

78th MSSA Senate
January 19, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call(present-absent-excused-proxy)

Jennifer Dooley15-1-1, Matthew Lexcen 10-2-1, Dan Kromer 17-0-0, Nathan Gustafson 14-3-0, Cody Ingenthron 11-3-1-2 proxy Tyler Hansen, Sarah Koenen 17-0-0, Steven Johnson 4-0-0, Rachel Sargent 12-2-0, Ted Gibbons 11-2-0, Michael Paul 13-0-0, Braeden Hogie 12-2-3, Micheal Do 16-1-0, Kelvin Borchardt 9-1-0, Lela Magxaka 15-1-0-1, Nansy Pradhan 15-1-1, Matt Skluzacek 14-2-1, Taylor Pederson 17-0-0, President Williams 17-0-0, Vice President Anderson 17-0-0

Open Forum

Kevin-IMPACT

There will be a full house for Atmosphere, sold out. Feb 22nd at 6pm. Stomper Cinema-Red Monday-Old time Photos in Hearth Lounge. Mavericks After Dark-Deep Fried Mavericks on a Stick-January 29, 10 PM

Michael Do-Resign Off-Campus seat.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments-Student Union Board-Caitlyn Downes

Recognized Student Organizations-

Student Allocation Committee Recommendations

SAC M# 01.18.11A Theatre and Dance

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$5,000.00 to MSU Department of Theatre and Dance to present a performance of THE ODYSSEY at the 43rd annual Region V Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held at Iowa State University.

SAC M#01.18.11B ROTC

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$1,000.00 to ROTC to attend the annual Bataan Death March Race at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

SAC M#01.18.11C Information Security Student Organization

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$315.00 to Information Security Student Organization to attend a business style computer network competition at InverHills Community College.

SAC M#01.18.11D Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$100.00 to FCA to attend the FCA College Classic at Loretto, MN.

SAC M#01.18.11E Prepare Ministries

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$50.00 to Prepare Ministries to allow one MSU student to travel to Kansas City, MO to attend One Thing 2010 Conference.

Approval of Minutes 12-12-10

Approved

Elections-Allied Health & Nursing, College of Business, College of Graduate Studies, Science, Engineering & Technology, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Undeclared, Off-Campus

Allied Health & Nursing Candidates: Matthew O'Flaherty, Sports Management Major

Mr. O'Flaherty- I am a sophomore. I applied for the Sports Management program for next fall and I want to get more involved in my college. I figured if I ran for senator it would help me get into more things. I like helping out kids with any questions they have. I feel as senator, kids could come to me with any questions they may have and I could answer them, to the best of my ability. Personality, I am easy going. I can get along with just about anybody and hold a conversation with anybody.

Senator Lexcen- What previous leadership experiences do you have?

Mr. O'Flaherty- Previously I was in the WYCA and I coordinated events schedules. I am with the YMCA now and just started in the Brother/ Sister Program. I want to continue to work my way up there and possibly become a coordinator. I hope to continue to do more leadership positions.

President Williams- If you could pick one or two issues that are most pressing to the students of Allied Health and Nursing, and if you don't have any, the entire University, what would those be?

Mr. O'Flaherty-Last year we heard about budget cuts and there is a position in Sports Management that is on the chopping block. I am concerned about my suture and the future of my peers because of the budget cuts.

Senator Koenen-How do you plan to reach your constituents from all the colleges?

Mr. O'Flaherty-If I heard someone talking about concerns I could go and ask to help them and everyone in the College of Allied Health.

Senator Kromer-You do have to make this meeting, two other committees and office hours-can you make those?

Mr. O'Flaherty-Yes, my job is willing to work with me.

Mr. O'Flaherty-Besides being able to get along with everyone on the earth, I am a hard worker. I strive to be the best I can be and the hardest worker. My previous experience shows I can do this job and do it right.

Elected Allied Health & Nursing Senator Mathew O'Flaherty

College of Business Candidates: Lena Tran, Tyler Ulferts, Spencer Johnson, Muneeb Rasool, Shay Ademola-Sadipe

Lena Tran- I am an International Business student with a minor in Marketing. I have a lot of business experience. I have worked in Sioux Falls on local magazines and business magazines. I had leadership experience in high school. I was the South Dakota Deca State President. I have networked all over my state and also internationally. I worked with a young adult magazine and met with businesses to see what they want in a magazine. Currently I have an internship with Biz Now. My biggest concern is reaching a lot of people and networking. I want to get to know everyone's concerns in the College of Business.

Tyler Ulferts- I am a senior in the Finance Department of the College of Business. Vice President of Finance Club and am working on fundraising. I was sought out by International Business to be Treasurer this semester. Because of my involvement with Sigma Nu and my GPA, I am treasurer of Gamma Sigma Alpha honor society. My most proud thing that I have done in the College of Business is that I am a member of the Maverick Fund. It is an endowment of \$250,000 for the College of Business.

Oluwaseyi Ademola-Sadipe (Shay)- I am a transfer from Normandale Community College. I was a member of the United States Army with two deployments to Iraq. I am currently serving the Army Reserve. I am running for the College of Business. I have a great record of being a leader. I am currently a floor manager at Auto Zone. I participated in the Cultural Exchange program as well as empowering leaders on campus. I will do everything possible to achieve the goals of MSSA. With your trust, I can help make this university a little better place.

Muneeb Rasool- I am a freshman majoring in Finance. I am running for this senator position because I want to get a little more involved on campus. I am already involved in RHA. I am the rep for my floor. I am working in ITS as a front desk helper. I asked students what they want and what kinds of things are bothering them. I came up with a few ideas that could help the College of Business. A few of them will be free printers and smaller class sizes. Some of the students told me that they can't interact with their professors. I went to talk to the College of Business Dean. She told me to run for this position. The Dean is going to look for some solutions too.

Spencer Johnson- I am a freshman majoring in Accounting. I would like to get more involved in the college. I am a Presidential scholar. I am involved in intramural athletics but I don't have a job. I wanted to find something to help me get involved on campus. If elected I would do whatever I am asked to do. I would help whoever needed help. I would do whatever possible to get the job done.

President Williams-If there was one pressing issue in the COB what would it be?

Mr. Ulferts-I didn't join the College of Business at first because I got into an argument with a friend about the laptop program. It has since been fixed. I am aware of issues and currently the tech fee is \$125. I don't think most of the students use it or know where it's going. Finance students want to know where the money is going. We want to know that we aren't overpaying for our education.

Mr. Ademola-Sadipe-I would like every student to learn of internship possibilities. I want to show them while in school, you can still hold a management position. I want them to see the opportunity they can gain from internships. I want them to get involved in the community.

Mr. Rasool-The COB students would like to have more information on internships. They would like to know of opportunities that they may be a part of. Class sizes are very large, students want smaller classes. I would talk to the Dean and see what he can do about the class size issue.

Mr. Johnson-I don't have experience in upper levels. I would like to get under classmen more involved as well as work on class sizes. Cramped classrooms make it hard to get things done. I would like to talk to upper levels of the college and see what they can do about that.

Ms. Tran-I am in International Business and I talked to the Dept. Chair and they are looking at cuts. Students not getting the classes they need is a concern to me-will there be enough faculty?

Senator Lexcen- Please quickly describe your work ethic.

Mr. Ademola-Sadipe-I am a very hard worker. I was in the army and have two deployments under my belt. I am currently a manager of a franchise company while I still attend school. My leadership experience includes being a senator and legislator at Normandale Community College. I am always willing to get out there fighting for the right of our students.

Mr. Rasool-I am a hard worker as well. I am very responsible. Right now I am involved in RHA and Business Club. I am already in MSSA involved in one of the committees. That's how I will be managing my time.

Mr. Johnson-I work very hard, I have a good work ethic. I was honored with the Presidential Scholarship and that was because of my work ethic, grades, and my involvement in high school. I am involved in intramural sports and always looking for more things to keep me involved. I am taking the maximum amount of credits that I can. I like to keep busy and help students.

Ms. Tran-I am a hard worker. In everything that I do I like to add a little creativity and fun to it. I was awarded Athlete of the Week as a Cheerleader in the Argus Leader. I like to work with everyone. One of my biggest pet peeves is deadlines. If there is a deadline it needs to be met. I like to do everything over the top and adding a little creativity and fun to it.

Mr. Ulferts-I am also in the army so I know what it's like to work. I am involved all over the campus. I get good grades and take 18 credits. I'm spread pretty thin but that's what keeps me busy. The more I am busy the more I get done.

Senator Borchardt-Knowing there is a time obligation-do you feel you have enough time to commit to senate?

Mr. Rasool- Yes, definitely. I already have a flexible schedule.

Mr. Johnson-I kept my time open so I could get involved with a big project like this. I can be there whenever needed.

Ms. Tran-I am a big planner and organize my time well.

Mr. Ulferts-I don't work and I have time.

Mr. Ademola-Sadipe-My schedule is open right now because I am only working part time. I am taking 15 credits. I manage my time very efficiently.

Mr. Johnson- Thank you for listening to me. If elected to the COB I will work to serve you as well and be as involved as possible. I would learn as fast as I could and as much as I could. I look forward to joining you soon.

Ms. Tran-Thank you. I have a lot of experience. I used to be a manager of a store. I have had internships and I love working with people. My biggest concern is being able to help people and helping them help themselves.

Mr. Ulferts-The College of Business has changed how I look at school over the past few years. I want to give back as much as I can.

Mr. Ademola-Sadipe- I really appreciate your time. I will never disappoint the student body. I am here to work for students. Thank you.

Mr. Rasool-I think if involved I would try to bring the best of myself and my fellow students.

Caucus for 10 minutes.

Elected College of Business Senators: Shay Ademola-Sadipe and Spencer Johnson

Science, Engineering & Technology Candidates- David Bassey, Scott Boyd, Zach Lincoln

Mr. Lincoln- I recently declared my major as a microbiology student. I hope to spread my effect as a senator of Science, Engineering and Technology. I hope to do more campus wide efforts. Last semester I knew I was headed in this direction. I spent some time talking to related RSO's. I wanted to develop my relationships with them. I would like CSET students to be more aware of culture on campus.

Mr. Boyd- I am a hard worker. I am the RHA Technology Chair. I have been doing it for a while and I have enjoyed it. I wanted to see what I can do here. The changes I would like to see in CSET... I am willing to do whatever it takes.

Mr. Basse- I am a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering. I am a community advisor in Crawford. I would like to see change and improvements in CSET students advising. Students have been asking about fees and where they are going.

President Williams- What is the most pressing issue in your college?

Mr. Boyd- Funding. I want to make sure independent studies and internships are advertised.

Mr. Basse- Student fees and the awareness of what we are doing with them.

Mr. Lincoln- Internships and how to get them and getting them early.

Senator Koenen- How do you intend to reach your constituents?

Mr. Basse- Go out there and put yourself out and to talk to people.

Mr. Lincoln- I think gathering information is a vital side of the experience and taking that information and applying it. I understand how things work on campus. I am familiar with what is going on on campus. Shoot for the big goals that we are set up to achieve.

Mr. Boyd- I am involved in a lot of different programs which will help me reach out to many different students. I don't have a problem walking up to someone and talking to them. I get various information.

Mr. Lincoln- I would like to say that if you guys let me join you again, I promise to meet time commitments that are asked of me. I promise to fulfill on everything I spoke of.

Mr. Boyd- I want to make sure that it is understood that I am on the RHA executive board. I have more time than I know what to do with.

Mr. Basse- Thank you for letting me speak. I hope to join you soon.

Caucus for seven minutes.

Elected Senator of Science, Engineering & Technology-Scott Boyd

Social & Behavioral Sciences Candidates- Mariah Miles, Micheal Do

Ms. Miles- I am from Sioux Falls, SD. My family is my foundation. I transferred here last spring. My major is International Relations. I am very committed to my college. I was a delegate at United Nations. I went to an open house this fall. They want to make our major more applicable.

Mr. Do- I have served on senate for over a year. I was elected to SBS and then went to Off Campus.

President Williams- If there was one pressing issue in the SBS what would it be?

Mr. Do- Advising is always something that can be worked on. Law Enforcement class sizes.

Ms. Miles- I would say more so the communication between students and the departments. I know my major communicates well. I would like to make sure the other majors are doing the same thing.

Vice President Anderson- Time commitment?

Ms. Miles- I am very aware of it. I have been at every senate meeting. I am meticulous with my schedule.

Mr. Do- I budget my time very well. I work full time and am active in my fraternity. I have been able to be a senator which means I can do the time requirements.

Elected Social & Behavioral Science Senators- Mariah Miles and Micheal Do

Undeclared Candidates- Amanda Blomgren

Ms. Blomgren- I have realized just how many people are undeclared. I'm sure many of you have questioned your major in the past. I have many leadership qualities. In high school I was in leadership roles. I was the captain of my bowling team and helped with Special Olympics. I have been on the MSSA Student Affairs committee.

Vice President Anderson- Time commitment?

Ms. Blomgren- I am very open, I can make every committee. I am only on the Ultimate Frisbee team. I would like to be involved in helping students decide on a major. I haven't talked to my advisor much. Maybe that's something I could address.

Elected Undeclared Senator- Amanda Blomgren

Off-Campus Candidates- Tyler Ulferts

Mr. Ulferts- I am very involved on campus. I have lived off campus for my entire time here at MSU. I know the bus issues, parking issues, and other issues off campus students face.

Elected Off Campus Senator Tyler Ulferts

Old Business

M#01.12.11B MSSA Residential Hall Bylaw Changes

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.

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- For the new senators, we have a proposed bylaw change. We have to wait a week to discuss and then vote. We have consulted a lot with RHA and their executives to bridge the gap between RHA and MSSA. This would mandate RHA senators to serve on RHA's General Assembly. It would make them a little more of a reporting role to the RHA President. It would create a link of communication. We all have to serve on two committees. If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them.

Motion Passes

New Business

MSUSA Board of Directors Update- Postponed to next week.

Officer Reports

President Williams- Presented by Brett Anderson

Committees that need to be filled: Policy and Consultation, COB Dean Search is restarting, Dean of Extended Learning, senator vacancy on Union Board and Student Allocations.

We met with Senator Sharen about our bill. This would allow any city council in the state of Minnesota where there is an institution of higher education the option to (by a majority vote) allow a student representative from that institution to serve on the council for a time period that they set. Cities can't change their governing structure by themselves. It has to go through the legislature because they are set up by a charter. This bill would amend the statutes about charters in one specific area. Again, this would allow them the option of having a student to serve on city council.

We would change it to a one or two year period served. We are getting pushed back by legislators that have multiple educational institutions in their cities. The most populous institution will get a seat. We would have to form a committee of students from the other institutions so that the person sitting on the council would have a forum or opportunity to gather feedback from the other institutions. That group of all students from other institutions is meant to be a directing body for that person who actually holds the seat. We are still looking for someone to carry it in the house. It's going to be a fun process. We will be able to go there and give others the opportunity to come up with us.

Vice President Anderson

Bowling against Student Affairs on Feb 1st. Next week MSSA will have practice time after the meeting downstairs. We will have food. It will be a great time.

Speaker Schmidt

All of the new folks will need to see me. I will give you all the tools and resources you will need to fulfill your job properly. I will have my schedule posted. I will be in the office as much as possible. We will give you a crash course on what we have been doing and what is expected of you. A big "thanks" to everyone who helped table this week and handed out popcorn. This is something we are trying to do more often. Going out and talking to people will count for one of your office hours. Be prepared for senator reports coming out next week.

Announcements

Senator Do- Polar Plunge in St. Peter will be Feb 12th. Help raise money for Special Olympics even if you don't want to jump. You can go online and donate or donate to anyone who will be jumping. It's a lot of fun.

Vice President Anderson- Dance Marathon helping Gillette Children's Hospital. It will be Saturday evening. There is a sign up table downstairs.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Jennifer Dooly, Matt Lexcen, Sarah Koenen, Ted Gibbons, Braeden Hogue, Kelvin Borchardt, Micheal Do, Matthew O'Flaherty, Shay Ademola-Sakipe, Spencer Johnson, Scott Boyd, Moriah Miles, Stephen Johnson, Amanda Blomgren, Tyler Ulferts

Senators Absent

Dan Kromer, Nathan Gustafson, Cody Ingenthron, Steven Johnson, Rachel Sargent, Michael Paul, Lela Magxaka, Nansy Pradhan, Taylor Pederson

Executive Staff Present

Vice President Anderson

Executive Staff Absent

President Williams

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:05