

**84th MSSA Senate  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Minutes**

- **Call to Order by 84<sup>th</sup> Speaker de Ruiter**
- **Roll Call**
- **Presentations**
  - Dean Morris, Cyrenthia Jordan and Sandi Schnorenberg
    - Continue to improve on how to make our University safe.
    - Will be sending out a handout to all student groups and faculty. Please share with others.
    - Diversity and Inclusion
    - Staff is encouraged to be out and about as well.
    - Security is a 24/7 department and most of the time we get the first call someone makes.
    - Safe Walk Program (Congrats to Jonathan Smith for his internship).

Vice President Ruiz: Institutional Diversity has been really busy lately and has been very supportive. And the MILO event was handled very well.

Dean Morris: David Jones was lead on the MILO event. We have to remember that people have the right to be heard and you do not have to agree with it.

Sandi Schnorenberg: We are open to hearing concerns.

- Bill and Kayla – Student Activities
  - Homecoming 2016 Wrap Up Highlights
  - We will continue traditions.
  - Bonfire attendance was 1395; Spirit Lunch and Taste of Mankato, Sold out Homecoming T-shirts (450), Revamped office decorating, Competition Teams – Dodgeball/Food Eating Contest, Mavericks Got Talent, Soccer Tournament, Lip-sync & Coronation, T-Pain Concert, Mavs Got Talent.
  - 10,000 people participated
  - Homecoming 2017 – continue traditions and build off success.

President Rayani: Thank you for including international students.

- **Open Forum**
  
- **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Appointments:

MaryElizabeth Cronin: Search for Recruitment and Retention Advisor; Qendresa Isniqui: RSO committee; Sujan Shrestha: RSO Committee; Christina Hickey: RSO committee; Nodir Boymatov: RSO committee, Student Health Advisory Committee; Frederick de Ruiter: Elections Commission; Oluwatomiisin Adeola: Diversity Committee, Academic Affair.

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Mankato Collegiate Gaming League; Men's Rugby Football; Students of Urban and Regional Studies; School Psychology Society

Student Allocations Committee:

- Recommend allocating up to \$1,000 (*\$50/student x 20 students*) for non-food related travel expenses to the **Society of Automotive Engineers Club** to travel and attend the Formula SAE open competition in Brooklyn, MI, May 9-14, 2017.
- Recommend allocating up to \$500 for non-food related travel expenses to **Delta Sigma Pi** to assist 10 student travel to the DSP semi-annual conference in Chicago, IL, February 24-26, 2017.
  
- **Officer Reports**
  - **President Rayani**
    - a. Personal Expectations: Due diligence (budget meetings)
    - b. Next Open Forum with President Davenport is mandatory.
    - c. Committees: You need to join two.
    - d. Maverick Adventure Program: Ask questions if you have them.
    - e. Please sign up for MSSA Meet and Confer meeting. Free Food.
    - f. Continue to reach out to your constituencies.
    - g. In order to change the Constitution we need at least 10% voter turnout.
    - h. Elections will be April 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. End of Year Walk to Capitol to Freeze Tuition. More details to come.
    - j. RCTC invite on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Encourage you to come.
    - k. Pedal Past Poverty is coming up.
    - l. Sign-up sheet for Delegates. Deadline is tonight. February Delegates is February 10-12, 2017.
    - m. Students United Intern position has received 5 applications.
  
  - **Vice President Ruiz**
    - a. Monday Tabling Events: 10-2pm RSO Fair and 4-6pm Student Engagement Fair.
    - b. Tabling in Library: They are making an exception for MSSA.
    - c. Committees: Still need appointments.
  
  - **Speaker de Ruiter**
    - a. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row with no senator reports. Don't wait until last minute.
    - b. Will start enforcing office hours.
    - c. Sign-up sheet for MSSA vs. Student Affairs Bowling will be passed around. February 8, 2017.
  
- **Senator Reports**
- **Vacancies**
  - **Graduate Studies (1) – 1/18/17**
  - **Allied Health and Nursing (1) – 1/25/17**
  - **Residential Life (2) – 1/25/17**

Graduate Studies vacancy elections.

Marty Fankhanel and Meghan (Mac) Babcock.

Congratulations to Meghan (Mac) Babcock. Elected and sworn in.

- **New Business**

- **Announcements**

Alex Lucier: Looking for 3 members for the Diversity Committee.

John Bulcock: Pedal Past Poverty on Saturday, February 25 from 9-2pm.

Christina Hickey: Dance Marathon on Saturday, February 25 from 10-12pm. Fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network.

Maria Ruiz: STLF; Refugee Organization to Canada during Spring Break. Please talk to me for more information.

Faical Rayani: Thanks to Paul Hustoles. He gave us free tickets to different plays on campus.

- **Roll Call**

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.