

**84th MSSA Senate
January 25th, 2017
Minutes**

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

Appointments:

Griffin Goode – SHAC; Mac Babcock - (to replace Connor Martin) Diversity Committee, Diversity Graduation Requirement, Academic Affairs; Marty Fankhanel- Academic Affairs, Search for Intensive English Program coordinator; Pamal Wanigasinghe - Elections Commission; Alissa Shape - Diversity committee

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Oromia Student Union; Athletic Training Student Association; Students for Alcohol and Drug Education (SADE); Council for Exceptional Children; Greater Mankato; Young Life; Lighthouse Chapel International; Association for Operations Mgmt; Psychology Club; Pre-Physical/Occupational Therapy Club

Student Allocations Committee:

- Recommend allocating up to \$50 for non-food related travel expenses to the **School Psychology Society** to assist four students to travel to the MN School Psychology Association's Mid-Winter Conference in Plymouth, MN, on January 27, 2017.
- Recommend allocating up to \$300 for non-food related travel expenses to **Encounter MSU** for 16 students to travel to a retreat in Pipestone, MN, on January 28-29, 2017.
- Recommend allocating up to \$500 for non-food related travel expenses to **Circle K** to assist 10 students to travel to the Minnesota Dakotas District Circle K's Convention in Fergus Falls, MN, on February 24-26, 2017.
- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Rayani**
 - a. Video of the senate that was taken last week will be posted on our Facebook page soon!
 - b. RCTC trip is scheduled to take place. Let me know if you would like to go.
 - c. Campus Intern process has been completed. We now have a new campus intern. Josh Hrad.
 - d. Thank you to those who signed up for Delegates.

- e. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dining hall center. Friday, February 3 at 12:30pm. Everyone is welcomed.
 - f. Our progress as a senate. Our term is coming to an end. April 19th is our last senate meeting. Follow up with your goals.
 - **Vice President Ruiz**
 - a. Integrated Marketing meeting last week. They will research on how we can improve our communications and better serve our students.
 - b. Have a draft for the meditation room survey. We are wanting feedback.
 - c. Will start a conversation on tuition very soon.
 - **Speaker de Ruiter**
 - a. Budget meeting is coming up soon. March 15 – first budget presentation into March 22. March 29 will have the SAC narrative. April 5 will be the big budget meeting by SAC.
 - b. Vacancy elections will be held today. I will be asking five questions that have been asked repeatedly to eliminate the time being drawn out.
- **Senator Reports**
 - Senator Peterson:
The New Clinical Sciences Building ceremony was held last week. We were able to see the new technology in the building. Hearing Impaired have accessibility with their hearing aids.
 - Senator Babcock:
Met with President Rayani and VP Ruiz to get started with what I will be doing. Wanting to send out an email to Graduate Students. I also met with the Diversity Committee to get started with that. Mainly am trying to introduce myself to students and groups on campus.
 - Senator Hassan:
Was working on the computer science program last semester. Seems to be a little complication with things. The program was discontinued. Been meeting with the Dean. Looking into the disciplinary program. As of right now, I cannot give you a quick response on what is going to happen.
 - **Vacancies**
 - Allied Health and Nursing (1) – 1/25/17**
 - Residential Life (2) – 1/25/17**
 - Off-Campus (1) – 2/15/17**

AH&N Vacancy: Opening Statements:

Sarah McClain: Pursuing my degree in Nursing. I want to be a voice for the students and I feel like I have a lot of leadership experience in my past. I currently intern at the Campus Kitchen. President of my floor last year and a member of RHA. Have volunteered around the Mankato area.

Griffin Goode: I am in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services. Focus in therapeutic recreation. Transfer from South Central. I work at Menards and New Perspectives. Have also been on the Drumline.

Halinet Abdulganiye: 3rd year this semester. I've spent my summer volunteering in hospitals. I have two jobs on campus.

Ryan Nowa: Sophomore year. Still experiencing everything. Would be very cool to represent the students. Currently in Sigma Nu Fraternity and hold a leadership role. I work at printing services here on campus and also volunteer on the Mankato Fire Department.

Question 1: Are you able to satisfy the commitments of being an MSSA Senator?

Halinet: Yes

Griffin: Yes

Sarah: Yes

Ryan: Yes

Question 2: Why are you best suited to represent your constituency?

Griffin: I have been in RPLS for two years. When it comes to representing the students, I think MSSA is important to the school. I work very well to communicate with the students. One of the first things I would do is to let everyone know who I am. I've been to meetings here off and on.

Sarah: I have a lot of experience leading and I think I would be a good representative.

Ryan: I would represent the students very well. Am able to communicate with students.

Halinet: I would be able to reach out to the nursing students as well as Pre-Health student and what they need. I am very good at communicating with my staff and residents.

Question 3: What is a strength and a weakness as it pertains to the position.

Sarah: I think I'm a really good leader and pretty unbiased. One of the important things as a senator is hearing people's opinions and not voting on my personal beliefs. A weakness would be that I am pretty impatient.

Ryan: I feel like one of my strengths is leadership. I like to lead people in the right direction and if something goes wrong, I would like to be able to meet with them. Weakness would be my lack of organizational skills.

Halinet: One of my strengths is listening. One of my weaknesses is being organized. I like having things straight forward.

Griffin: My strength would be between leadership and being open-minded. I find that when you are in a spot to make decisions you can't be bounded. A weakness would be that I really like to know everything that is going on.

Question 4: What do you see as the biggest issue facing MSU Students?

Ryan: People lose focus on what needs to be done. People gets emails every day and lot of them do not look at it.

Halinet: Being able to juggle classes. Being tired or homesick is some issues facing MSU Students.

Griffin: Varies depending on what type of student they are. To narrow it down the biggest thing would be communication. Letting students know who we are and what we do would be good.

Sarah: The biggest issue is tuition, money and the financial part of college and how they are going to pay for school.

Question 5: What are some previous leadership experiences and how will they help you with this role?

Halinet: As a community advisor in the residence halls I interact with the majority of students and diversity.

Griffin: For me it started in High School. Was in drumline. My jobs have helped me with "leadership" roles. In my major you work on a project for the whole year and work as a group.

Sarah: I have leadership roles in my past. Was a tour guide last year around campus and also working with Campus Kitchen. I am getting the name out there for students. A lot of planning and organization skills.

Ryan: After high school I worked with the community education program to help students.

Voting: Griffin Goode elected and sworn in.

Residential Life (2) – 1/25/17

Voting: Bryan Beltran and Kyle Mercer elected and sworn in.

- **New Business**
- **Announcements**
- **Roll Call**
- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.