

78th MSSA Senate
October 13, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jennifer Dooley-proxy D.J. Earls 7-1-1, Nikki Sabby 9-0-0, Cody Buechner 9-0-0, Matthew Lexcen 4-0-1, Chris Mangione 9-0-0, Brandon Quam 8-1-0, Dan Kromer 9-0-0, Amin Mohamed 6-3-0, Nathan Gustafson 8-1-0, Samuel Adams 8-1-0, Cody Ingenthron 7-1-1, Sarah Koenen 9-0-0, Brian Spitzmueller 3-2-0, Lani Petrulo 9-0-0, Zachary Lincoln 6-3-0, Rachel Sargent 5-0-0, Ted Gibbons 5-0-0, Michael Paul 5-0-0, Braeden Hogie 6-1-2, Mark Morphew 4-1-0, Micheal Do 8-1-0, Benjamin Guthmiller 7-1-1, Kelvin Borchardt 2-0-0, Lela Magxaka 7-1-0-1, Nansy Pradhan 8-1-0, Robbie Sitka 6-0-3, Matt Skluzacek 8-0-1, Taylor Pederson 9-0-0, President Williams 9-0-0, Vice President Anderson 9-0-0

Open Forum

Erika Masias/Becca Kufirin-IMPACT

Homecoming was a success with approximately 4,000 students participating. Stomper Conquers the World one Cause at a Time was successful in raising canned food for Campus Kitchens

Now showing at Stompers Cinema-Eclipse

Thursday, Oct 25, Comedy Series-Cy Amundson

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments- Kyle Synder-Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Union Board-Moriah Miles

Recognized Student Organizations Collaboration of Future Educators (C.O.F.E.), Corrections Club, Men's Club Hockey, National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA), MSU TOMS Club, Construction Management Student Association, Latter-day Saint Student Association (LDSSA), Drag Race Team, Asian Pacific Student Organization, Students For Sustainability, The PPE Club, Engineers Without Borders MSU Mankato, Ethnic Graduate Organization, Middle Eastern Student Association (M.E.S.A.), Men's Club Soccer, MSU Society for Technical Communication, Students of Urban and Regional Studies Institute, Pre-Pharmacy Club, Field Ecology Club, Works On Paper, Math Club, Cultural Connections

Student Allocation Committee Recommendations

SAC M#10.13.10A Film Society

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$191.50 to MSU Film Society to attend the Fargo Fantastic Film Festival hosted by the Valleycon Convention. Five MSU students will be attending.

Approval of Minutes 10-6-10

Approved with addition of Kelvin Borchardt to Enrollment Management Leadership Team. Cricket Club removed to New Business

Presentations

ISA-President Fahad Al Sogoor /Vice President Sabia Han

ISA Mission Statement- The mission of the ISA is threefold. We work to advance achievement, well-being, and the association of MSU international students. We encourage closer affiliation among international and domestic students, and fuller integration with the MSU student body and the greater Mankato community. And, we promote common progress through facilitating cooperation among various organizations on campus.

Our organization was founded in 1970. Presidents have been from many countries. Population is around 600. Issues International students facing: FI Visa-International Students cannot work off campus. We think they should be given more chances to find jobs on campus. Sodexo is pushing some students too hard and making them work over hours. They are limiting our chances of working in international events. Health insurance that the school provides does not cover international students. Some students have problems with discrimination from other students and staff as well. Most students do not have cars they use bus services
We are also looking forward to working with MSSA. About 3.5% of MSU students on campus are international.

ISA events on campus this semester-World Cup on the big screen, Arabian Tent, Board members went to an ISA retreat-all members came together and got to know each other. This semester-ISA Café-every individual can represent a country, every Thursday in CSU 253. Nepal Night-Oct 19. 127 students from Nepal at MSU. Next semester we have new events: India Night-January 19, African Night-Feb 5., International Festival-April 19, and Cultural Charisma.

New Business

M#10.013.10A New Business Introductory Period – President Williams/Vice President Anderson

Whereas: It is imperative that members of the MSSA be as informed as possible when determining official recommendations

Whereas: The current system of discussing new business is inefficient in providing opportunity for self directed inquiry and research into a subject

Be it Resolved: The 78th MSSA institute a trial phase whereby New Business be introduced at an MSSA meeting one week prior to official voting. The following format will be followed:

- 1.) “New Business” will be the agenda item for the introduction of newly proposed motions.
 - a. All motions must be introduced at this time.
 - i. Exclusions: SAC Recommendations, Appointments, RSO Approvals
 - b. The Speaker shall recognize the authors of the motion to speak to the motion.
 - c. Questions and answers will be allowed. Discussion is not allowed.
 - d. Motions will be automatically tabled for a period of one week.
 - i. A 3/4th vote would be required to vote on a motion during the “New Business” time.
- 2.) “Old Business” will be the agenda item for motions that were introduced the previous week.

Be it Further Resolved: The trial phase be instituted until the end of the Fall 2010 semester.

President Williams-A lot of New Business items should be introduced and have a question answer period followed by research during the week before becoming an official vote. This allows for us to have it formally recognized and then we do our homework as senators and representatives. This would just be a trial period for a semester to make sure we are making informed decisions.

Vice President Anderson-We saw this last year with the Latino Center, we voted to table it and it was great to have a motion tabled and have it in the office during the week. We were able to talk to some of the stake holders and came back a week later with a totally different approach. We tabled the Students First project so everyone had a little more time to do some thinking about it. For the majority of our stuff we are not blowing up bridges everyday with the motions we pass but it is nice when you have something new in front of you to have more discussion, you don't always get enough time to wrap your head around it. Logistically, New Business will be on the agenda and read by the Speaker, the creator will speak and then yield to the floor for questions. The week time frame is for questions and research especially when we have some big things coming up like tobacco and amnesty. These are things that should not just be discussed in twenty or thirty minutes. If something is time sensitive there is always that ¾ vote. Old Business will be for motions introduced the previous week. If we like this we can put it in the Bylaws and keep it longer.

Senator Mangione-Will discussion be done during the week?

Vice President Anderson-There will not be debate of the motion in New Business but in the Old Business category.

Senator Adams-Would this be a bylaw change?

President Williams-We can set yearly rules for a period of time before permanently amending the bylaws. We would do this as a trial period. This would be useful in motions like last summer when we discussed the Zipcar, this would have allowed that to be done more timely.

Senator Kromer-Does that week allow for editing or if you change words would it have to be reintroduced as New Business?

Senator Buechner-I really like the idea but does a week give enough time for a committee that may have a short time to hammer it out and research it and follow it up by bringing it here?

Vice President Anderson-That is why we put the 75% requirement in there. You would have to in the time you were given to speak to the motion, highlight the fact that we are up against a deadline and that here is the research that has been done.

Mr. Bulcock-Under the Be it Resolved D-i, A 3/4th vote would be required to vote on a motion during the “New Business” time, we called that a timely nature. Someone could say-I move to consider this a timely nature and with a 3/4th vote you could vote on this on the spot. Amendments-as long as it was not of a substantive nature, it could be introduced as a friendly simple amendment. We would also not have to wait if the motion was considered ceremonial and we were expressing gratitude-things like that.

Vice President Anderson-As long as you make a change that does not affect the nature or general statement, you can do that. We can tweak this as it goes.

Senator Adams-Rather than lump the motions it seems it would be easier to table the big ones rather than pass something like this that requires a vote every time.

President Williams-This is for clarification, how do you decipher a big motion vs. a little motion? Even a little motion could have a large impact. Then you get the subjective play of some people thinking the intent is different of others. This is easier to say all motions will be tabled unless we feel it is a timely matter and should be voted on.

Senator Adams-Isn't it the right of the body to decide what they feel is consequential or not?

Vice President Anderson-We are changing a way of thinking to more cautious, more critical thinking. We don't always know the impact of some motions. It is a change in thinking and it is more time spent on procedural but it makes us more deliberative about what we do.

Senator Lexcen-In my short time here we have needed answers to our questions. It is self defeating if we are not going to talk about everything, especially with the amount of money we put into things.

Senator Kromer-Table until next meeting, second President Anderson

President Williams-It speaks to the motion to wait a week.

Motion to table approved

M#10-13-10 B Advising Mission, Values, and Responsibilities Senator Koenen/Senator Kromer

Senator Koenen-Senator Kromer and I have been serving on the Advising Taskforce since last year. We got feedback showing advising has not been going as good as we hoped so we designed mission and values and responsibilities for advising. This was reviewed with the MSSA Academic Affairs Committee.

Whereas: The report from last year's Advising Task Force was approved by the 78th MSSA including the reinstatement of the task force

Whereas: The current task force feels that before it can proceed they must have a defined advising mission, a set of advising values, and listed responsibilities for advisors and students

Whereas: The Advising Task Force has a defined advising mission, a set of advising values, and listed responsibilities for advisors and students at MNSU

Whereas: The mission, values, and responsibilities were developed through a collaboration of current MNSU advisors and students with consideration paid toward the National Academic Advising Association's research on post-secondary academic advising

Be it Resolved: The 78th MSSA supports the advising mission, values, and listed responsibilities for advisors and students at MNSU set forth by the Advising Task Force

Mission-Academic advising at MSU-Mankato is an intentional education partnership to support and enhance learning. This multidimensional and development process supports students' diverse backgrounds, interests, and abilities and facilitates students' achievement of educational, career and life goals.

Minnesota State University-Mankato Advising Values-Academic advising at MSU-Mankato reflects the university's commitment to promote learning by: Valuing and supporting student's intellectual and educational needs and development, valuing a collaborative environment across various constituencies, supporting intentional partnerships and

trust among the university's students, faculty & staff; valuing the diversity of students, faculty * staff, empowering students to be responsible and gain self-reliance for their decisions/choices

Responsibilities of students and advisors-Know, Do, Value

Senator Mangione-Almost every conversation we have leads to the topic of advising. We definitely need to research this. This will help with retention and with getting students out of here in four years.

Senator Kromer-Move to Table, second President Williams

This looks like a small motion but I would like to have time for everyone to agree on it.

Motion Tabled.

SAC M#10.13.10B Mankato Cricket Club

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$1,000.00 to Mankato Cricket Club to host a Cricket tournament in Myers Field House.

Mr. Hodapp-What is being recommended is, the tournament itself will cost about \$2300.00, they have over 5 teams and they anticipate over 1600 students. What SAC is recommending is that they can spend up to \$1,000.00 of the \$2300.00 on anything non food related. If you approve this the money goes to Campus Rec. sport club account. They will work with the Cricket Club as far as giving them access. They will have to turn in receipts to see the money is used appropriately. They can buy trophies. Last year they used it for bats. If the Cricket Club had been invited to participate in a tournament at St. Cloud they would have been eligible to receive up to \$100.00 per student, by hosting it is costing less.

Officer Reports

President Williams

The 1st Congressional debates were amazing. We had more than expected show up. The compliments from Pioneer Broadcasting we received felt this was the best facility and people to work with in all the debates they have done at universities. We are **the** flagship of the MnSCU system. Gubernatorial Debate-Oct 26. It will be shown live on KSTP. To show how effective we as the 78th are at getting work done we need as much help as we can. It is a Tuesday night. We need ushers to help, we need a time keeper, we need people greeting the candidates, it is crucial we have as many people helping as possible. This is a huge event for MSSA and MSU.

Last week Vice President Anderson and I had dinner with Mark Frost and Councilman Lavin about the exofficio seat. Overall it was pretty productive. They are supportive of it. The city council does approve it and see the value. It was really encouraging. We met with Assistant city Mgr. and public safety. They pretty much stated that it will be proposed and passed on October 25th. We should be able to meet in January. The breakdown of the Commission-2 students from MSU and 1 staff, 2 from Bethany plus 1 staff and 2 from SCC and 1 staff. 1 staff member from the city or a city council member. It would meet for 7 months, no Dec. or summer.

Meet once a month and then review to see if they could meet less or more. 2nd Thursday of every month. We felt two people to keep consistency as well as university staff report back to university administration to make sure they are on the same page as well as to allow consistency. If the two students were to leave you would have the staff member. Rasmussen does not have a Student Senate, it is satellite and usually on-line and nontraditional. SCC does have an impact on Mankato. It creates jobs and training. We have public four year, private four year and the two year. These are all areas of student life that we can bring to the table.

Open Forum was yesterday. There was a limited attendance. For the large part we did not cover the two topics we had planned to. Topics ranged from Dr. Davenports bonus, graduate assistants, community relationships, partnerships between the city and university, tobacco free campus.

Amnesty Policy will be proposed by Friday and sent to the policy review board. If you have ideas and changes please let us know. It will be coming back to us.

ISA Café-Tomorrow is Sudan. They usually have some tea and music and a presentation.

MSSA Distinguished Service Award- Hilary Geesman, Moriah Miles for help with float and parade.

Marisa Myers-awesome time keeper for the debate.

Senators of the Week-For helping with the debate and were crucial: Dan Kromer, Jennifer Dooley, Sarah Koenen, Rachel Sargent and Zachary Lincoln who was awesome at taking pictures.

Recognition-78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Vice President Anderson

Rasmussen does not even have a Student Affairs division. City staff will have one designated person but will then pull in someone that will help with the topic like public safety during homecoming.

Open Forum-Dr. Davenport brought this up-a couple years ago the city approached the university about funding a duly deputized police officer that would be a dedicated campus police officer and would also be a security person, this would be a gun carrying position. The city is moving to community policing, this focuses more on individuals and neighborhoods. Our security does a good job but there seems to be a greater number of assaults. Maybe it is a good idea to move to the campus type police. We do need to research this, maybe we do need the policing arrest type. I would like to see an officer for the proactive stuff. Homecoming went very well. The message is being sent about acceptable behavior. If there was a police officer on campus we could be more proactive, meeting freshmen during Welcome Week in regard to a police stand point on how we want you to be safe. We met with the Director of Public Safety and one of the police commanders whose area is the campus. He said that right now they do not have that link and he was looking to us to maybe get the messages out in an email type format. If we had him on campus as his job it might help. This is something worth exploring.

Hertz website is up and running. Last week was an absolute success. Partnership with Marketing Club was amazing. They were organized and knowledgeable. We will be giving them the \$750.00. They earned more than that.

Please do attend the gubernatorial debates. MSSA will be on live television . This is big for our organization. We need a lot of ushers, we need crowd control, Bresnan is big. This will be the biggest marketing event we do. You can meet the candidates and shepherd them around.

Enrollment numbers-new entering freshman, our goal was 2240, we got 2261, high ability students-which is 25 or over on your ACT. We were over 16%, high ability graduates, we were 15 over our stretchable goal, transfer students way up, we had 1127, retention goal was down a little, our goal was 77% and we got 75%, diversity goals were up 11 students from goal, off campus credit hours-we had over 14,000 credit hours, our goal was 10,000 credit hours. 7700 France has 2500 students. We almost doubled our stretchable goal. We can't seem to keep up with that. Our PSEO numbers are up. We have 15,362 students enrolled for our second largest class ever.

Revising Bylaws-if you are interested, let me know. We have added office hours. We would up requirement to 3 hours but some hours could be done outside of the office. Off-campus could get hours by going to Neighborhood Associations. Academic senators could get office hours for tabling. This is all very fluid.

Speaker Schmidt

Thank you for the tie. Proxy forms are in your books-be prepared as far as proxies go.

I will work with off-campus senators. There has been a string of assaults etc. I would like to hear what off-campus people are saying-anything that can help or improve the situation. It seems There is more violence on the streets of Mankato.

There is Softball Tomorrow! 7:00 PM.

Coordinator Report

Academic Affairs-Coordinator Dan Kromer

Yield to Sarah Koenen for printing update.

Senator Koenen-Last year it was agreed to eliminate unlimited printing for the College of Business and initiate the \$.03 cents per page. Through Sept. FY10 to FY11 there was a 10.71% campus wide decrease in prints, College of Business is down 55%. In Sept. of last year there was about 140,000 prints, this Sept. it was down to 31,000 prints. That is about 108,000 prints less because of the change. Way to make an effective change!

Senator Kromer

Update on the Maverick Textbook Reserve. Currently we have 228 total books, 63 are different books, and that's for 51 classes. We replaced the books on 11 classes and added 19 new ones this

summer. We still have enough money left for academic senators to pick out a text book of their choice, as well as advertise during second semester.

We didn't advertise this year as much as last year, but still saw incredible growth. Last year during the first two weeks of the semester we had 238 check outs, this year we had 718. Last year during the third and fourth weeks we had 332 check outs, this year we had 1019. Last year during the fifth and sixth weeks we had 398 check outs, this year we had 1054.

This program is exploding. Last year 515 using, this year 568. Usership goes up finals week.

Vice President Anderson-How much money do you have left and would you take recommendations for textbooks?

Senator Kromer-We have about \$4,000 left. If you have a request, please put it in. We can buy a lot of books.

President Williams-Are these individuals or total check outs?

Senator Kromer-These are total checkouts.

Senator Lela-Is that amount left for this year or the life of the program?

Senator Kromer-This year

Senator Reports

College of Social & Behavioral Science-Lani Petrulo

A LITTLE ABOUT THE DEAN: John Alessio

Where did you finish your undergraduate study and what did you major in?

Sociology, all of the degrees are in sociology...did undergraduate at Loyola in Chicago,...PHD in Carbondale, Illinois

What are some of your main tasks as Dean of this college?

-evaluate the faculty, deal with student and faculty complaints, try to make sure that everyone has the space and equipment that they need to do their work, make sure that all the programs are being implemented as they are designed, make sure that all contracts are honored including the union contracts, responsible for fundraising and budgeting

What goals do you hope to accomplish this year?

-hope to re-stabilize the college financially, help departments do innovative kinds of scheduling and programming

How do you feel this college does in advising?

--implement a research reassignment for faculty

What is your favorite part about being Dean?

-help people do what they like to do, helping everyone find ways of doing everything together.

Misc:

-problem solver, this is his last year...5th year... going back to the faculty at St.Cloud state where he taught before ---teaching sociology....

College of Graduate Studies-Nathan Gustafson (written report)

PPE: Philosophy, Politics & Economics

Mission: The purpose of this organization shall be to bring together like-minded individuals whom share in the challenge of the PPE Major. The club is an opportunity to find support from fellow PPE major students. It will be an opportunity to network with other students, alumni and others that work in our chosen fields. It is a goal to develop comprehensive knowledge of the current economy and politics through discussion (also including guest speakers). The members will disperse information about the PPE Major and potential career opportunities. The club also hopes to facilitate the future of its members after graduation from MSU (i.e. law schools, job openings, etc.) In order to accomplish this, the club will work on getting the school to offer a preparation LSAT course on campus

Focus of group:

1. Essentially, the group feels that the active accumulation of new knowledge bestows an obligation onto ourselves to share our comprehensive perspectives on all matters great and small, with careful respect to their philosophical, political and economic foundations.
2. Help students plumb the depths of their own political perspectives: through the use of creative and reflective ways of viewing the myriad political ideologies.
3. Maintaining the belief in the importance of understanding our own political ideologies; while at all times, respectfully comparing and contrasting our perspectives with our fellow students'.
4. A forum for open and fair discussion on the subjective nature of our objective realities.

Goals:

1. Increase the group's membership and influence on our fair campus:
 - a. To further potential member involvement: Group would like to accomplish a 'few big event.'
 - i. Bias in the media documentary
 - ii. Community political platform discussion/campus political party platform discussion

* Belief that the PPE Club offers an awesome opportunity for individuals to strengthen their own intellectual and critical thinking abilities: through engaging in discussions revolving around influential issues that impact our daily lives.

College of Business-Brandon Quam

College of Business Internship Fair. Many employers were disappointed in the turn out.

If you are applying for graduation in May, applications due next week.

College of Business Lap Top Costs. I came into this with a skeptical outlook on the program.

Actually it seems they are pretty competitively priced. It is good to see they are not messing with students wallets too much. HP models are pretty closely aligned, they are actually a little more but there is a good reason and that is because they offer a ram and a hard drive that is pretty low compared to what other brands offer. All the other brands don't offer a hard drive that is 160 GB, the minimum that others offer is 250GB. The same is with the ram, most offer a 3, we offer a 2. Maybe we could talk to Dell and get this up to speed with more competitive models. We are an accredited college due to our technology requirements. Other vendors might have a deal going on at certain times of the year. HP at the time of this report was offering a 5 GB of ram and a \$100 rebate. Maybe you can argue that these other brands have a better value than the Dell. The high end model here cannot be matched by outside vendors. The same principles carry over to the 15.6 model. Other vendors don't offer models like that.

Senator Mangione-Do you plan on mentioning this to the technology committee?

Senator Quam-I can, there are some concerns I have that can maybe benefit students.

Vice President Anderson-You are saying that the College of Business laptop is generally a good buy?

Senator Quam-Yes, in terms of absolute cost measure, generally it is the cheaper buy but that does not mean it is the best value.

Vice President Anderson-If you factored in the more intangible things like the repair on campus and quick turnaround, would you say it is the most convenient, affordable option?

Senator Quam-It is convenient to walk down there and talk to them in person. It is not taxable because it is proven it is for education use.

Vice President Anderson-Also-you could get a loaner lap top, was that factored in?

Senator Quam-Yes, even if I have a non-Dell, I think I could get a loaner because it is part of the technology fee every student pays for.

Senator Koenen-Do you plan on doing anything with this information?

Senator Quam-Yes, I am going to try and see how this works. I will talk to the technology committee and the computer store.

Senator Borchardt-Where is the information you have gathered from?

Senator Quam-The computer store has all the specs. I went into websites for other computers and looked at pricing and specs. Some may have an educational discount I don't know about.

President Williams-Where you aware that this might be useful as a Reporter article?

Julia Sears-Braeden Hogie (written report)

My report topic was "you pick," so I picked a topic that many of our students at Minnesota State University Mankato would be interested in, it's cheap, it's fun, it's a great way to enjoy the weather (while it lasts), and it's not too far away! I'm talking about disc golf! Disc golf is a leisure sport in which the participant throws a disc into a disc catcher which looks similar to a metal basket. There is a disc golf course in Mankato, at the Land of Memories Campground right off of US HWY 169 S, but currently it is under water. There are other options in the area to play disc golf however, there is a course in Morristown, MN which is about a thirty minute drive away, and there are two courses in New Ulm, MN. Also there are two very nice courses in Fairmont, MN, however that is about an hour drive each way. The Land of Memories Campground provides a great course for beginners, and when the course dries up, I urge all of you to pick up a disc at Scheels in the River Hills Mall in Mankato, MN. (The discs are located on the second floor of the store, close to the fudge shoppe.)

Off-Campus-Robbie Sitka (written report)

Announcements

President Williams-Softball, JC Park.

Senator Koenen-Tech Fee Advisory Committee, we still need people.

Senator Adams-Mankato Curling starts early in Nov.

Vice President Anderson-The bylaws say senator reports must be given orally and in writing.

Speaker Schmidt-Candlelight vigil tonight by the fountain for Violence Prevention.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Jennifer Dooley-proxy DJ Earls, Nikki Sabby, Cody Buechner, Matthew Lexcen, Chris Mangione, Brandon Quam, Dan Kromer, Rachel Sargent, Ted Gibbons, Michael Paul, Mark Morphew, Kelvin Borchardt, Lela Magxaka, Nansy Pradhan, Matt Skluzacek, Taylor Pederson

Senators Absent

Amin Abdul-Mohomed, Nathan Gustafson, Cody Ingenthron, Brian Spitzmueller, Zachary Lincoln, Braeden Hogie, Micheal Do, Benjamin Guthmiller, Robbie Sitka

Executive Staff Present President Williams, Vice President Anderson

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM

