

78th MSSA Senate
October 27, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jennifer Dooley-9-1-1, Nikki Sabby 11-0-0, Cody Buechner- 10-0-1, Matthew Lexcen 5-1-1, Chris Mangione 11-0-0, Brandon Quam 10-1-0, Dan Kromer 11-0-0, Amin Mohamed 8-3-0, Nathan Gustafson 9-2-0, Samuel Adams 9-2-0, Cody Ingenthron 8-2-1, Sarah Koenen 11-0-0, Brian Spitzmueller 4-3-0, Lani Petrulo 11-0-0, Zachary Lincoln 7-4-0, Rachel Sargent 7-0-0, Ted Gibbons 7-0-0, Michael Paul 7-0-0, Braeden Hogie 8-1-2, Mark Morphew 5-2-0, Micheal Do 10-1-0, Benjamin Guthmiller 9-1-1, Kelvin Borchardt-proxy Zack Quade 4-0-0, Lela Magxaka 9-1-0-1, Nansy Pradhan 10-1-0, Robbie Sitka-7-0-4, Matt Skluzacek 10-0-1, Taylor Pederson 11-0-0, President Williams 11-0-0, Vice President Anderson 11-0-0

Open Forum

Karlos Posas, IMPACT President –Fall Fire Dance in the Ballroom next Wed. at 8:00 PM. IMPACT BD applications are due next week-Nov. 3

ACUI Conference next week-Thursday, theme- Changing the Current. Mavericks After Dark will be Friday at 9:00 PM. Birds Gone Wild-live bird exhibit Nov. 10, 11:30 AM

NeStCom-Nepalese Student Community-NeStCom is a small community of Nepalese students that reside in Mankato. Objective is to promote understanding, friendship and cooperation among students, faculty and campus. Nepali Night-Saturday Oct. 30, focusing on the festivals of Nepal, fashion show. Last spring 800 people attended the event. \$6.00 for Food and Entertainment. Future Plans: Cultural Charisma, photography exhibition, show a Nepali cultural movie in the university.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Recognized Student Organizations Alpha Eta Rho, Golden Key International, Society of Automotive Engineers, Swing Dance Club, Women's Club Volleyball, Student Art League

Student Allocation Committee Recommendations

SAC M#10.27.10A Homecoming Incentive Fund Allocations

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$300 to MSU Recreation Club, \$800 to Sigma Chi, \$450 to Phi Delta Theta, \$300 to Delta Sigma Pi, \$450 to PRSSA, \$850 to Real Talk, \$850 to MSU Swing Dance Club, \$250 to CLASA and \$750 to Sigma Sigma Sigma for work performed at homecoming 2010 events.

SAC M#10.27.10B Marketing Club

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$1,000.00 to MSU Marketing Club to travel to Chicago, IL for the Marketing Club Annual Spring Trip to tour businesses and speak with professionals.

SAC M#10.2710C Alpha Sigma Alpha

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$600.00 to Alpha Sigma Alpha to travel to Chicago, IL to attend the National District Day Conference.

Approval of Minutes 10-20-10

Presentations

Honors Program-Dr. Chris Corley

Last spring we gave an update on the creation of the Honors Program. Honors Program is designed for high ability students. They participate in a program that has gen eds but upper level courses. Honors Program is different than 99% of others in the country. We are not just training people to go out and be competent in leadership, research, global citizenship. Program focuses on focusing on those skill sets. It brings in expertise of professors all over. Portfolio-50 students in the program. 160 students applied for the program. 2010-11 goals-adjust curriculum so that they can still participate in program. Working on lecture series to facilitate strategic priorities of the president-Global Solutions. 3rd major initiative is to communicate more effectively with community college students so they could come into our program seamlessly. Honors program is a window that guidance counselors, parents, can learn about opportunities. Program becomes a vehicle to communicate. The more students involved in the program the more benefit to all MSU. President Williams-Can you touch on history of renewal?

Dr. Corley-Because of lack of resources and lack of faculty and a poor curriculum

Dr. Olson and faculty redesigned the curriculum and brought in students. The sign of a successful program is

Senator Lexcen-You mentioned people to campus, are those lectures and workshops strictly open to honors students?

Dr. Corey-No, one lecture is open to everybody. The workshops

The program was a view through which—purpose is to not be exclusive.

Senator Lexcen-How do I obtain information?

Dr. Corey-We have posters posted—we send postcards to all faculty and staff, ads in the Reporter and Free Press. Feb. 24-Professor on Learning Portfolios will be talking about usefulness of portfolios.

Workshop on Faculty thinking of students as scholars. Assessment and evaluation workshop.

Public lectures are helpful.

Vice President Anderson-Touch on language of gen eds.

Dr. Corey-Program is developmentally planned so that students get training in leadership.

Students develop ideas and apply to their major. They can focus on skill set in their field. It is impossible to develop unless you learn the language. Each student studies language in their field.

Competency is key, not credit.

Senator Abdul-Mohomed-How does this reflect on the students program?

Dr. Corey-This is a notation on your transcript. Individual honors courses have been retitled-

Honors..... Students will be recognized at graduation.

Senator Gibbons-At what point does a student no longer

Dr. Corey-First year it is a 23 credit program. Transfer students are 7. Honors credit-take 7 credits of gen eds and then contract for another 9.

Senator Guthmiller-What are the requirements for freshmen?

Dr. Corey-top 10-20 % of HS. Very high GPA, 26 plus ACT, average 28, two essays describing leadership and how studying abroad will advance career goals.

Senator Dooley-How do students find out about the program/

Dr. Corey-If you are in the top of your you would receive Presidential Scholarship information, top 20% of students receive a letter encouraging them to apply to honors program. Process

Freshmen-receive a letter and encourage them to apply for the program. All students over 3.3 received the letter. We want students here to know about this because of their achievement.

New Business

M#10.20.10A Letter of Recognition & Appreciation President Anderson/

Whereas: The MSSA sponsored the Gubernatorial Debate with Debate MN in Bresnan Arena on Oct. 26, 2010

Whereas: The success of the event would not have been fully achieved without the hard work and support of _____

Therefore be it Resolved: The MSSA formally recognize and thank _____.

Dr. Anderson-Many people helped with this so we want to quick write in their name.

Vice President Anderson-Move to consider this in a timely manner

Motion passes

Officer Reports

President Williams

Pumpkin-Stomper face

Debate-largest and most prestigious event put on by MSSA. It went off without a hitch. Crowd was responsive and respectful. Candidates were engaged. Everyone involved with live streaming-best organized and well run debate in the state. Overall atmosphere was best they have been involved in. This is the overall nature of everyone involved in this. This is the crowning moment of my college career.

Vice President Anderson

To everyone it was very appreciated, everyone showed up. Even the police officers felt everyone was in control. Even Mary from Debate MN was very thankful. 6 months of work. We got 1 person for every 10th of a mile we walked.

Safe Training was great and interesting. One thing of note is that she mentioned difficulties in the past with our organization.

International nights are great-come and support them. ISA has a Café every Thursday. They work hard to put these on.

The Honors program is on top of the ball with the program.

After the meeting MSSA Taskforce-bring your bylaws.

I have been talking about starting an advisory group at 7700 France Ave similar to RHA.

I will be going to MnSCU office and talking with Dr. Olson in next couple weeks.

President Williams-How many people were in attendance at the debate?

Vice President Anderson-Over 1,000.

Senator Reports

College of Allied Health & Nursing-Nikki Sabby

Things going on with the CSU Board

Reflection station not being utilized, maybe a comfy lounge, Skype station

-Freshens-Ideas, let me know!

-Smoothies at Jazzman's

-Sampled Mein Bowl-Rice changed, which is good

Trying to get more things going on in the CSU-surprise around every corner. Attend

College of Business-Chris Mangione

The College of Business Dean search is going well. Last week, we graded possible candidates on multiple criteria. We narrowed down a field of 19 to 7 which is exciting. Tomorrow, I will be calling up candidates and their references with Mark. Meetings with the committee members are exciting and I'm excited to see the outcome of our work.

Vice President Anderson-Debates last night-share your experience?

Senator Mangione-I met all the candidates. Personality wise-Emmer is my favorite. RV covered in stickers-hunting with dad. Persona alone was exciting. Tom Horner-I was his personal body guard,

He was not as exciting, he showed up in a G6. Not an RV. He did not look the greatest, he kept asking me when he would get powdered up. Afterwards he looked miraculous. Mark Dayton-kind of weirded me out. He asked me what year I was in college, he has a half smile. It is terrifying.

I sat in a section for a while. It was fun. I got Tom Horner's autograph. I told my mom and dad and they were happy I am doing something productive.

College of Science, Engineering & Technology-Cody Ingenthron

C.O.R.E.

1) Center Of Renewable Energy

a) Opening

i) Ground Breaking Friday, November 13, 2009

ii) Ribbon cutting Sept 23

b) Only one between Detroit and Colorado

c) \$1.8 Million

d) 6300 Square Feet

i) Divided into 2 parts

(1) CORE

(2) IRETI International renewable energy technology institute

e) EPA Certified emissions testing

i) Testing anything for full certification

- ii) Shared between AWD Dyno and Cycle Dyno
 - f) AWD Dyno
 - g) Motorcycle Dyno
 - h) Engine Test Cell (dyno)
 - i) Small to medium engine testing
 - i) SHED
 - i) Sealed Housing Evaporative Determination
 - (1) Evaporative emissions
 - ii) Stainless Steel housing
 - iii) Climate controlled
 - (1) Temp
 - (2) Humidity
 - j) Certified Personnel for operation
 - k) Functionality
 - i) Most equipment by Mid Nov
 - ii) Fully Functioning End of Spring for emissions testing
 - iii) Geared toward graduate research and some undergraduate
- 2) IRETI
- a) International Renewable Energy Technology Institute
 - b) 1500 sq ft of CORE
 - c) Based out of Sweden-test renewable energy
 - d) Focus
 - i) Research & Development
 - ii) Prototyping
 - iii) 3rd party testing & validation
 - (1) UL - Underwriters Laboratory
 - (2) ASTM - American Society for Testing and Materials
 - iv) Education & Training
 - e) Areas of Expertise
 - i) Focused on Solid Combustible Biomass
 - (1) Wood chips
 - (2) Grass pellets
 - (3) Corn cobs
 - ii) Biogas
 - iii) Ethanol
 - iv) Small Wind & Solar
 - (1) Wind turbines by athletic fields
 - (2) Solar panels on roof
 - f) Testing of Heat stoves
 - i) Furnaces and other heating mechanisms

Senator Guthmiller-Can students participate in blowing things up?

Senator Ingenthron-No, but you can watch them blow things up.

College of Science, Engineering & Technology-Sam Adams

I am disappointed as I did not get the information I needed. Granting for wind turbine-Mn Dept of Energy-wind partner initiative. \$5 million for small wind turbines. US Dept of Ag. Rural development. Also local utilities have grants available Dept. of education has grants available, MN energy office.

Off-Campus-Ben Guthmiller

I was asked to give a report on a topic of my choice. So I will give an update on the Student Allocations Committee.

The non-budgeted funds account is currently at \$25,973 plus the \$5,000 Reporter reserve, although this still needs to be reconciled. There were two RSOs that were allocated a certain amount but spent less. There are more RSO's requesting dollars which is good to have active participation.

The SOAFC account is currently at \$3,950. This is for on campus programs.

Student Allocations will be having the Reporter give a presentation to update us on their operating budget situation.

Moriah Miles and I met with VP Straka on Friday October 22nd to discuss the University's budget situation. Because of accounting issues the University will be required to pull the Health Service fee out of the activity fee and make its own line item on the breakdown of fee.

We also discussed pulling the athletic fee out and making it a separate line item on the fee break down as well. We felt that because we are this with Health Services and we are the only MNSCU institution that does not have a separate athletic fee on the fee break down, now is the time. We also discussed the administration's request to keep our athletic funding the same. We are not obligated to keep funding insurance beyond the amount allocated to them. Last year SAC and MSSA recommended giving the Reporter 5,000 less. We will be having him come in and report on where they are at.

Announcements

President Williams-Good reports today, detailed and great. Go to Nepali night, I cannot stress that enough. Have a safe Halloween

Senator Lexcen-Call for Aid, Get Up Minnesota-we have been handing out flyers we want everyone to vote. You should be helping out.

Vice President Anderson-Task force 256. MoNovember-support Mobrows that will be supporting mustaches. Prostate cancer does not get the support.

Senator Kromer-I need book requests.

President Williams-I hope to be sporting a curly mustache.

Roll Call

Senators present

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Senators Absent

Nathan Gustafson, Brian Spitzmueller, Lani Petrulo, Zachary Lincoln, Mark Morphey

Executive Staff Present

President Williams, Vice President Anderson

Adjournment Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM

