

78th MSSA Senate
November 10, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jennifer Dooley-11-1-1, Nikki Sabby 13-0-0, Cody Buechner- 13-0-0, Matthew Lexcen 7-1-1, Chris Mangione 13-0-0, Brandon Quam 12-1-0, Dan Kromer 13-0-0, Amin Mohamed 8-5-0, Nathan Gustafson 11-2-0, Samuel Adams 11-2-0, Cody Ingenthron 9-2-1-1, Sarah Koenen 13-0-0, Brian Spitzmueller 6-3-0, Lani Petrulo 12-1-0, Zachary Lincoln 7-5-0-1, Rachel Sargent 9-1-0, Ted Gibbons 9-0-0, Michael Paul 9-0-0, Braeden Hogue 10-1-2, Mark Morphew 6-3-0, Micheal Do 12-1-0, Benjamin Guthmiller 10-1-2, Kelvin Borchardt 6-0-0, Lela Magxaka 11-1-0-1, Nansy Pradhan-proxy 11-1-1, Robbie Sitka-8-1-4, Matt Skluzacek 12-0-1, Taylor Pederson 13-0-0, President Williams 13-0-0, Vice President Anderson 13-0-0

Open Forum

Karlos Posios-Stomper Cinema-Pilgram vs The World, Wed. Nov. 17, Punk Rock Prom, over 793 students saw Birds Gone Wild show today. Mavericks After Dark Chair-Cezara Talmaci, Kelsey Busch-Homecoming Chair. Business Manager Chair now open, elections will be held next Monday. Theme for IMPACT next semester- Innovation. Winter Welcome Week-first female comedian. Vice President Anderson-Would you consider a wild turkey chase?
Ben Guthmiller-Student Allocations Committee Chair (see printout)
Greg Wilkins-Thank you for your participation last week in ACUI Conference. We were told this was the best conference ever.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments-Shelly Fromm-Hertz Intern, President's Commission on the Status of Women-Sarah Revering, Amber Schramm, Kerry Diekmann, Jenelle Haddard, Learning Technology Roundtable-Rachel Sargent,

Recognized Student Organizations-Dance Marathon

Student Allocation Committee Recommendations

SAC Motion #11.10.10A-Making Waves: A Feminist Collective

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$250.00 to Making Waves: A Feminist Collective, to host Making Waves at Jazzman's Café in the CSU Mall. 300 students are expected to attend.

SAC Motion #11.10.10B-Society of Women Engineers

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$150.00 to the Society of Women Engineers to attend WE10, the largest gathering of women engineers and technologists. Event will take place in Orlando, FL and 3 MSU students will be attending.

SAC Motion #11.10.10C-Maverick Jazz Student Organization

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$1000.00 to the Maverick Jazz Student Organization to attend the Jazz Education Network Conference in New Orleans, LA. 38 MSU students will be attending.

Approval of Minutes 11-3-10

Approved with amendments: New Business Motion #11.10.10 A, Appointments-President's Commission on the Status of Women-Sarah Revering, Amber Schramm, Kerry Diekmann, Jenelle Haddard, Learning Technology Roundtable-Rachel Sargent, Senator Reports- Rachel Sargent. Presentations- Director of Resident Life-Cindy Janney. RSO Recognition-Dance Marathon.

Presentations

Vice President of Finance & Administration-Rick Straka

Graduate Tuition-elimination of out of state graduate tuition. It is something that has been discussed at Budget Submeet & Confer. It is something that will have discussion at the cabinet level by the end of this month. What would the impact be if we eliminated out of state tuition for graduate students? Tuition rate for resident graduates is \$5,960.00, non-resident for 20 credits would be \$9,808.00. We have 47 students paying nonresident rates. That is generating \$461,000. If charged resident fees we would make about \$280,000. That is a difference of about \$180,000. We would need about 30 additional students to break even. For comparison purposes we currently have 192 students paying nonresident tuition, non-resident tuition rates for under graduate students is \$12,063.00 for the band, residence is \$5,631.00. That is a difference in tuition of about \$181,000,000. If we were to charge undergraduate students that same rate it would take about 219 students to generate that million to break even. At only 30 graduate students needed to break even at a cost of \$181,000 that we might lose if it had no impact on our attendance; that is a risk in the

overall scheme of the budget that we can look at taking. The down side is fairly low, the upside could be pretty impressive. There are advocates that believe eliminating our out of state tuition would increase enrollment a great deal and also believe that we have the capacity currently in our existing graduate program that would not inherently increase our instructional costs. That is the theory of why we are looking at this. We have not made a decision as a cabinet. We will be discussing this soon. We have discussed this in theory at Budget Submeet & Confer.

Senator Mangione-If this does not succeed and if we do not break even we still do have that \$6 million onetime use money, right?

Vice President Straka-\$180,000 in our \$120 million dollar budget is kind of our over/under where we might be with our tuition budget. It probably is not really very material. \$180,000 is a lot of money that we would miss but I don't think we have hit our tuition budget within \$180,000 in any of the last four years. I am thinking that the risk is a little less for graduate students obviously more concerned about the million two level in the budget. We do have enough reserve right now to cover that. This is certainly a project worth considering.

Vice President Anderson-Would you see with an increase in graduate students that we had even beyond our stretch goals, I think we were 30 or 40 students over our goals that we could assume that we would get an increase load of students to cover the costs?

Vice President Straka-Correct, and as we are setting out tuition budget and adjusting our overall budget, that is certainly something we can look at and make those assumptions.

Senator Borchardt-You said there was an allowance in the program now for students to fill in, in there a cap for students to fill in?

Vice President Straka-I am relying on unscientific data from the academic side of the house. We believe there are some graduate programs that are not at capacity that could handle 30-40 newly admitted students. There are programs where we could admit students without having to increase our instructional programs.

President Williams-Are there other institutions in the system going this route as well?

Vice President Straka-There are a couple that have it. I believe Bemidji and Southwest have it. It is kind of intriguing as we looked at this that the institution with the highest percentage of graduate students paying non resident tuition is Metro State and they have the highest nonresident rate in the system. Intuitively one would think that lower tuition would mean higher enrollment. I am not sure we have data to support that but the risk of following that intuition in this case may well be worth it. There is not data that would show that this change would absolutely mean an increase in enrollment.

Senator Guthmiller-We don't have marketing studies that show projected number of students if we were to cut graduate study out of state tuition?

Vice President Straka-No, we do not any formal marketing research. Right now it is an intuitive belief that our graduate programs would be more attractive. We do know only 47 of our well over four figure students are paying the nonresident rate. One might argue that the nonresident rate may be a barrier. This does not include students coming from out of state that are getting graduate assistantship stipend benefits.

Senator Guthmiller-Are you going to plan to do a study?

Vice President Straka-I don't know how we would to go out and get that data. The hope is to do a pilot study and move forward with minimal impact. I think the College of Graduate Studies would like to see a decision made by February so that they can really have that next year.

Senator Gibbons-Have you thought about a time period to allow to make up that cost whether or not this is a success or failure?

Vice President Straka-I think we would make the structural change and probably in two or three years it would cycle.

Senator Dooley-Would you want to start this in the fall?

Vice President Straka-This discussion has gotten ahead of the cabinet, I think the proposal at this point in time is yes, we would try to make the change for next year. It does have to be approved by the Board of Trustees in May. We would like to make the decision by February for fall.

Director of Residential Life-Cindy Janney
2011-12 Residence Hall Room & Board Rates-proposal
Overview

Budget assumptions, base rate for room & board, next steps

Expenses-\$22,797,847. Employees-3% salaries, insurance 8%, student wages 3%, workers comp 10%. Dining 1.4%-low increase, Utilities-flat, supplies & equipment-flat, other operating expenses 8% and facility renewal 5%.

Summer 2011 Facility renewal-McElroy E & F Halls will get an update. They will stay at basic rate; cost about \$1 million per building. Crawford A, B&D and McElroy H&I were about \$2 million. It is important to keep a project below \$2 million dollars, once a project reaches \$2 million it has to go before the Board of Trustees. That amounts to more red tape.

Carkoski Food Service Renovation-currently designed for 1800 people, now serving 2400 people and will be serving 2700 people in fall 2012. We work with a consultant to evaluate what the needs are. The Dining Room and Servery will not be changing much.

Senator Guthmiller-What expenses go into dining?

Director Janney-Contracts, expenses to vendors, facility cost, repairmen.

Senator Borchardt-Cooling and heating-why was this not included but furniture was?

Director Janney-In analyzing the requests made from students we are trying to offer a lower price option. If we do the renovation we have to charge more, by not doing the heating and cooling we are having the geometro. We don't have \$2.2 million dollars, we have a plan where we have basic, renovation and therefore spend less money and charge less.

Revenue-\$24,987,641. Room-\$14,729,704, Board \$6,538,023, Rent \$146,266, Other Revenue \$1,699
Revenue Assumptions for 2011-2012

Room-3.7%, Board 2.4%, Rent 3.75% (see Proposed Room and Board Rates)

Options-Promotional Item, add to base rate: \$1.00 per student, Newspaper Program-add \$10.00, Increase Flex dollars-why-flex dollars in meal plans are low in general, students use up their flex and then spend cash and then 7.5 % tax. Students have asked for longer dining hours.

Gage and CC open until 8 pm on Fridays & Saturdays

New Business

M#11.10.10A Senator Mangione, Guthmiller, Quam, Buechner, Paul

Whereas: The current registration system lacks an incentive for academic success

Whereas: High achieving students are defined as those with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Whereas: High achieving students should be recognized because they embody the mission of higher education

Be it Resolved: MSSA supports a registration system that rewards academic success

Be it Further Resolved: The MSSA supports making 2 criteria for registration window times: The first by credit total and the second being cumulative Grade Point Average

Senator Mangione-I think we need to start giving back to high achieving students. In reality high achieving students are the ones that go out and get the better internships which means they will get the better jobs. It also means that if we are rubbing their back now they will be more likely to give more money in the future. Myself as a high achieving student I am a little upset with the current system. As it is now it is your credit total and your last name. I think this would work well with first year students who have 32 credits and they are competing with other students that have 32 credits. If you don't go out your first year and drink and you study hard you should be able to register before your peers.

Senator Guthmiller-Now you register by alphabetical order. This is concrete, it gives you more control on when you can register for classes. This gives more incentive to work harder and be more successful. It gets rid of arbitrary determinants of when you register.

Senator Gibbons-How many students would be covered by that because it is my fear that if there are too many high achieving students the classes might fill up and prevent the lower achieving students from getting the classes they need?

Senator Mangione-I was a high achieving student and I could not get some of the classes I needed. I don't think you are discriminating. They have the same abilities and the same resources. A 3.00 is not asking for a lot so I don't feel this would be a big issue.

Senator Guthmiller-This is no different than someone that had done really well but had a social security number or a last name that prevented them from being able to register for the classes they need. Everyone is capable of controlling a GPA.

Senator Do-Do we have the capacity to do something like this. There would have to be a computer program to pull it all out and allow the program to do that for registration. Where do students with disabilities fall, are you above students with disabilities or below them?

Senator Guthmiller-It is a query on a data base.

Senator Mangione-Students with disabilities have the opportunity to register before everyone. This would be for credit. I have 100 credits, you have 100 credits. I have a 4.0 and you have a 2.0. I can register before you.

President Williams-Have you considered talking to the Registrar's office?

Senator Kromer-Have you considered that work ethic is not the sole determination of GPA?

Senator Mangione-What else is?

Senator Dooley-A freshmen may take 100 level courses and get a higher GPA and register before a person that took 200 level classes and actually got a lower GPA. I think a person taking 300 level courses worked a lot harder and should be able to register before these people, is it fair?

Senator Mangione-I think it is more fair. We are a higher education institution we are supposed to be pushing academics so why are we not pushing it through the registration process as well? I think it is fair. You can control it.

Senator Guthmiller-It is fairer than an arbitrary determinant. You have control over the classes you take and your work ethic rather than not having any control at all.

Senator Buechner-I don't see them registering for the same classes. The scenario is not relevant to them taking the same courses.

Senator Quam-This is also for upper level and getting people out of here.

Senator Koenen-Would 28 credits and 30 different people that want to register for that take a longer time to register overall, would there be a longer time table?

Senator Guthmiller-It would depend on distribution. The motion is to say we support this. It would need support from the administration as to the feasibility.

Senator Kromer-Do you see this conditioning students to work towards specifically their GPA as opposed to stretching their limits through difficult course and extra curriculars?

Vice President Anderson-What is your rationale on the time thing? If you look at the tables, you might be talking twenty minutes for someone with 1-12 credits or 40 minute scenarios.

How many people register on time?

Senator Mangione-The registration window would open earlier.

President Williams-High ability, high achieving, have you considered high completion rates?

Senator Guthmiller-I think we should try this first and see how it works.

Senator Do-Wouldn't 3.5 be considered a little more high achieving? This would be more of an incentive and should be rewarded more than a 3.0.

Senator Mangione-The reasoning was that for most scholarships you need a 3.0 at this university.

Senator Guthmiller-All this is saying is removing this from Social Security numbers to GPA. Classes first, GPA second.

Vice President Anderson-Move to refer this to Academic Affairs. Second President Williams.

Vice President Anderson-There are issues here that need to be investigated and this would give leadership to delegate responsibilities with the Registrar's office, IT, PSEO credits, some credits have multiple windows, then do we go with ss numbers so the system is not overloaded.

President Williams-This needs greater research. The Registrar's Office will be the department responsible for this change.

Senator Guthmiller-Putting this to the committee is adding undue burden. We can take this motion and divide it up and vote on it next week. I believe that is the purpose of the motion.

Senator Guthmiller-I think the reason Tom and Brett drafted the motion to allow new business on the table for a week was to give time for additional research. I think putting it to the committee which is doing advisory and other things is adding undue burden on them. There are four senators that proposed this motion, by next Wed. we can each take a slice of that pie and do research and bring back discussion which I believe is the purpose of the motion. We can bring it back next week and discuss it more. I think we should plan on discussing this motion next week.

Vice President Anderson-Rescind motion to refer to Academic Affairs

Motion tabled

M#11.10.10B Skype Stations Senator Kromer/Senator Do

Whereas: MNSU strives to be on the cutting edge of technological resources

Whereas: There has been vocal student support

Whereas: Vice President Johnson would be more than willing to set up and maintain the Technology given or space to provide it in

Be it Resolved: The MSSA support the creation of a pilot skype station in the CSU

Be it Further Resolved: The CSU Board select a location within the CSU to pilot the skype stations. Senator Kromer-We heard of the idea of a skype station and thought it was a good idea. We met with Vice President Johnson and he said he has capabilities to do it all if we give him the space and we thought why not try it out and do a pilot program in the CSU.

Senator Do-This is a good idea and all we need is a spot.

Senator Adams-Will they be locked down to only be used for skype or else it would be self-defeating?

Senator Kromer-That will have to be talked about and probably will be.

Senator Quam-What percentage of the student body does not have access to a webcam? How much would this cost?

Senator Kromer-I don't know and there would be no cost.

Senator Buechner-What would be the duration of the pilot before it is deemed a success or failure?

Vice President Anderson-VP Johnson is a brilliant innovator. I had many of those same questions but he is the type of guy that you just sit back and say we want a skype station and they will do it.

If the pilot is not working, they will take control of it. We are literally just looking for a few stations.

They are going to fund it all. We just need to give them space and let them take control.

Senator Guthmiller-If we are giving them space it does cost money because it is lost income in space that could be rented out to other people?

Motion passes to vote in timely manner

President Williams-Anything in the Student Union has to go through the Student Union Board.

This says the Student Union Board will take this over and work with IT and Mark Johnson to do their magic.

Motion passes

M#11.10.10 C Amendment to motion 10.13.10A Vice President Anderson/Senator Do

Vice President Anderson-I think we have some frustrations today.

Senator Do-This brings up the point I brought up a couple weeks ago, we should have about 5 minutes discussion.

Senator Borchardt-This is for discussion only?

Senator Guthmiller-Have you also considered getting rid of the old motion?

Vice President Anderson-As it will read it will get rid of all the part on no discussion.

Vice President Anderson-Move to rescind the motion

Senator Mangione-Move to reconsider the vote.

Senator Mangione-At the beginning I thought we should try it out. It now seems to be holding us back and making things difficult for us to do.

Senator Do-Exactly we need discussion time but we can table it for a week.

Senator Guthmiller-This was a good trial period.

Senator Kromer-I don't think this is necessary because we can suspend the rules for discussion on a motion we deem necessary.

Senator Mangione-This cripples our ability to quickly and accurately fill in the gaps.

President Williams-It is not functioning as we thought. It is good on paper and not practice.

Speaking to the true essence of the motion we need to speak to no hasty actions. This in turn is a hasty action on what happened on the previous motion. It is largely reactionary and a combobbled mess unless we sit back and have some guidelines to adhere to such as one yield. You can yield to someone else but there is no yield to a yield such as there is no amendment to the amendment

process. There are guidelines that can be followed in parly pro that ease the frustration and not create a reactionary measure.

Senator Guthmiller-If it seems it is hasty we can table it. This is unnecessary layer of bureaucratic mess. Look, we had to come up with a layer to get out of a thing we voted into. Who thinks that is an efficient way to operate? Do you even understand what I said because I don't know if I do? It adds an unnecessary layer of inefficiency to an otherwise very efficient hardworking organization. Why are we not acting like that? Just get rid of it. I don't see the value added in making things wait when there is not a need to wait.

Vice President Anderson-When I started this I was not trying to get this rescinded. The majority of our frustration has been question and answer. We could tweak the rules and make it more efficient. Lets trial it for two weeks with discussion.

Reconsider motion #10.13.10A

Roll Call Vote

Senators voting yes

Nikky Sabby, Cody Buechner, Matt Lexcen w/r, Chris Mangione, Brandon Quam, Cody Ingenthron, Samuel Adams, Brian Spitzmueller, Michael Paul, Mark Morphew, Micheal Do, Ben Guthmiller w/r, Lela Magxaka, Matt Skluzacek, Taylor Pederson

Senators voting no

Dan Kromer, Sarah Koenen, Rachel Sargent, Ted Gibbons, Braeden Hogie, Kelvin Borchardt, Nansy Pradhan

Senators Abstaining

Jennifer Dooley, Nathan Gustafson

Executive Staff voting no

President Williams, Vice President Anderson

15-9-2 motion failed

Old Business

M#11.03.10A Graduate Student Out of State Tuition Senator Gustafson

Whereas: Our regional, and more importantly, our national and international economy will be driven by knowledge based economies; requiring a highly educated and skilled workforce.

Whereas: Minnesota State University, Mankato's College of Graduate Studies and Research must position its resources to provide the highest caliber graduate education possible.

Whereas: The combination of competing national and international graduate programs, coupled with the knowledge-based foundation of our globalized economy, Minnesota State University, Mankato's College of Graduate Studies and Research must integrate an appropriate incentive structure to attract high-achieving graduate students.

Whereas: Approximately 30-45 currently enrolled graduate students are paying tuition at the out-of-state rate (out of > 2,000 current enrollees).

Be it resolved: The 78th MSSA support eliminating out-of-state tuition for graduate students.

Senator Gustafson-I would like to clarify my stance on this. Compared to what Vice President Straka told us earlier I did not want any of you to be thinking that I sit on any cabinet or I put forth any idea that this is something the university is doing or were looking at retroactively. This is an idea that came out of an enrollment submeet and so the knowledge and information I gave to you was the knowledge that was produced within the workings of four people who are not on the executive leadership team of this university. So that said, I am in support of this motion as a graduate student and a graduate student that has attended a university out of this state and paid five figures a semester not coming out licensed to operate or practice law. I don't have that ability to recoup that investment in education with a masters in Public Administration, unfortunately that field is not funded as high as other masters programs. Anyway as Vice President Straka indicated we would look at approximately \$180,000 as an initial hit to the university without any increase in enrollments. If we look at the enrollments that the enrollment management leadership team

approved last year, our achievable goals were surpassed by a wide margin. Our stretch goals, meaning we may achieve them or maybe we won't, were achieved far and above what we anticipated. Assuming that this will be a tool to attract future graduate students to our university along with some of the other tools I talked about last week. I am in support of eliminating this and taking that calculated risk that Vice President Straka said is one that the university can take with a safe amount of confidence that our money will be recouped and we will break even. I am of the opinion that we will see an increase in graduate students so that money will be recouped and we will also start to see more students.

Senator Mangione-I think this is an excellent idea considering the low risk and the possibility is much greater than the risk we are taking.

President Williams-It will attract more talent to that pool and with recognized graduate degrees it will help us undergraduates out in the value of our degree.

Senator Guthmiller-This is the way to propel the university and be proactive.

Motion passes

M#11.03.10B By-Law Revisions

Whereas: The "Future of the MSSA Task Force" has submitted several bylaw revisions

Be it Resolved: The MSSA approve the changes to the By-Laws.

President Williams-We have provided ample opportunity. They are page by page posted for everyone to look at, they have been emailed out to everyone. I had no questions asked. I support the bylaws. This accounts for more accountability especially with the executive hours in there. 10 hours is not that much. There has been no accountability for the President and Vice President to contribute to the office hours. This requires a mentality or cultural change for the MSSA. We need to be faces in the crowd of the various events on campus. We need to take hold of what it means to be a senator, a part of a representative body.

Motion passes

Officer Reports

President Williams

Logo changes are on the board from Director of Integrated Marketing, Jeff Isenmenger. He says our logo does not really go into the meaning of what the MSSA is supposed to be. No one really understands that MState is the MSSA; we are not really branded as MSSA is really prevalent.

Minnesota Technical Colleges actually uses the logo as it's current logo and it is branded on commercials in the twin cities. It was a logo that was done four or five years ago. It is time for an update and time for a change. He will be giving us 3 or 4 proposals to vote on. We will get quotes on the cost on the banner etc. and of transitioning into a new logo and what it would mean to the organization.

Dr. Davenport meeting-MnSCU bonuses came out, this is performance pay which is held at the beginning of the year and the Chancellor can get back if his goals set by the Board of Trustees are met. It is not a true bonus. The Presidents have only met 3 of the 5 goals this year.

College of Business possible site, sunken lot, across from the football field-it is still up in the air and is a few years down the road. They are still waiting for a couple million dollars. The pictures of it are awesome. It has giant front window, like the whole half of the building is glass. Having this on campus would really help our already recognized College of Business. We also talked about the tobacco policy. We are getting pushed by MnSCU to go tobacco free, we talked about litter, residence halls. We talked about granting PHD's at MSU and how other schools are getting on board, other schools don't want to deal with it because we are *the* MSU, the flagship institution. Residence Hall Presentation-this is part of the consultation process. Last year we did not ask the proper questions. We did not work with Res Hall Association, they voted on it and we ended up sending it back. It was our problem as we did pay attention or ask the questions. It is the fiduciary duty of the Res Hall senators, you are exofficio members of RHA.

New Search Committee that we need a student on-Associate Registrar

Senator Mangione-New COB building-do we have the designs?

President Williams-This is just a rough exterior possibility, there are 3 possible possibilities. There is no interior work done yet.

Meet & Confer-We have two spots open for Meet & Confer, if you are interested, let me know.

Senator Guthmiller-Was Dr. Davenport in favor of the PHD's?

President Williams-Yes, it has been his idea all along. The legislature limits us to the doctorates we can offer in a state school. We have been working with the legislatures.

Senator Koenen-With the new COB building-aren't we supposed to be getting a new Clinical Health Building?

President Williams-Yes, we are growing and we are growing fast. The whole building is going to be privately funded.

Vice President Anderson

MSUSA this weekend. I attended a Student Affairs workshop today and received a touchy/feeling appreciation from a staff perspective on the hard work we do and things we all have going on outside of senate. Look at the four gentleman that came into the office today and figured something out and then made a motion out of it and then when I tried to see if they would let it go they took responsibility. I thought that was good. Brandon Quam has started some controversy. It is good if we shake the trees for the right reason. It is getting everyone involved. Today we had some technical snafus' but we came together and gave it a shot as a group and now we have moved on to the next. I encourage everyone to get things done. It does not take a lot of work. You just have to have questions and shoot them in the right direction. High achieving students might now have priority registration.

Senator Reports

College of Allied Health & Nursing-Jennifer Dooley

Meeting with interim Dean Krampf

Wednesday November 10th 2010

New Business:

- Business as usual
- Dealing with issues as they come up
- 1 student complaint the entire year

Changes:

- Sports management is losing a faculty due to budget cuts- currently working through that.
- New teaching program- Combined the teaching program in Health science and physical education= benefit to the student. Start next fall. They have been working on that for the past 20 years
- All departments are working on creating new online classes. Departments have requested for adjunct faculty, so professors can would on creating and/ or improving online courses.
- Dental Hygiene is working on an online master's programs. A master's degree is the highest degree you can get in the dental hygiene. It is currently stalled.
- School of Nursing is currently redesigning their undergrad. The new program will make it more efficient and the students will be better prepared. Hopefully will start within the next two falls.
- Programs are looking into a three year graduation options.

Budget:

- They have eliminated faculty positions and some professors took early retirement.
- Good for the next year- will have a better idea in June when the government decides the amount of money they will give to higher education.
- If budget cuts get there, there is talk about switching to 3 schools within our college instead of 7 departments. There is a committee actively researching other institutions that have a similar structure.

Status as dean:

- Will remain the dean the rest of this school year and next. The dean search committee will start up next Fall.

New Building:

- Will meet with the Board of Trustees to discuss the need for the clinical building in the spring.
- Possibility of getting the new building will depend heavily on the governor.

College of Education-Dan Kromer

Yesterday I went to the Professional Education Advisory Council that included faculty, administrators, students, and leaders from some of the professional development schools that MSU partners with. During the meeting we discussed some of the goals and changes to the professional education program that will be taking place due to the Bush Grant we received last year.

Focus will primarily be focused on Recruitment, Preparation, Placement, Support, and Assessment and Research.

- Recruitment
 - Currently 300 students graduate per year with limited recruiting
 - Identify, contact, inform, and recruit people at younger ages
- Preparation
 - Innovative learning methods based on data driven decisions
 - Ex. Co-teaching as opposed to single teaching
 - First started in Sp 2010
 - 90 pairs of co-teachers have been trained in our 6 PDS schools and Bloomington
- Placement (Student Teaching/Clinicals)
 - Year long placements
 - Piloted this semester (Fall 2010), 3 districts volunteered to make a year long commitment to it
 - Restrict MN placements to our PDS schools and Bloomington
 - Increase global and urban placements
 - St. Paul partnerships are being re-written
 - Native Nation Reservation Placements are being explored
 - Mexico partnership starting this spring (2011)
 - Africa partnership is being explored
- Support
 - Culture for mentoring
 - Within the program, throughout field experience, and continued during the career stages of teacher development
- Assessment and Research
 - “Measurable characteristics of teacher education recruits”
 - “Coordinating doctoral, masters, and undergraduate-level faculty to form... research teams... to inform continuous improvement and innovation”
 - Technology innovation

In addition to these changes are many others that I would be glad to speak with you on or to view the information that I have from the meeting.

College of Science, Engineering & Technology-Sarah Koenen

2012 Res Hall Design Meeting:

I was determined to be the undergraduate student representative for 2012 Residence Hall Project. There have been several meetings prior (mostly last year) the design and associated costs of this building. On 10/27/10 I attended the meeting which included the interior designers and various departments throughout campus. I learned more about the interior design and structuring. Also we discussed the bonding process, the contract signing process, and interior and landscaping design details.

CSET Undergraduate Board Meeting:

Last Thursday I met with the CSET Undergraduate board which consists representatives from each of the CSET department, SRCs, and Dean Knox. Some of the issues that were brought up were professors not reporting grades which affects student's completion rate (students must meet a 67% completion rate else they are put on academic parole), Grade Inflation and scales and concerns with TAs. They seem very willing to go back to their departments and help me as a CSET senator gain more feedback from my constituents on current issues.

Parking:

I also serve as the on-campus rep on the Parking Advisory Committee. We will be having our first meeting next Thursday 11/18. I believe we will be discussing the parking and transportation budget. It is posted in the Senate office. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas let me know.

Advising:

The Advising Taskforce will be putting out a survey hopefully before the end of the semester for students. The faculty advisor survey is also in progress. We are also working on getting more information about our sister universities about their advising models.

College of Allied Health & Nursing-Cody Buechner

I am reporting today about my interaction with the MSU Recreation Club. Rec Club meets every other Thursday at 1pm in AH 319 and holds officer meetings every Monday at 1pm at the Observation Deck in the Taylor Center. I thought I'd inform you about Rec Club because the RPLS department is rather small and I assumed most of you haven't heard of our program's RSO.

Rec. Club focuses on two things: having fun and networking with other undergrads in the program and setting up all department students with Field Experience, Practicum's, and scholarships. They involve the undergrads through events such as November 20th's Thanksgiving Dinner. They also sponsor other miscellaneous events throughout the semester such as BBQ's, geocaching, and community service. The most impressive part of Rec. Club is their listserv. This listserv is open to all students in the department and mass emails our information regarding work opportunities and scholarships, as well as meetings and forums. They are planning on moving this over to Gmail next year so they can have more control over the list based on yearly interest.

I wanted to express how MSSA could help them too. Not only did I tell them about what MSSA does (brief summary) and when we meet, I informed them that they could very easily obtain SAC funding for their educational trips, such as last month's trip to Minneapolis to attend NRPA's national conference. Overall, I think Rec. Club was appreciative for my information, as was I for theirs.

Off-Campus-Kelvin Borchardt

As stated in my last report I scheduled a meeting with Detective Commander Matt Durose the Mankato Public Safety Officer In charge of the MNSU Campus. The meeting was conducted on Monday November 9th in the Senate Conference room. The following information resulted from that lunch meeting.

- Overview of Public Safety: 5 total Wards (parts of Mankato) with a Detective Commander in charge of each. Each with a team of officers to help police the ward. A rough estimate of about 50% of the current police force is employed due to the increase in population from those attending MNSU.
- Safety Action plan: There is no set long term Safety plan established that is specific to the campus. The short term plan is to direct efforts on identifying roots of the problems and finds ways to proactively prevent them. This is to be obtained through campus community partnerships and involvement (neighborhood associations). Current policing program are centered on underage consumption. Has championed Safe and Sober program.
- Goals:
 - Increase the current 4 neighborhood associations to 10 .No time line for this is established.
 - Long term goal would be to have officers attached to certain community in Mankato to better serve them as a community.

- Find a way for students to voice their opinion on the safety issues to be utilized to identify needed safety concerns.
- Establish a 2 way communication between officer and student. Wants to break away from the historical preaching type of awareness.
- More campus involvement. (I.e. Orientation).
- Wants students' first experience with public safety officers to be a positive one.
- Increase responsible drinking awareness
- Campus community involvement:
 - Has tried in the past to get the reporter more involved and attend more press releases but participation as been minimal.
- Officer on Campus :
 - Detective Durose is for this proposal; it has been talked about for years and will probably happen within the next ten years. The benefits would include faster response and allowing for officers to be community based to identify with the specific problems of that community. Would be a staggered shut schedule allowing security to continue with most of the campus patrols.
- What can be improved:
 - Reporter more involved.
 - Establish a campus liaison from the Student Affairs committee to work with Detective Durose to keep both sides informed. Help get feedback from students and report them to detective Durose.
 - Students get more involved in your neighborhood association. Get to know your neighbors (talk with them let them know that they can contact you to address issues before calling police).
- Public Safety Media:
 - Face book/twitter-press release of local safety issues/crimes and snow emergencies etc.
 - Text message alerts available from Mankato Public safety.
 - Reporter

Crawford Hall-Rachel Sargent

Goal of AISA:

To create a better sense of native community on campus and to establish a better awareness of native people in general.

Current Goals for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Participated in Rake the Town
- Native Nations Conference on November 12, 2010
- Annual Spring Pow Wow
- Bring Cheske Spencer in for the Spring Expo along with dancers and a drum group
- Schedule sweat lodges
- Still trying to get AISA's name out there more

Meeting Time(s):

Tuesdays or Thursdays in conference room CSU 202 at 7:00 pm.

Announcements

Senator Guthmiller-Today is the last day to drop classes in case you need to.

Senator Borchardt-On behalf of Commander Matt Durose, Chili Feed at Busters on Nov. 20, proceeds going to

Roll Call

Senators Present

Jennifer Dooley, Nikki Sabby, Dan Kromer, Nate Gustafson, Sam Adams, Sarah Koenen, Brian Spitzmueller, Rachel Sargent, Michael Paul, Braeden Hogue, Ben Guthmiller, Kelvin Borchardt, Lela Magxaka, Taylor Peterson

Senators Absent

Cody Buechner, Matthew Lexcen, Chris Mangione, Brandon Quam, Amin Abdul-Mohomed, Cody Ingenthron, Lani Petrulo, Zachary Lincoln, Ted Gibbons, Mark Morphey, Micheal Do, Nansy Pradhan, Robbie Sitka, Matt Skluzacek

Executive Staff Present

President Williams, Vice President Anderson

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM