically members of two (2) committees: Student Affairs and RHA GA Assembly committees. Unless there is a scheduling conflict and prior arrangements have been made, these Senators are required to attend both committees.

Vice President Anderson-This would now remove the choice of the two important committees.
Tabled one week (posted in office)

Officer Reports

President Williams

The City bill we talked about with Senator Sheran has been submitted to the Senate. We are looking for a carrier in the House. The House candidate we are looking at is Maury Lange, a Rep. from Moorhead. He served on their City Council and is also the committee chair for the House State and Local Government Operations reform committee.

Tomorrow Brett and I have a conference call with the League of Minnesota cities. We will be discussing this with them to get their support. We need their support or we lose. They are a lot more organized than we can be and hold more weight in the capitol.

In talking with the City wide committee and Mark Frost, the city voted on it, it is now a formal city wide committee. We will have one member from the MSSA and one from the Administration-Mary Dowd. We are waiting on the status from South Central and Bethany.

We have a plethora of search committees that we will be needing student representation. The College of Business Dean search was a failed search and we will need a student representative. The Dean of Information and Technology-John Knox will be leaving so the school of hard knocks will be no more, also Assoc. Director of CSU, Vice President of ITS, Dean of Extended Learning. Your decisions on these committees have direct impact. There are concerns of overall operations of committee meetings, follow through on appropriate affirmative action training. Committee members are not allowed to rank candidates. The Associate Vice Presidents of Student Affairs candidates will be brought to campus on the following dates: Jan. 19 at 1:00 in CSU 201, Thursday, Jan 20 at 4:00 in CSU 201 and Tuesday, Jan 25 at 9:00 AM in CSU 201 and Tuesday Feb. 1, at 1:00 in Morris Hall 209. I encourage you to attend as this is the administrator we actually work with.

We have the budget outlook-it is looking very positive next year. We have a surplus of \$3 million dollars. That means we have some one time money we can put into investments in the university. They will be developing a timeline for proposals. Our proposal would be to transition some of the university vehicle fleet into electric and use some of the residential wind turbine that allows for CORE and IREADY to possibly do some testing on them. This could save the university some utility charges along the way.

2012 base budget will also be better than projected. We currently did about \$8 million in cuts. It is looking like that should be less than projected. Vice President Straka will come in after the State Feb. 4 projection and give an update.

(Thank you cards from Mary from Debate Minnesota) We had the largest debate out of all the debates the candidates held and it aired on CSpan twice. We were five minutes from going live on CSpan that night. We established MSU as a good venue for debates. Thank you to all that made that happen.

Vice President Anderson

Earlier in the year we talked about Res Hall rates and new structures. Fast forward 4-6 years from now and existing structures like Carkoski and others will not be there. Health Services is inside Carkoski and we do fund Health Services with student fees. We are the 100% provider. They do not get anything from the university side. We need to start talking about where they are going to be located and the potential implications of Carkoski going off-line. We met with Cindy Janney, the Director of Residential Life to talk about the new building going up and there is a strong argument that Health Services should be tied with Res Life. There is a population that lives there and you get them in there when they are freshman they will continue to use the services. We could look at adding a space in the Union, or maybe in the new Allied Health Building that is proposed to go up. In the CSU we don't really have a project except the ballroom going up. The Allied Health Building has to be bonded by the State, and last year that got vetoed. The bonding bill is only for design

money. So the next thing is if we are building a new building this is the perfect time to look at space needs and add a second floor to Carkoski. It would come down to us picking up about \$6 ½ million over a 20 year revenue bond. This would be about \$45 a semester students would be paying in about two years and future senates will have to decide. We are mandated to have a Health Services. A square foot will cost the same no matter where you put it. There will be a binder in the office with a running tally of the consultation. This would almost double what Health Services does for our budget.

Athletic referendum has gained momentum over break.

Feb. 1 we will be having a Bowling competition with Student Affairs; we need all the help we can get. The week before we will have some practice bowling after the meeting, free food. It will be a great time to get to know some new senators.

Elections next week, speak in your classes, invite your friends.

Speaker Schmidt (handout)

I am asking you to help out with events, tabling. We need more support from you to represent your constituency or to reach out to others. Ask-what can I do?

Coordinator Reports

Academic Affairs-Dan Kromer

Thank you for your continued support on the Advising survey. The university has instituted a committee to draft the advising survey. They recognized that this is important and that we were first to say “let’s do this”.

Maverick Textbook Reserve-We had almost 7,000 checkouts. That is almost 1 in every 14 students. We received \$15,000 from Barnes & Noble and \$100.00 from buy back. We have spent about \$14,200. That was with the money spent on advertising.

We are looking at a scholarship book program to be used in the bookstore. We still have \$800 to spend, which is why we are looking at scholarships.

President Williams-The money does not carry over?

Vice President Anderson-I was told it does carry over. Last year I carried over about \$2,000.

Roll Call

Senators Present

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Senators Absent

Cody Buechner, Mark Morphew, Ben Guthmiller, Matt Skluzacek

Executive Staff Present

President Williams, Vice President Anderson

Adjournment Meeting adjourned 5:05 PM