

78th MSSA Senate
November 17, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

Jennifer Dooley 12-1-1, Cody Buechner 14-0-0, Matthew Lexcen 7-2-1, Chris Mangione 14-0-0, Brandon Quam 13-1-0, Dan Kromer 14-0-0, Nathan Gustafson 12-2-0, Samuel Adams 12-2-0, Cody Ingenthron 9-3-1-1, Sarah Koenen 14-0-0, Lani Petrulo 12-2-0, Zachary Lincoln 8-5-0-1, Rachel Sargent 10-1-0, Ted Gibbons 9-1-0, Michael Paul 10-0-0, Braeden Hogie 10-2-2, Mark Morphew-proxy Dan Lein 6-3-1, Micheal Do 32-1-0, Benjamin Guthmiller 11-1-2, Kelvin Borchardt 7-0-0, Lela Magxaka 12-1-0-1, Nansy Pradhan-proxy 12-1-1, Matt Skluzacek 13-0-1, Taylor Pederson 14-0-0, President Williams 14-0-0, Vice President Anderson 14-0-0

Open Forum

Ryan Yunkers-Student Activities-RSO's. Leadership Program is wrapping up. Students received skills training on leadership, skills from Bethany representative and an opportunity to be part of Mankato Young Professionals.

I appreciate being asked about changing registration. GPA wise, there is not a significant difference between GPA's of students 25 and older vs. those 24 and younger. From that perspective, nontraditional students by age are .07 higher on GPA's based on second semester spring 2010. Students who are single parents, students who are veterans may have other challenges that they face.

Sam Adams-Campus Kitchens lacks the help needed to serve the community. Volunteer for a spare hour during Christmas break.

IMPACT-Vice President Special Events-Sarah DeBoer/ Erika Masias-Thank President Williams, Vice President Anderson and the senators that helped support our events, including Mavericks After Dark on the High Seas.

Welcome new members to IMPACT team-Kelsey Busch-Homecoming Chair & Business Mgr. Chair Megan Gilbert, Maverick After Dark-Cezara Talmazi

Punk Rock Prom 9:00 tonight. There will be a King and Queen crowned at the end of the night.

Stompers Cinema-Documentary called Babies

Santa Claus will be coming to town after break, watch for him.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments Hertz Marketing Coordinator-Shelly Fromm, Environmental Committee-Maddy Matre

Student Allocation Committee Recommendations

SAC M# 11.12.10A Tau Kappa Epsilon-Theta Tau Chapter

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$428.00 to Tau Kappa Epsilon-Theta Tau Chapter to attend a leadership retreat in northern Minnesota.

SAC M#11.12.10B College Republicans

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$500.00 to MSU College Republicans to attend a handgun safety training in Madison Lake, MN. Student Allocation Committee requires the RSO organize an on-campus program regarding the issue and provide 6 hours of CSU tabling with literature over a 3 day period.

Ceremonial Motion

M#:11.17.2010A Penny Fellowship Silent Auction

Whereas: The Minnesota State University Student Association held the 23rd Annual Penny Fellowship Reception and silent auction on November 12th, 2010

Whereas: Minnesota State University, Mankato had a plethora of items at the silent auction that were donated from various University offices. Now, therefore,

Be it Resolved: The MSSA declare sanctimoniously our gratitude to the following offices and individuals for their support of the Penny Fellowship and its mission: President Richard Davenport and the Office of the President, Vice President Doug Mayo and University Advancement, Director Jennifer Guyer-Wood and Alumni Relations, and the University Foundation.

Approval of Minutes 11-10-10

Add Maddy Matyre to appointments, remove IMPACT Presentation. Remove SAC recommendation M#11.12.10B from Consent agenda to New Business, add Coordinator Report-Dan Kromer

Approved.

Presentations

Interim Director of Institutional Diversity-Henry Morris

I have been here for over 20 years in other roles. In another role I used to come to this group a lot when I would oversee the Student Union and Campus Rec. The last two years I have been at 7700 France Ave. We are always interested in hearing what you have to say. We will be meeting with SAC Friday to talk about how we use the funds that are allocated to the diversity organizations on campus and see how we move on those issues in the future. The other role we have is to oversee the Intercultural Center and based on discussions we had with the Student Union Board last year we are moving on making some changes in there and make it more of a student center vs. a tutorial center, which were issues that were raised last year. Hopefully you will see more student events happening in there.

President Williams-Can you discuss the reorganization within Diversity?

Director Morris-That is a discussion you should have with the Vice Presidents.

Vice President Anderson-Can you share how the CAP program has gone this semester?

Director Morris-We have had the largest class ever-one more student. Those students are coming through the process. We have made structural changes on how we do the program in the summer. We have moved things to try to have students successful academically. The university has three ways that students get accepted to MSU. One is regular admit, one is contract admit and one is college access. Each of them has an admissions process. We get them ready to be successful in the CAP program. Some of them have made some bad choices in high school and are moving toward trying to be successful here. It is an on-going process, we are always looking for ways that are working or not. The majority of underrepresented students here are not college access students. are very small-less than 10%. All CAP students are not students of color.

Elections-Undeclared

Candidate-Steven Johnson

Many freshman come in as undeclared and don't know what is going on and what is available. I would like to get things out in the open and have more information for all students. I have not done a lot of research yet but I would like to go to the FYE office and meet with them.

Vice President Anderson-How did you hear about the MSSA and what drove you to run for this election?

Mr. Johnson-I heard about it from Senator Borchardt and thought this would be something good for me to do.

Senator Kromer-Given you now have to do three hours of office hours and be on two committees as well as this meeting, do you have any problems meeting those time commitments?

Mr. Johnson-Not that I see right now.

Mr. Johnson-I hope you vote for me so I can learn more about the position and gain some knowledge. I would like to help others find their way.

Elected Undeclared Senator-Steven Johnson

MSUSA Board Member Update-President Williams

MSUSA Conference this past weekend at Metro. New Treasurer of MSUSA-Nikki Sabby

We covered biennial budget, legislative agenda, and MnSCU consultation and delegate's assembly. According to the bylaws the senate now must approve my vote on the Board of Directors. If you wish to overturn something you can by a 2/3rds majority. The biennial budget is MSUSA's budget proposal to MnSCU. We did not ask for an increase in state funding for higher education but we would ask for no change but too keep consistent funding that we currently have with a 2% increase in tuition. This would cover the stimulus dollars that they bought the tuition down with before. An increase in tuition of 2% would meet that gap. A lobbying core will provide funding for a MnSCU transformational fund. That would provide funding for changes in the system and make it more efficient, nothing specific on which way we want to go. This will now go to the MnSCU Board of Trustees and see what proposal they will come up with. Most likely 2% will not happen, MnSCU will probably ask for more funding. If we don't ask for more funding it will appear that we can handle it. Where we will gain attraction will be from the transformational fund, to allow for some changes to the system and how we operate. Some of the ideas already happening with that is in

Southwest MN. They have five community colleges that they are actually putting under one president, instead of each individual campus having their own president. There will be cost savings in that area. They do not want there to be more bureaucracy. You may create that one president for five schools, but will there still be those Vice-President's, that extra tier that you have to get to? The Legislative agenda outlined 8 items the lobbyist will be lobbying for: biennial budget, exofficio bill that we added to it, putting lease agreements for voting on the documents when you go to the polls, maintain voucher system-currently you can vouch for 15 people. We want to keep that consistent whether we decrease that number or not.

Vice President Anderson, also related to a transfer study that was done where the legislatures would provide for more ease of transfers in the system and throughout the state.

President Anderson-Those are the main agenda items. MnSCU consultation was passed through delegates. Currently there is no policy they have to consult with the Board of Directors on for the MnSCU operating budget, this would change the policy so they go through the same policy that university presidents have to go under with student associations. Delegates Assembly-currently operates as only recommentory body. It makes no final action or decision making, the director's vote. This was altering it to make sure that it would pass delegates and require a 70% or 29 votes to be final. This would bypass going to the Board of Directors and would give actual power to the Delegate Assembly as currently they have none.

Move to Approve Presidential vote Vice President Anderson/Senator Kromer

Move to approve President Williams's votes at the MSUSA Board of Directors meeting pertaining to: Biennial Budget proposal, Legislative agenda, MnSCU consultation motion, Granting voting power to the Delegates Assembly

Vice President Anderson-I was there and they were definitely the right votes for Mankato.

Motion passes

New Business

M#11.17.10B Undergraduate Admissions Academic Affairs

Whereas: The policy for Undergraduate Admissions is up for expedited review by December 10, 2010

Whereas: The only change was the addition of the clause, "Other standardized measures comparable to a 500 (paper based) TOEFL such as: a SAT Critical Reading score, an Accuplacer score, etc." to the English Proficiency admission standard.

Be it Resolved: The MSSA support the policy as written

Coordinator Kromer-This opens it up so other test scores would allow you to be admitted to college.

Motion passes

SAC M#11.12.10B College Republicans

President Williams-The questions were asked. This does open it up to the general student population. It does meet the SAC guidelines.

Senator Kromer-I appreciate the added requirements, it does bring more to the university.

Senator Guthmiller-SAC has guidelines. RSO's can request money to travel and one of the criteria is that they must bring something back to the greater population of MSU. We felt just sending them there did not met the 100% qualification. We wanted to make sure this request met the obligations to provide something to the university and how to better meet the criteria of using our student dollars.

Motion passes

Old Business

M#11.10.10A Academic Success Registration Senator Mangione/ Guthmiller

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-We met with Deb Schultz in the Registrar's Office. She is in support of this. She also said it would be a departmental change meaning it would not be a whole policy and making it simpler to achieve the process. We met with Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Ann Blackhurst and she is in support of this. The Vision Statement of the University of Minnesota, Mankato is this: Minnesota State Mankato will be known as a university where people can go further than they thought possible by combining knowledge and the passion to achieve great things. Our foundation for this vision is our heritage about dedicated teaching and the direct application of knowledge to improve a diverse community and world. We will achieve it by actively nurturing the passion within students, faculty and staff to push beyond possibility on the way to realizing dreams. (known as a university to go further than they thought possible) I feel this motion is coinciding with the vision of the university and in the oath we took as senators to uphold the mission and vision of the university.

Dr. Ann Blackhurst-As mentioned, this is not a policy that is considered university wide. It clearly affects the university community but it is the kind of policy that can be changed within the peripheral of the department and in this case the Registrar's Dept. It would take a recommendation from the Registrar's Office to the office that supervises them, Academic Affairs. After Ben came and talked to me met with Malcolm O'Sullivan who is in charge of policies on campus. His primary advise was to do the research and see how it would affect the students and whether it will affect certain student populations differently. Nontraditional students might be affected differently. If you have done your research and agree that this kind of research is in keeping with our mission and vision it is certainly the kind of change that Academic Affairs and Student Affairs would support. We are all about academic achievement and supporting students that want to reward academic achievement.

Senator Guthmiller-To highlight our meeting-Mr. O'Sullivan said it would be a good idea to bring it up at Meet & Confer tomorrow with the cabinet. We are on the agenda to talk about that tomorrow. We took an informal non IRB approved survey of the Vets Center, Student Activates and on Mav Ave on how students felt this impacted them. Most students did not know it went by SS#. They felt it was arbitrary and they were in favor of promoting this and letting students a little more of their own say in the registering by GPA.

Senator Buechner-We told students that we surveyed that when registering for classes the current system goes as follows: first is by credit term and last is by the last two digits of your social security number. We then said would you be in support of registering by GPA instead of cumulative GPA? We interviewed 24 students and 1 faculty. We had 22 out of 24 students say they were in support, one was indifferent and one was against. The faculty was also in support. He felt this would be a way to demonstrate the universities commitment to high academic performance. This is also used for room selection at other universities. We had 22 different majors represented.

Senator Guthmiller-We put in a good amount of research and found out this is feasible. Ms. Schultz said this can be done and we asked her how she would like to see this happen. She said a motion would be good but let us do our job as to the process. We would be happy to consult and give input. That is why the motion did not get reworded; it should be done by the Registrar interpretation.

Senator Quam-Amend to strike the second Whereas: High achieving students are defined as those with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher Senator Buechner

Senator Quam-This is something we could leave up to the Registrar's Office. The motion on hand does not need to specify GPA.

Senator Buechner-We want to leave this up to the Registrar's Office to break it down as to what the fields are. At this point it does not need to say anything about any GPA.

Senator Guthmiller-We did need to do some refining. We felt it would be best without that it does not contribute to the value of the motion.

Senator Do-If the Registrar does put a GPA on it would everyone below that still follow the criteria with the SS#?

Senator Buechner-It has nothing to do with GPA. The Registrar would pick what they feel would be best for the registration window.

Vice President Anderson-Move to amend the amendment. Strike the 3rd Whereas: High achieving students should be recognized because they embody the mission of higher education and add final criteria must be consulted with the MSSA at the end of the Be it Resolved.

Vice President Anderson-This does position us towards the mission or vision.

High achieving students might be the product of a good education but students under that might be working at a different level. There is an underlying level we don't need. The mission of higher education is so much more than high achieving students. This would put it in writing that we be consulted, there does need to be more criteria other than a flat GPA.

President Williams-I agree with the amendment. We want to promote academic success.

Labeling high achieving students vs. other students may come off as elitist and I don't think that is at all what the motion attended to do. This speaks more to awarding academic success.

Senator Guthmiller-That is exactly right, it is not meant to alienate students. Would it have to come back to this body or the makers of the motion?

Vice President Anderson-It could come back informally but I like things in writing and establishing a motion.

Senator Guthmiller-I do agree maybe it should explicitly state that we should be consulted with on the final outcome of this motion.

Senator Mangione-When we talked to Ms. Schultz we did not talk to a 3.0 GPA cut off it was that your GPA would be your new ranking instead of the last two digits of your SS#.

Amendment to Amendment passes

Amendment passes

Senator Do-With this being a departmental change will it affect all the departments or could a department opt out because it is a departmental change?

President Williams-It would not affect the college departments, just the Registrar's Office.

President Williams-I commend the research of these individuals; this is exactly what we should be doing. Thank you for doing your due diligence.

Senator Kromer-Have you looked at colleges such as the discrepancy between Engineering and RPLS?

Senator Guthmiller-Kind of how it works is that you are probably not competing for the same classes. The College of Engineering GPA is probably lower than the College of Education. They will all be affected the same.

Senator Do-How many students will be affected? How many could lose out by getting bumped to a different registration window?

Senator Guthmiller-The break down does not affect every credit level. You would have to find out how many students are registering early that have a non high GPA and have a high SS#.

Senator Do-This would not affect students registering early with disabilities?

Senator Guthmiller-Correct.

Senator Adams-How will this work with Students First registration stuff?

President Williams-The single registration window means we have access to classes at another institution and each institution has different criteria. Priority would be for the home institution. High demand classes will not even be offered to other institutions.

Senator Koenen-After speaking with my constituents from CSET they were very hesitant. This rewards you for having a higher GPA right away. This could deter students from taking specific classes until later on. In my major if I do not take difficult classes my freshmen year I would be behind. In CSET there are a lot of course requirements. I need to take programming at the same time I take a business class. It will be harder to get those classes if you have an A in business. I feel more research should be done.

Senator Quam-This would affect more lower level students that are freshman and sophomores just because the spread is more wide. This could encourage competition in the department rather than among them. My registration window would be competing against other business majors, I would not be taking engineering or nursing classes. I know they have very disciplined course work.

Senator Mangione-Ms. Schultz did bring up the new MnSCU open registration policy and they do not know the implication of that.

Senator Guthmiller-President Williams and I have tried to figure out implications on freshmen and sophomores. First semester freshman register during orientation so they do not get priority.

Second semester you do not have a GPA to register for this system. For 0-12 or 16 credits you would have to register under current policy. I don't think we should try to micromanage. We need to be fair but yet still reward students. It is easy to find GPA breakdown among colleges. The two lowest

in the university are Astronomy with a 2.1 GPA and Economics with a 2.2 GPA. Finance strives to make their GPA a 3.0. We can find the departmental GPA's and make sure needs are met. Vice President Anderson-GPA's within different departments-when you register as a freshman you do not have a GPA. If you vacate those first years you are talking about 43-56 credits. That is when this would come in to play. You would be competing against the people in your major you are already competing with. This does not add competition then is already there in the astringent programs. If you are in a program that has a wide array it will be good to be awarded and guaranteed your spot in the class.

Senator Borchardt-My concern is that we are not looking at nontraditional students, they may have a degree from another university but this school does recognize all that. Their GPA may be 0. If they are registering for a competitive class they would be negatively affected by this.

Vice President Anderson-I think a nontrad would probably have more than 56 credits.

Senator Guthmiller-We did talk to Ryan Yunkers about this, you have to have had 26 credits to transfer and you would have a GPA for those 26.

Senator Kromer-The underlying of rewarding academic success-what about transfer students that come from generally easier two year schools and have higher GPA's. Would that push students that have been here the whole time down?

Senator Quam-As long as credits are recognized and will the credit spread make some of this irrelevant?

Senator Lincoln-We were told nontrads typically have a .7 higher GPA.

Senator Mangione-We are just trying to get support for this and then give it to the Registrar's Office. They can figure it out and bring it back and we can ask the questions.

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Motion Passes

Officer Reports

President Williams

The Amnesty Policy has been sent to the President's Cabinet. They will put it in for expedited review and attaching it to the current Alcohol and Drug Policy. We have a meeting with Student Affairs, Greek Life and Res Life. We will be hashing it out and putting it into more of a procedure model. Thank Dean of Students for being a student friendly administrator.

MSUSA-Brett and I decided to map out the actual power various schools have within the organization. Mankato contributes \$187,633 per year to MSUSA. We represent 23.93%. The only voting power each school has lies within the Board of Directors. Each school has a 14.3% of power within the organization. If you couple that with our total fee and the power of the Board we can receive only just under 67% of what MSUSA does. We contribute one of the most but receive one of the least. Southwest who contributes just under \$50,000 actually receives 226.48% of the power. St. Cloud gets 54%. The two biggest schools who make up the most students have the least power in the organization. It takes 5 votes to make something happen. It is heavily slanted to the smaller schools. Southwest, Bemidji, and Moorhead hold the most power and contribute the least. They contribute about 25% of the population. We want to change this to four votes on the Board of Directors, a simple majority, to make something pass or doing away with Delegate Assembly. We are giving away our money to the smaller institutions. There is disproportionality. To get the numbers you take 14 and divide by contribution and turn it into a percent. We will send this off to MSUSA and the Board of Directors.

Senator Guthmiller-Have you thought about withdrawing from MSUSA?

President Williams- This is a question that always comes up between St. Cloud and Mankato. It would take legislative action to do so. We are required by the state legislature to contribute and be a part of it. It did have backing in the late 1900's by two legislators to withdraw. Our President vetoed the vote by the senate. St. Cloud does understand the implication that the larger the school the least influence you have in the organization.

Senator Lela-Will you be presenting this to MSUSA?

President Williams-Yes we will.

Senator Mangione-MSUSA is paid for per student?

President Williams-.43 cents a credit or \$6.48 for banded tuition up to 151/2 credits.

Senator Mangione-Has there been talk about making it a standard fee?

Vice President Anderson-The three schools paying the least would be able to not approve that. The small schools would double what they are paying to continue to be part of the organization.

Senator Guthmiller-Shouldn't it be a ratio instead of simple subtraction?

Vice President Anderson-We made that realized Board power percentage by saying what if delegates had power? If delegates actually had the power the percentage that you pay in would essentially be the percentage that you get out in terms of a vote. That is why we took the actual vote power over what would be your assumed delegates power vote and showed either the inflation or what the percentage decrease would be. This is what it should be if delegates assembly reflected your actual contribution. The most we are getting now out of what we could be getting is 54% and then Southwest is realizing 225% more power than if delegates had any power.

Senator Lela-If the two major colleges withdrew from MSUSA could they still function?

President Williams-It could not operate under the same functionality that it does now. It would be detrimental to the organization. I think MSUSA, the concept of it is beneficial but the way it is set up now it is not operating to potential. They are lobbying for us at the state and MnSCU. It is expanding to include scholarship opportunities, mentor programs, staff members and everything else. It is reaching out beyond what it should be doing, advocacy and lobbying. That is what it's true intent was, to organize the student base. To what is truly representing students of higher ed it impacts the fewest amount of students that it could because it differentiates its budget so widely.

It is about \$10,000 to have a conference with Delegates Assembly. That is providing hotels, travel, food, paper. Delegates have no power so why spend \$10,000 to have a conference that does not have power in the first place? It is a waste of student fees. If we do keep the budget the same, we could remove that conference and reallocate that out to the campus committees on their own needs.

Senator Guthmiller-Could we blow it up and make a new one?

President Williams-I think that would take years and years. I think it could be reworked structurally.

Senator Koenen-Could we change the percentages to what power the delegates receive?

President Williams-But they have no actual power.

Senator Koenen-Are there any two year colleges larger than some of the smaller universities?

President Williams-I think Normandale is larger than Southwest.

Vice President Anderson

We need to commend Nikki on winning Treasurer. She spoke extremely well. It went to six different ballots because of the smaller schools and they don't like us.

Commend the 4 or 5 people that wrote the motion. That was textbook on how we should operate.

You came with an idea did your research and let the people that get paid for it do their work.

We now have a regular news reporter that will be here every meeting.

Transfer issues-there is a lot to be done that supersedes the GPA requirement. Transfer is something we need to work on to make a more seamless process.

Speaker Schmidt

No meeting next week or office hours. Look over new bylaws. Come back and put in your 3 hours, half of them can be done in constituency.

Vacancies-Off-Campus, College of Graduate Studies, Allied Health & Nursing, SET, SBS

Coordinator Reports

Academic Affairs-Dan Kromer, Coordinator

Textbook Advisory tomorrow-going over textbook checkouts. Averaging over 800 checkouts.

Users are up about 100. I met with Mark Johnson about skype stations. They will be going down by Affinity in the CSU. We talked about D2L for all students and the tech fee. He will be showing us some innovations he has. If we like what he has we will have to talk about increasing the fee.

He is a genius and I think we will find some stuff we like.

Contracts for IFO are coming up-if you want to have a stance we will be talking about that in the future.

Advising-we finished surveys and will be handing it out before finals.

Senator Guthmiller-Is there any way we could get a list of textbook changes that professors might make?

President Williams-Requests are sent in to bookstore every semester. The bookstore will then know what they will offer, but they have a problem with faculty getting their requests in on time.

Senator Reports

Julia Sears-Braeden Hogue (written report)

My report is on an RSO because I switched it up earlier in the year. I will explain the Student Ambassador Program at Minnesota State University Mankato. Student Ambassadors has a new look this year. We are trying something out this year. Each Student Ambassador is a representative of this campus, and is supposed to always show the University in a positive light. Each Ambassador is required to attend a monthly meeting, give 12 tours each semester, and participate in volunteer services around the community. The volunteer opportunities we have taken up this semester include Rake the Town, and the Mankato Marathon. We are right around 40 ambassadors, and are ALWAYS looking for more involvement in our organization, so of course, if anyone is interested, I am willing to be a reference for you all or answer any questions you may have.

College of Graduate Studies-Nathan Gustafson Institutional Planning, Research and Assessment

I. Institutional Research

A. What is it?

1. Systematic and continuous process of examining and analyzing data collected by MSU, M.

a. Internal and external stakeholders. What is higher education and mission?

B. Does it matter?

1. Unequivocally, yes.

a. Without a unit devoted to institutional research, how can the university measure institutional inputs, outputs, and perhaps most important, outcomes. If we make decisions on data-it provides deeper level of understanding, in itself it is worthless. With decisions based on enrollment, retention, graduate rates we hear about cost saving measures.

C. Future of IR @ MSU, M

1. Data integrity

2. Transforming data into information and knowledge

D. Current research

1. Program enrollment

2. Veteran retention

3. Overall student retention

4. External reporting requirements

5. Instructor evaluations-

Senator Mangione-Those faculty evaluations-they don't even have to look at them?

Senator Gustafson-Professors have the options of using those. They often get used for tenure. A faculty member can choose to include or exclude those as it may affect their courses. It is a fairly touchy subject in terms of data integrity as to who owns this evaluation assessment. Right now the IFO contract says they are the sole property of the individual instructor. My office only provides a conduit to provide the analysis to them. There will be discussion shortly about maybe altering the policy.

Senator Guthmiller-If we were inclined could we ask for information about anything at this institution?

Senator Gustafson-I would not discourage you from contacting us. As a three person team we have an ongoing challenge of determining those sort of questions that are fun or nice to know but do they really matter to the university mission. We undertake projects that impact university wide.

Senator Lela-Regarding evaluations-do you enter student comments?

Senator Gustafson-We process quantitative side, qualitative answers are returned to faculty.

Off-Campus-Lela Magxaka

Minnesota State University Student Association MSUSA Delegates Conference

I attended my first MSUSA conference this past weekend. Friday we were at the Penny Scholarship foundation dinner. Saturday early in the morning we were all systems go and the delegate's assembly started around 9am. I was also fortunate to meet Kasey Gerkovich the MSUSA office Manager at the Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) meeting.

At the DAB meeting we discussed what the importance of diversity was to our College's student body and community at large, what the graduation rates of the diverse and minority students are at all 7 Minnesota State university colleges, which are St Cloud, Mankato, Bemidji, South West, Winona, Moorhead and Metro, what the students completion of degree is vs. drop outs. We also discussed how budget cuts affect diversity within the 7 colleges and how important funding is to the first generation college students and the amount of help provided to insure that these students have the help needed to completing their degree.

College of Business-Brandon Quam

-Attended Finance Club meeting. Wed. 4:45 PM

*They have great turnout, presumably due to extra credit opportunities

*Mutual of Omaha speakers (most of the speakers that attend are financial advising, very few security analysis representation)

-Registration woes

*Accounting courses fill up immediately; along will select other classes like Management 481 and Marketing 412 as Cody Buechner can attest to.

*large waiting lists for classes

-Accounting Department struggles-course list MSU vs. St. Cloud, MSU offers 17 courses. St. Cloud offers 27. They have 17 professors. St. Cloud is waiting for our program to fumble so they can take over as the leading school in the state. We graduate the most amount of accounting students in the state of Minnesota with the least amount of professors. We will only have 7 instructors next fall. They are combining Accounting 200 and 210. They are two different courses. One of the requirements to be accredited is that you have to have a certain amount of students passing certifications like the CPA. To sit for the CPA examine you need 150 credits, right now we only offer 123 accounting credits. That is a big problem if we want to keep our accreditation up. A lot of students have to venture out into other areas that are not applicable to what they want to do for the rest of their lives. It will not help our profession. Students and faculty are frustrated. There is a strong disconnect between faculty and administration. Students cannot get into classes and graduate on time. Accounting and Finance jobs are out there but the concern is of our education deteriorating.

Senator Guthmiller-I would like to help you fight for the programs in the College of Business.

Senator Quam-What are the next steps? I don't think having your parents call the President is the best idea. Putting a face to the program is a better approach.

Senator Guthmiller-Can we talk to the President?

Senator Quam-Right now they are combing classes, instead of 90 students in a class you might have 180, which is less learning. Faculty feel like they are doing a disservice by not fully concentrating on their education.

Senator Mangione-You said there are 7 accounting professors? Does that account for two professors on sabbatical?

President Williams-Have you thought about telling faculty and students to contact their local representatives and senators that actually set the funding for higher institutions?

Senator Quam-They complained about the way the Accounting Dept. operates and I told them I represent them and I am their voice between them and the administration. That is a good first step.

Senator Guthmiller-Can we talk about raising the requirements for the College of Business so that perhaps some people will have to go somewhere else and it will help the class sizes?

Senator Quam-I feel it is low requirement to get in. With the lack of professors, something has to adjust.

Senator Koenen-What is the status on the restructuring?

Senator Mangione-Dr. Flannery is running that and they did not meet on Nov.12.

Announcements

Senator Guthmiller-Mangione for Dean of the College of Business

Senator Adams-I can turn in those Campus Kitchens sheets for you or you can take them downstairs and do it on your own time.

Senator Borchardt-Community Engagement has an opportunity for community service this weekend. You can help at a Children's Museum this Saturday 9-11 or 11-1 by the Riverhills Mall.

Senator Koenen-There are many events this week for National Hunger and Awareness Week.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Jennifer Dooley, Chris Mangione, Brandon Quam, Dan Kromer, Nathan Gustafson, Sam Adams, Sarah Koenen, Lani Petrulo, Rachel Sargent, Benjamin Guthmiller, Kelvin Borchardt, Lela Magxaka, Taylor Pederson

Senators Absent

Cody Buechner, Matt Lexcen, Cody Ingenthron, Zachary Lincoln, Ted Gibbons, Michael Paul, Braden Hogie, Mark Morphew, Micheal Do, Nansy Pradhan, Matt Skluzacek

Executive Staff Present

President Williams, Vice President Anderson

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

