

**78<sup>th</sup> MSSA Senate**  
**October 20, 2010**

**Senate called to order by 78<sup>th</sup> Speaker Matthew Schmidt**

**Roll Call**(present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jennifer Dooley-8-1-1, Nikki Sabby 10-0-0, Cody Buechner-proxy Lyndsay Sadler 9-0-1, Matthew Lexcen 4-1-1, Chris Mangione 10-0-0, Brandon Quam 9-1-0, Dan Kromer 10-0-0, Amin Mohamed 7-3-0, Nathan Gustafson 9-1-0, Samuel Adams 8-2-0, Cody Ingenthron 7-2-1, Sarah Koenen 10-0-0, Brian Spitzmueller 4-2-0, Lani Petrulo 10-0-0, Zachary Lincoln 7-3-0, Rachel Sargent 6-0-0, Ted Gibbons 6-0-0, Michael Paul 6-0-0, Braeden Hogie 7-1-2, Mark Morphey 5-1-0, Micheal Do 9-1-0, Benjamin Guthmiller 8-1-1, Kelvin Borchardt 3-0-0, Lela Magxaka 8-1-0-1, Nansy Pradhan 9-1-0, Robbie Sitka-proxy Zach Quade 6-0-4, Matt Skluzacek 9-0-1, Taylor Pederson 10-0-0, President Williams 10-0-0, Vice President Anderson 10-0-0

**Open Forum**

**Karlos Posas/Erika Masias-IMPACT President and PR Chair**-Join us Thursday at 9:00 PM in the ballroom for Happy Hour comedy tour with Bernie McGlenahan. This will be fun and inspirational for National Alcohol Awareness Week.

Mavericks After Dark, Saturday-Bowling for Boobs in partnership with breast cancer awareness. Karlos-Maverick Comedy Club-first of comedy series, Monday-Ostrander Tuesday-Plastic Musik-Ballroom 9:00 PM. Live Bird Exhibit. IMPACT will be holding elections next year for someone to be Mavericks After Dark Chair and Homecoming Chair. Applications are available on-line or in CSU 173.

**Gregg Wilkins**-Associate Director of Student Activities. Last year we bid to hold a conference here at the Student Union with the Association for College Unions International, which we are a member. We are the host school this year. We are going to be hosting this Nov.4-6. We have been planning this for the last year. We are expecting over 100 guests from both public and private colleges. We will do our usual WOW Maverick style in welcoming our guests. We have a host of educational sessions. There is still walk-in registration available. We will be doing Mavericks After Dark on Friday. Our theme for the conference is Shaping the Current. This is current as to technology but also the current of the river that cuts through Mankato. Mavericks After Dark on that Friday will be a pirates theme from 9-12. We will be doing building tours on Thursday. If you would like to be involved in welcoming our guests to campus, please stop by my office.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Appointments**- MSUSA Public Affairs Coordinator-Christina Hracovschi

**Recognized Student Organizations**-Y.E.S., Pagan Association for Growth And Neutrality (PAGAN), Men's Club Volleyball, French Club/Pi Delta Phi, Delta Chi, Ethiopian Student Association at MNSU

**Student Allocation Committee Recommendations**

**SAC M#10.20.10A MSU Drag Team**

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$150.00 to MSU Drag Team to travel to Las Vegas NV to the Specialty Equipment Market Association trade show.

**SAC M#10.20.10B Sigma Nu Fraternity**

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$1,000.00 to Sigma Nu Fraternity to travel to Bloomington, MN to attend the Brotherhood/Leadership Retreat.

**SAC M#10.20.C Students for Sustainability**

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$250.00 to Students for Sustainability to host Solar Baking with Keith Melteny at MSU.

**Approval of Minutes 10-13-10**

**Amended with addition of Presentation, Cindy Janney, Director of Residential Life**

**Presentations**

**Director of Residential Life-Cindy Janney**

(See binder in Senate Office) We will use this to add information as we go through consultation on the building we will open 2012 and on the residential rate setting process in the next year. It currently contains information on the revenue fund on how the borrowing is organized in the State of Minnesota. There is a calendar that outlines the consultation process. Construction will begin in March for this building. We have been consulting with students for years. The construction cost is \$23.8 million, financed by room and board fees. Price is comparable to Julia Sears. It will have

double semi and single semi suites. The double semi suite rate in 2012 will be the same as Julia Sears.

The building connects with I-Hall and H-Hall and Carkoski. Students living in Crawford & McElroy will be able to stay inside to the intersection and then you can go to Nelson. It extends the interior pathways. 300 students on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The first floor is public space. We will accommodate First Year Experience. There will be two classrooms and Maverick Mentor program will be expanded with two graduate supervisors when Gage is torn down August 2012. There will be about 100 students on a floor-33 students in a community with a CA, lounge and kitchen.

Basement-laundry room with many machines and TV room. It will be a pleasant environment to go to with enough machines where you can hang out and be happy to be there.

2012 Residence Hall Phase 2A

(investigating partnership with off campus housing complex, not buying, to meet students needs that want to be housed in facilities run by the university.) We can't afford to build a complex of 600 beds to replace Gage.

Building functions-Food Service when we get out of Gage- 2 dining halls to 1, Carkoski functions-do we replace or renovate? Cost is equal, pre-design recommended replacement. When we looked at this whole ball of wax it was about \$3 million dollars, 600 beds and replace dining hall. Clearly we can't do that all at once. We broke this into three phases of about \$30 million a phase. Proposed solution, Phase 2A, 302 Beds, First Year Experience, additional parking lot to the north of Crawford. Next Phase is a dining hall to the west of lot 13 and also Health Services because it is in Carkoski. Next phase is to demolish Carkoski and replace it with a building that again reconnects Crawford and McElroy, public space on the main level-320 Beds, Residential Life, new Crawford Commons, Retail Food Service. 2012 and Phase 2 mean the same building.

Senator Gibbons-Because it is getting rid of parking by Crawford & McElroy, how is the parking going to change?

Director Janney-Currently 389 spots between lot 13 /14, under and after construction-205 spots. 184 spaces need to be reassigned. 125 go to lot 1, 59 go to lot 21.

Senator Quam-Are you looking at making some of the halls strictly for freshmen?

Director Janney-No, not that we couldn't do it but we have been differentiating the kinds of rooms we have. We will offer the Maverick Mentor program.

Senator Lincoln-How long will the new buildings last?

Director Janney-Buildings last a long time. Gage could stand there for another 40 years, it is not that we could not use the building but if we were to continue to use the building we would have to reinvest a lot of money. It is on the wrong side of a very busy county road, we cannot add air conditioning because of the tower height. It would take up floor space to bump it up and down. We can't change the hallways, classrooms, width of rooms, ceilings, elevators, and plumbing.

Investment would be \$14.4 million plus per tower not including the dining hall. The new buildings are constructed to last a very long time.

Senator Mangione-Will the new cafeteria be able to hold everyone?

Director Janney-2 problems with dining-seating and servery. We are going to do renovation work this summer. We don't have room for dry storage, to keep things on hand. Some things from Gage will be moved to the basement. We will be pushing 2 staff offices and leadership resource center will be pushed to the basement this academic year to be prepared for next summer. The new dining hall will be a best practices dining hall with taller ceilings and better designed spaces. It will be designed with late night pieces to be open, like pizza and more exciting things.

### **MSUSA State Chair-Andrew Spaeth**

MSUSA-Non-profit organization, non-partisan in everything we do. 70,000 students from 7 state universities in Minnesota represented by this organization. We have a board of directors, Tom is the representative from Mankato and we have student officers and staff. This year we have a campus committee. Campus Coordinator assists MSUSA with visibility on campus and carry out campaigns such as Get out the Vote that will help us at the legislature or the home office. What makes the state association valuable? Advocacy, legislation at the state level. MSUSA students steer the ship. This is truly a student led organization. We have a consistent and sustained presence at the capitol. One thing you will see this year at the conferences is a new focus on

training. We hope to use the Campus Committee to increase visibility and to provide access to MnSCU and the legislature.

Update on things MSUSA is working on-Cuts on Campuses-effective at the state legislature. We outline and personalize how cuts on campuses have impacted your well being? It could be economic or mental health. What on campus has impacted your situation? Also working on planning for legislative session. Your President has made suggestions here on getting representation on city council. MSUSA is extremely excited about helping out on this. We will continue to advocate on behalf of students for tuition and fees, financial aid or textbooks. We are always looking for innovative and creative ways to promote student issues. New this year-Campus Coordinator will be collecting email addresses so conference documents can be emailed to you.

Penny Scholarship program-MSUSA gives away nearly \$18,000 in scholarships. Students First-Mankato has a unique opportunity-grad planner will be piloted on your campus.

[www.studentsfirst.project.mnscu.edu](http://www.studentsfirst.project.mnscu.edu) information on all the six projects going on.

### **Mayoral write-in candidate Christopher Frederick**

Thank you for the opportunity. I am a graduate student on campus. I have lived in the community since 2001 and I have been a homeowner since 2007. One of the reasons I am running is that I feel there is a disjoint in our community. There are many great things that happen in the community and they are often overshadowed by the negatives. There is a disjoint between a lot of the decisions that happen in our community because not everybody is being brought to the table. I want to build that bridge between the different demographics within our community and for the greater Mankato as a whole. There are issues that are out there between Mankato and the surrounding communities. We need to get over that if we are going to get over the hurdle of some of the budget restraints that we face in the state. I am promoting a sustainable community and building a bridge and building communication of different demographics and making sure people are included in the conversation before decisions are made that impact everybody in the community.

President Williams-During elections people point out problems that need to be fixed, but there are also strengths that each community has and at what point do we create or fix what we are doing wrong to the point of sacrificing the strengths that we have? How do you balance those?

Mr. Frederick-Mankato does many great things. Some of our infrastructure is fantastic and some areas need to be worked on. There are some great city ordinances on the books. How do you balance? The council needs to be more in touch with the community. They need to build a bridge between the businesses, the population, the citizenry and the council itself. We do need to find that balance. We find that balance through open dialogue and conversation on what is working in our community as a whole as opposed to what one group thinks to be talked about. We need more open dialogue and more people around the table when decisions are being made.

Senator Kromer-What do you mean by different demographics brought to the table?

Mr. Frederick-Everybody, there is a very small percent brought to the table. More specifically, underrepresented populations and youth population, young adults, they make up 40% of our community population. When you look at who is running the city and businesses it is extremely slanted.

Senator Borchardt-What would be one strength and what would you do to improve working with the college and the community?

Mr. Frederick-What are we doing well with the city and our university. Our administration works very closely with the city as far as some capitol projects. Our administration has a great dialogue with the city but it is the population proper that we need to engage and get involved. Not everyone is just a student that is just in the dorms, they go downtown they are everywhere. We need to engage them. How are we going to do it? By getting up here and talking to them by knocking on their door and saying as a demographic what are some of the concerns that you have seen as a renter or as a landlord? What are we doing as a community to engage you? We want to keep you here after you graduate. It is a great place to live and work. That is what Mankato is all about. I love the community. I found my niche because of this institution. There was a survey done four years ago that said 80% of students would like to stay and live and work in the community but we can't. We need to ask that question. How do we keep you here?

Senator Gustafson-As you are running for mayor as a student in terms of projected decline that local communities are going to face across the state in terms of local aid, what are some ideas you

have you tossed around the city of Mankato to make up for the potential decrease in revenue that the city will see from St. Paul and Washington without pushing for an increase in property taxes? Mr. Frederick-I am a property owner, it is difficult. I can't imagine how the older generation can do it. I understand concerns. What are specifics? There are a ton a specifics. To start with building relationships with the surrounding communities. We need to get over the past and move forward. There are great resources and we need to learn how to consolidate with other cities without jeopardizing autonomy. Between No Mankato and Mankato there is 50,000. How many different staff members do you need to work on problems? We could look at management structures, sharing services without jeopardizing public safety or jeopardizing individual autonomy between our communities. Survey of Mankato and No. Mankato combining-there was a lot of hurt feelings over that survey because it takes away autonomy. I don't want to merge the two cities by any stretch of the imagination. What Mankato and No Mankato have going on is great. But there are areas we can work together to cut our bottom line. We don't want to increase property taxes. We are going to see more and more school referendums coming up because of the decline in state resources which is going to push it even more on property tax or sales tax and I don't support either one.

President Williams-In terms of economic growth, communities with higher institutions have a plethora of economic potential. How do you incorporate or spur economic growth in Mankato with a loss of local government aid?

Mr. Frederick-We have abundant resources with education. How do we capitalize on education? I don't have all the answers. I would start by looking at our current small business in the community and find out what they are looking for and try to build that bridge between the university and our small business. Our small business is looking to expand and grow. They are looking for talent. We don't have that communication between the two organizations.

Senator Gustafson-The University of MI has started a unique business incubator. In terms of venture capital and new technology start ups fostered in that environment. The University of MI has taken former laboratory space and put academics and small business owners side by side, working together. In terms of stimulating economic growth in the community would you support a unique program that brings together those folks with the financial resources and the academics to bring together the theoretical and the applied and try to stimulate incubation here?

Mr. Frederick-That is a perfect example and it is already happening. What role does the city have? It serves as a conduit to ensure those types of things are happening between private business and the institution. A lot of those things are happening, unfortunately we don't see it often. In my other hat as trustee in the system it is talked about, and it is something that occurs between campuses and private business. How we get the average citizen that has this garage idea and research going on melted together so that it spurs business? That is why we want in the classroom, that is what needs to change. Students are looking for the real world application, business is looking for that leg up. There are some great partnerships happening. What the cities role in that is a conduit. The city will gain a lot by the properties and making sure the buildings are not vacant. The best avenue for cities to foster and encourage growth is within the college and businesses.

Senator Guthmiller-Are you aware of the small business development center and their business incubator program and partnership with Greater Mankato Growth and the university?

Mr. Frederick-Yes, the city is a conduit there because they provided that space at a discounted rate.

Senator Kromer-The biggest stress has been community relationship with university, how can we improve how the community views us or vice versa?

Mr. Frederick-It is happening this year. I applaud your leadership and all of you this year. Council members are actually coming here and talking to you. It has been a long time since that has happened. Another way is getting involved in community projects. We have over 300 RSO's on campus, there are just as many community based organizations. If students are looking at ways for community outreach and involvement there are many ways to match that in the community. That is a way to build that bridge to say we are part of the community we do more than just sit up here.

## **Old Business**

**M#10.13.10A 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 78<sup>th</sup> 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 3/4<sup>th</sup> 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- To the true nature of the motion it has been tabled for one week.

Vice President Anderson-This gives a week check and balance on committee work as well. We have found that a committee motion may come forward that we thought was well investigated and then discover it was not. This allows us to do due diligence and table the exception, little things ones. It allows for good homework and office discussion.

Senator Do-Would you consider adding a short five minute discussion?

Senator Guthmiller-Do you think this adds to the perception that the government is slow and inefficient? This does add a little extra bureaucracy.

Vice President Anderson-This has been done in the past, if we accept it we have 5 or 6 weeks to try it. Our organization is growing, we have more committees, it is more complex. It would be off the books at the end of the semester anyway.

Senator Do-What would happen about business proposed at that time?

President Anderson-New Business would be tabled or you could take the 3/4<sup>th</sup> vote in a timely manner.

## **Motion Passes**

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

Whereas: The report from last year’s Advising Task Force was approved by the 78<sup>th</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> MSSA supports the advising mission, values, and listed responsibilities for advisors and students at MNSU set forth by the Advising Task Force

Senator Koenen-Basically last week we displayed the newly created advising mission, values and responsibilities. Senator Kromer and I have been serving on the task force and looking at national suggestions and have given our student input. We support it.

### **Motion Passes**

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President Williams**

Res Hall binder is part of the consultation process through board policy and it is in the office. Do your diligence and look at the binder.

We spent a little over \$50.00 on our Facebook advertising. We got over 120 clicks on the link.

Gubernatorial Debate-6 days from now. This is the last debate before the election. It is crucial we get students in Bresnan arena. Sign up is in the office to help.

At Budget Sub Meet & Confer there is talk about doing away with out-of state tuition. We have 192 students that pay out of state tuition. That equates to about a \$1.2 million dollar increase in revenue. If we change that it would be \$1.2 million dollar loss. We would need an extra 200 students to enroll at MSU to make up break even. Banded tuition-currently tuition is banded from 15-18 credits. They are finding that average workload is about 15 credits per semester. They are thinking about doing away with banded tuition. St. Cloud and Metro do not have banded tuition. It is not consistent in the system. There would also be an increase in student fees. There are many implications before we move on with the discussion. There is a book in the conference room written by a former senator that actually makes a very strong argument for doing away with banded tuition. It is very intriguing.

From last year we have a \$2 million dollar surplus. They are looking at having that again as it is due to tuition dollars. That is \$4 million dollars of one time money. There were thoughts that came out at the meeting like maybe remodel of Armstrong, new paint, technology. Or we could reinvest it. What do we do with that \$2 million? Do we do faculty reinvestment, technology investment, sustainability, wind turbine. The discussion is what do we do?

MSUSA-state wide positions. Senator Sabby will be running for Treasurer.

How little work can make large change-Senator Mangione, Senator Paul had an idea to promote safety on campus, an idea like excluding felons with history of sexual or physical violence from living in the dorms. How do we go about incorporating this into freshmen orientation and creating university change?

Safe Zone training-since we represent all 15,000 students we should have this. Tonight immediately following the meeting.

Senator Mangione-Regarding disbanding tuition would that mean they would reclassify full time?

President Anderson-I think full time is 12 credits for financial aid.

Senator Quam-Have they thought about 14 credits vs. 15 credits.

President Williams-The average to graduate in four years now is 15 credits. There would be enticement to get out in 4 years.

Senator Mangione-Are you aware that this is not the actual final debate?

Senator Guthmiller-Would it cost the same from 15-18 but more than the current 12?

President Williams-We pay the same from 1-11, 12-18. It would just expand this amount to the 14 credit.

#### **Vice President Anderson**

It gets confusing-you would have to run math on revenue lost. Once you hit the band you notice a sizeable jump. In the book it does talk about the incentive it provides. You are essentially paying for 120 credits whether you are here or not. For a three year program there is an incentive to go to 18 credits that would save you money plus the extra year of employment.

We have been talking in the office about the investment money-should we take the \$2 million and invest it or invest it in direct construction. Vice President Straka has a great metaphor for that. If you win the lottery and get \$1,000 and go to the car dealer and lease a car for \$200.00 a month, how

do you make the payment after six months? Now I am back where I was and I have to get rid of the car. We could spend it on some things to bridge us but it does not make the problem go away.

Future of MSSA Taskforce will meet after the meeting next week.

MSUSA is coming up, if you are signed up we are planning on you going. There will be a group going to the Penny Dinner.

78<sup>th</sup> MSSA will be sending out a newsletter by the end of the week. We will cover College of Business, Hertz, and Book Reserve.

MnSCU will be cutting at the central office. \$4.1 million that they cut is \$4.1 million less that gets spread out to us.

Thank Senator Kromer for working with Dr. Blackhurst on getting the Grad Planner.

Student Advisory Committee will be presented to City Council on Monday at their work session.

It is exciting that it is almost done.

ISA was here a couple weeks ago and just a follow-up on Sodexho over working students, Tom and Fahid will be working on that. Working on campus, they are having a discussion on how off campus employers can be on-campus through technology.

Swim Team-the help we are giving them is logistical support. They are developing some plans on how they can fund themselves. They have to figure out how that fits with title nine.

## **Senator Reports**

### **Undeclared-Zachary Lincoln**

I recently attended several student organizations. Field Ecology Club-we walked through Rasmussen Park. We will be painting pumpkins tonight.

Tragic encounter with the Swing Dance Club. They rotate partners, this adds to the experience.

Some of the female dancers were so experienced I looked like a promenading fandango at best.

The class was very beginner friendly, we only had to learn 8 steps.

National Society of Black Engineers-they discussed their event in Feb. and also how to increase awareness on campus. When I asked them why they don't do more on campus they said they only have 5% of their time to dedicate to free time. I suggested they take what they are using in their complex courses to increase awareness by tabling and students could get technical questions answered by a peer.

President Williams-Were they receptive to the idea of Ask an Engineer?

Senator Lincoln-They were very interested.

### **Off-Campus Matt Skluzacek**

The topic I had to do my report on is about off campus residents. I spoke with a few students that live off campus and asked what they have seen change for residents that living off-campus and what they want to see change that would help out students that live off-campus.

Changes:

- Increase in the awareness about crime in the area. Ex. the email was sent out about the incident last week.

What they want to see change:

- Parking

- Cross walk across Warren at Birchwood (I am taking care of)

- I am attending the city council meeting on Monday to bring to the city attention the problem with the cross walk.

### **Gage A-Ted Gibbons**

I interviewed the President of the History Club, Lauren Post, for my RSO report. The History Club just recently had a field trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul on October 14<sup>th</sup> which was one of their bigger events of the year.

When and where does the History Club meet?

Tuesdays at five, and the room usually changes every meeting depending on what room is scheduled by the secretary. Meetings typically take place every 2 or 3 weeks.

Does the History Club get much outside, non-history major participation?

There are some social studies majors that participate infrequently, but most is by history majors.

What have been some of the things the History Club has talked about lately?

Because of the field trip to the Science Museum, the History Club's talked about the Dead Sea scrolls; we're also having a speaker come in to help with applying to grad school.

With the field trip out of the way, are there any more big events coming up?

The main events coming up are a joint meeting with the Scandinavian Studies, as well as a movie night and bowling party.

How would you describe participation a beneficial for history majors?

The biggest thing is help with finding things to do with history degrees after you graduate and getting set on a path to use them. The other main purposes are to help history majors apply to graduate school to further their studies as well as helping in the resume building process to get them there.

**Off-Campus-Nansy Pradhan** (written report)

### **RSO – World Language Organization**

- Mission - WLO aims to promote language-learning to all the students, staff and the greater Mankato community.
- President – NaYoung Heo
- Advisor – Cita G. Maignes
- Meeting time – Monthly or upon the understanding of the board members
- World Language Organization is a group of committed students at MSU, Mankato, who are willing to share international culture through language.
- WLO conducts classes for a wide variety of languages to all MSU students and the community members. Some languages are 'taught' and the others are 'tutored'.
- Slogan – "Bridging Cultures through Language"
- It was previously called "**Foreign Language Initiatives**"
- The classes are **free** of cost.
- WLO have flexible syllabus to suit the learner's interest.
- The classes are held once or two times a week, and run for about an hour.
- WLO classes for the Spring 2010 started from September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The schedule for different classes can be found in the WLO website.
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- Website – <http://rso.mnsu.edu/wlo/>

### **Maverick Hall-Taylor Pederson**

I spoke with the Director of Gage, Kenny White, and he told me about certain facts about Gage.

First off he told me that there are currently no major problems with the buildings, just a few minor problems that can easily be solved. He mentioned that the picnic table that used to be behind Gage B was moved to the front by the bike racks so smokers don't cause disturbances, such as noise level or having smoke in the air near entrances. He also told me that it is a \$100 fine per article of garbage that is thrown out of windows from the buildings. Security is keeping watch as to which windows are open at night to try to find the rooms that are doing the crime. He didn't have much information because there are currently not many ideas to discuss about problems.

I was also at an RHA meeting and Erik Heller and Christina Miller talked about a Dance Marathon. It is January 22, 2011 in the CSU Ballroom. They are looking for volunteers and all the benefits go to the Gillette Children's Hospital. If you would like to learn more about that I have their emails, [Christina-miller@mnsu.edu](mailto:Christina-miller@mnsu.edu) and [erik.heller@mnsu.edu](mailto:erik.heller@mnsu.edu). They meet Wednesday's at 3 pm in CSU room 203 or 204. They are also looking for people to join their committee if you are interested.

### **Announcements**

President Williams-Safe Zone tonight. If you are interested in anything I do, you are welcome to come along.

Senator Guthmiller-It is National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week-Mock House party tonight.  
Senator Petrulo-National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week-Mocktails tomorrow.

## **Roll Call**

### Senators Present

Jennifer Dooley, Nikki Sabby, Cody Buechner-proxy Lyndsay Sadler, Chris Mangione, Brandon Quam, Dan Kromer, Amin Abdul-Mohomed, Nathan Gustafson, Sarah Koenen, Brian Spitzmueller, Lani Petrulo, Zachary Lincoln, Rachel Sargent, Ted Gibbons, Braeden Hogie, Mark Morpew, Micheal Do, Benjamin Guthmiller, Kelvin Borchardt, Lela Magxaka, Robbie Sitka-proxy, Matt Skluzacek, Taylor Pederson

### Senators Absent

Matt Lexcen, Brandon Quam, Sam Adams, Cody Ingenthron, Michael Paul, Nansy Pradhan,

Executive Staff Present President Williams, Vice President Anderson

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM

