

**84th MSSA Senate
November 16th, 2016
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 84th Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
- **Open Forum**
- **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Appointments:

Student Affairs – Timmy Nguyen

RE-imagining the First Year of College Signature Strategies:

University Communication – Salma Abdelhamid

First Year Seminar Redesign – Salma Abdelhamid, Maria Ruiz

Gateway Course Study – Roseline Cobb

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

DREAM (DATA Resources for Eager and Analytical Minds)

Student Allocations Committee:

Recommend allocating up to \$1,000 (*\$50/student x 20 students*) for non-food related expenses to the **Geotechnical Engineering Club** for event registration to participate at the Midwest GeoWall completion/conference hosted by MSU Mankato in Mankato, MN March23-24, 2017.

- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Rayani**
 - a. Most motions passed at Students United Board of Directors.
 - b. Prayer Room, Trigger Warnings were among a couple motions that passed.
 - c. Please sign up for Committees.
 - **Vice President Ruiz**
 - a. Thank you all who attended Delegates. Start thinking of upcoming motions for Spring Delegates.
 - b. Veterans Center Meeting. Gave a good view of what Veterans need. Will be presenting in spring.
 - **Speaker de Ruiter**
 - a. Kickball challenge today!
 - b. Office Hours haven't been checked this week. I'm feeling generous this week. Everyone did good last week.
- **Senator Reports**
- **Vacancies**

- **New Business**

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Moved By: Senator Lucier

Seconded By: _____

Whereas: Graduate Studies Leadership focuses funds primarily on Graduate Assistantships;
Whereas: 75% of graduate students do not receive an assistantship
Whereas: many scholarships available are not specified for either undergraduate or graduate students, yet the system defaults to exclude graduate students;
Whereas: many of these scholarships go unclaimed, leaving funds unused

Be it Resolved: Scholarships that have no specific limitations be open to all students regardless of undergraduate or graduate level;

Be it Further Resolved: the system be update to allowed graduate students to apply for the scholarships

Be it Further Resolved: Scholarship credit limits be set to “full time” rather than 12 credit minimum credits

Motion referred to Academic Affairs. Referral Passes.

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Moved By: Senator Aziz

Seconded By: _____

Whereas: there are more than 500 vets at MNSU

Whereas: the veterans have special challenges as they transition back to a civilian world and an academic setting; and

Whereas: others on campus have full time people to organize programming, orientation, advocacy in different offices and training to faculty and students; and

Whereas: the university honors the veterans’ service to our country; and

Whereas: other state schools have such staff on their campuses;

Be it resolved: The MSSA supports expediting the hiring of a staff member to support our student veterans.

Motion Passed.

- **Announcements**
- **Roll Call**
- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.