

78th MSSA Senate
September 29, 2010

Senate called to order by 78th Speaker Matthew Schmidt

Roll Call (present-absent-proxy-excused)

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

Open Forum

Erika Masias-IMPACT PR Chair-Homecoming next week, we would love to see all of you at the events. The movie this week is Grownups with normal showing times. The October calendar will be in the Reporter. and all of our events are on there.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments-Student Conduct Board-Kofi Abaidoo-Asiedu, Mohammed S. Abdulla, Godfried Asante, Elliott Bonner, Micheal Do, Hilary Geesman, Christina Hrocovschi, Eric Karikari, Frerishia McKenzie, Moriah Miles, Monish Mukhiya, Sriya Panta, Jenny Pollock, Vikas Prasad, Lyndsay Sadler, Amber Schramm, Ben Walker
Parking Advisory-Cody Ingenthron . IPAC-Tamar Black, Kamryn Bagley, CAS Assistant Director of Math & Science-Reid Bretenfeldt

Recognized Student Organizations

MNSU Veterans Club, Student Dance Coalition, Pre-Law Society, Society of Women Engineers, German Club, African Student Association, Paintball, GSEA, Alpha Eta Rho, Mu Kappa Tau Chapter, Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), Mavericks for SHRM, International Student Outreach, School Psychology Society, Disability Awareness and Advocacy Group, Sexuality and Gender Equality (SAGE), Education Minnesota Student Program at MSU, Society for the Appreciation of Japanese Animation and Culture (SAJAC), Mankato Cricket Club, Finance Club, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Men's Rugby Football Club, Cycling Club, Chinese Student Association.

Student Allocation Committee Recommendations

SAC Motion #09.29.10A American Institute of Graphic Artists

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to \$600.00 to American Institute of Graphic Artists to attend AIGA Design Camp in Nisswa, MN.

SAC Motion #09.29.10B Mankato Area Activist Collective

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to \$300.00 to Mankato Area Activist Collective to host a Pirate Radio Workshop at Minnesota State University.

SAC Motion #09.29.10C Psychology Graduate Student Association

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$500.00 to Psychology Graduate Student Association to host an Industrial Organizational Psychology Presentation at Minnesota State University given by Dr. Tetrick, Program Director of Industrial Organizational Psychology at George Mason University.

SAC Motion #09.29.10D ROTC RSO

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$400.00 to four MSU ROTC students to compete in the annual Army Ten Mile road race being held at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

SAC Motion #09.29.10E Students for Sustainability

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating \$187.50 to Students For Sustainability to attend the 5th Annual Earth Conference at the Provincial House Conference Center in Mankato, MN.

SAC Motion #09.29.10F Works on Paper

Student Allocation Committee recommends allocating up to \$1000.00 to Works on Paper to attend the Mid America Print Conference at the University of Minnesota.

Approval of Minutes 9-22-10

Senator Adams-Move to remove M#09.29.10B Mankato Area Activist Collective from the consent agenda to New Business

Consent agenda passes

Presentations

City of Mankato Mayoral Candidate Eric Anderson

Eric Anderson- I graduated from MSU with a degree in Economics and a concentration in Finance. I was born in Mankato and own a business downtown. I have as much background as anyone that has been on the city council for a long time with respect to students, this institution and downtown related issues.

President Williams-What spurred your decision to run for mayor?

Mr. Anderson-I started contacting local people in 2008 when the financial crisis hit. The fallout was unknown. We are still dealing with some aspects of that today. There is a new found acceptance in this country that we will have to deal with things more on a local level. The Federal government is going to be pushing more things back to the states and states are going to be pushing more things back to a local level. I felt my background at the time would help the city with city issues look ahead. I fundamentally believe we have a real separation between local government and the citizenry. I have paid attention to city affairs for a long time and contacted elected officials and attended city council meetings. I deal with a wide variety of people in the public sector. Now is a very good time if these issues are going to be pushed on us on a local level.

Senator Adams-Blue Earth County, Mankato specifically, is about 18% below poverty line. What would you do to combat this issue?

Mr. Anderson-That is an important and difficult question to answer. I do have some ideas that will help spur Mankato and the region in general, poverty line will probably be dealt with more on the county level because of Human Services. On a city level the City Mgr. and staff design and implement programs specific to that. I would try to pose it this way, what I am really interested in doing is to try to help guide this area to become a job conduit and creator. I have been meeting with Several people in town that have ideas for job creation and one of the things I would like to present to the student body is that I think we are letting a lot of talent leave the area. To what I will be a success I am not sure but I am willing to put a lot of my own time and effort and maybe take a page from the angel program where we find private entrepreneurs to tap into your talent and skill sets. Because the issue with the poverty, lower income, jobs and all those things is that there has to be job creation and movement of resources in this area that lend itself for people to make their own way in life. I am well aware if elected that I will not be weighing in on the budget that has been passed for fiscal year 2011. The next one will be passed several months from now. That would give me ample opportunity to delve into more of these issues in detail and hopefully come up with some ideas. I will look to people that have more background.

Vice President Anderson-What is your perspective on what you would do on the town and gown relationship?

Mr. Anderson-I am learning just how disconnected the city, government, university, Bethany is. I don't get it. I am stymied by that. I would at least attempt to join you at least twice a school year. I know Mr. Frost represents this area and I would ask him to join me. I would like to have a mayoral council of representation where you have people of different perspectives throughout Mankato and the area get together and talk about issues that crop up don't fester and boil before someone addresses them. What is happening in the news is irrelevant to me. I ran for this office to represent Mankato and a university that has 15,000 people. I intend to be here. There are plenty of things to keep elected officials busy. These positions are intended to be part time and not lifetime, but if you have a passion for working with people and want to help out the least you could do would be to come up and be open for questions and be available.

President Williams-What do you see as the shortfalls of the way the university is headed and where would you like to see that progress to and what would you do to change that?

Mr. Anderson-If you look at the city as a whole, we don't have a lot of pot holes or sidewalks to repair or things that would normally mature into people getting upset on the city level. I am more concerned looking down the road 3-5 years on the fallout of 2008. I don't think fundamentally we can go to other levels and retrieve dollars as we need to do things. There are some pockets in Mankato right now that require infrastructure. We have a lot of commercial property that is setting vacant. There are some areas in town that need private dollars to be relevant again. The things I am looking at are not at the forefront today but potential bubbling problems that are not yet recognized. With respect to being more germane to you today, I have felt there is a growing misrepresentation between the city and the citizens. As these things materialize and we have already seen some issues with budget, we will be asked to weigh in more collectively than we have in the last two decades. We will have to discuss priorities. I would like to be a conduit between the populous as a whole and the decision makers as to what the priorities are.

Senator Gustafson-You mentioned earlier that you desire to see Mankato become a job conduit for private industries and you mentioned the educated workforce leaving our community, the so called brain drain that comes from undeveloped countries to developed countries. We are experiencing

that right here in Mankato with the overall downturn in the economy. A majority of those young educated people leaving are community students like ourselves, primarily because we cannot find work here that is comparable to the level of education and skills we have earned here at this institution. What types of private industry do you see focusing on to attract to this community? Will there be a focus on those industries that have similarities to the programs here that produce some of our brightest students?

Mr. Anderson-Outstanding question. This issue of brain drain is not new to Mankato. As I mentioned when I came to school I had every intention to stay. My family was here, I had business reasons to stay, and I liked the area. That is a different thing to ask those of you that are not from the Mankato area and have other reasons to go. I think the principle reason people go is that they cannot find employment that meets the expectations that you have as graduates. I try to think of things in a broader perspective. I think other cities and the United States are going to be dealing with some of these concerns, particularly with the emergence of India & China, developing countries in the world. I look at it as a perspective of taking a snap shot of other parcels of the country in the past like the Silicon Valley, taconite in Northern Minnesota. What we have to try to do is be a head of the ball on what those new technologies are going to be. I would love to see engineering, biosciences, new technologies with respect to energies and health. I think it is literally endless. The question is the environment where young entrepreneurs or those people with those ideas is it best for them to concentrate and consider starting a new business? I bet many of you are better adept at knowing the future than I with technology. If we can try to branch together those with business background and financial backing who are looking to make money they can tie into those talents that are coming out of here with those ideas but maybe not the financial backing, they lack the skill set to operate a business but not the skill set to create something people want. Those areas I would focus on would be technology driven that could lead to manufacturing which could lead to distribution. It is endless. The US has a long track record of being innovators. I would like to see this region known as an innovative region.

Senator Quam-What do you value most about the community?

Mr. Anderson-To each his own, stability. That cannot be emphasized enough. A general feeling that their employment situation will always be healthy, education opportunities for their families will be good to excellent, the cost of living will be manageable and all the aspects of life that they value themselves, recreational based local ecology. We have a lot of things to offer. I value family, friendships and stability.

President Williams-A lot of discussion has been around what we are doing wrong in the local government. An equally important discussion that should be had is where is the city of Mankato succeeding and surpassing other cities, especially in Southern Minnesota? How do we retain and further that success especially in Southern Minnesota?

Mr. Anderson-Mankato has maintained a sense of stability in a sense of crime free; streets being cleaned, plowed. When you leave the academic world behind and focus a different direction in your lives, things take on a different meaning. Mankato has been able to address from childhood up to senior citizens those things that are important. There is not a considerable amount of construction done for retirees, we are going to have a growing retirement community and the city has done a good job of looking at the demographic changes. They have done a good job of infrastructure. However, some of that could be under assault if our tax base continues to shrink. At the end of the day that all the things that people want to do collectively will be predicated on the health of the economy. For the last 30 years we have been able to maintain core services. I am a firm believer that we have to maintain those. If there is slippage in public safety or public works it costs considerable amounts of money. We have done a very good job and we have been able to maintain shocks to our system. The shocks are going to get worse. We have to be guarded and optimistic at the same time in looking ahead.

President Williams-How would you see Mankato's future in increasing public transportation to and from the Twin Cities area maybe in terms of light rail?

Mr. Anderson-I would need to dig into that. Good ideas need to hatch from discussion. I don't possess the technical background to delineate if that is feasible or not. I would have to take a look. We have not done any real road construction in many years. The city is going to continue to fight to

get improvements on Highway 14, Highways 22 and 83 have their difficulties. Those are things that I think people at the local level have to weigh in on.

Senator Gustafson-This questions focuses on the job creation between the regional counties of Southeastern Minnesota, Blue Earth, Steel, Dodge-towards Olmstead county-all competing for the same capitol business to come into the community with the same amount of educated workforce coming out of our community-what do you see as possibilities of partnering with South East Minnesota counties in general especially focusing on health services with Mayo Clinic in Rochester and The University of Minnesota Health Center and also bio business part in Pine Island?

Mr. Anderson-I am not familiar with the Bio Business part. The most dramatic alteration in this community is the hospital and the Mankato Clinic. To say the merging with the Mayo Health Systems has been a big boast would be an understatement. What Mankato seems to becoming is a regional health facility. Mankato benefits from the connection with Mayo Clinic. Going forward and looking at competition I am aware that you would have cohorts in WI that would be looking at that and the southern fringes of the Twin Cities area. Mankato would have to compete with ingenuity, technology and developments where flush capital. There are investors looking to invest. They are just not certain about the market place. So East MN is in a different set of issues than South West Minnesota or Northern Minnesota. Mankato is domiciled amongst agriculture. A lot of what you are seeing competitive wise is that we have to be equally concerned with towns like Sioux Falls, parts of Iowa and further west into the Dakotas because they may be able to argue that they can provide more infrastructure and more favorable tax situations. South East Minnesota I could envision would be more partnership orientated, Rochester certainly benefits from Mankato, Owatonna benefits from having Mankato and vice versa, as you head west you find less of that.

MSU Swim Team

The reason we are here is the proposed cuts to the Men's Swim Team. Our budget is supposed to save \$57,000, comprised of \$6,264 in scholarship money and \$19,000 in staffing allotments and almost \$33,000 for an operating budget. We don't see that as being an accurate number because the operating budget is appropriated by the Student Senate through student fees. The real savings would be only the graduate position and the scholarship budget, roughly a saving of \$27,000. The rest would be allocated somewhere else which is not truly savings. We are not like men's and women's basketball or soccer. We do things together. We travel together, we practice together, we use the same equipment, the same coaching staff. We have a lot of expenses that are divided up between men's and women's teams. If many of those overhead costs were cut they would be merely put onto the women's team and not really saved in the long run. We look at the criteria that were presented in the paper. We feel we generate a lot of our revenue. We are willing to fund our program through our Learn to Swim with the Mavericks program. Just because we do not have attendance does not mean we do not create revenue. We offset a lot of our costs through are swim program and we pay for a lot of our costs out of pocket, like our training trip to Hawaii and Florida. Criteria #3-Alignment with NSIC-if we are representing MSU at the national level why is it so important that we are aligned with the NSIC? If we are consistently ranked in the top 25 at Nationals, why does it matter that we do not have a distinct conference meet? Competitive history-One of our graduates was the 2nd best in division II history. We have a quality pool that was renovated 5 years ago. Looking at the criteria I know there are things against us under the competitive history of the program because it talks about conference meets and aligning with the championship portfolio. We obviously are not part of the conference but that does not mean we can not compete with other teams at the Division III and Division I level.

Megan- This is one of the few sports that can be considered coed. We all practice and share lanes. Our practices are one team. We travel on the same bus, we go to the same restraints, we all have the same coaches. We are not losing a men's team but half of our team. When you are talking about cutting look at it as cutting one of the university programs in half.

Lean to Swim with the Mavericks-In two years we have had 1,500 children ages 2-16. We have had revenue of \$50,000 and we are estimating raising an additional \$50,000 this year. We have a competitive swim camp with gross revenue of \$19,000. We also have continued to meet fund raising requirements set forth by the athletic department. If we don't have a men's team our Learn to Swim will not succeed, it will not get better as it has in the last two years. All the responsibility will

be put on the women. The Learn to Swim program will diminish if there is not a men's team. The Learn to Swim program is recognized by the community. The mission statement says to provide quality entertainment and quality public identity for the university. The swim lesson program does that. With the women-we asked the women if they would come to MSU if there was not a men's team. Out of 35 women on the team, 34 women would not have come here. 33 would transfer, 34 of 35 women said that if the men's team got cut that they would no longer compete. That would be a title 9 issue and there would not be a Learn to Swim program.

Criteria-One of the main goals of the Athletic program is to maintain athletic excellence in the university community-out of 39 universities that competed in the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championship, 39 were coed, of the top 10 women's teams all of them were coed. Clearly it is a cohesive unit. Men's teams are not successful on their own and women's teams are not successful on their own. By cutting the men's team you are bringing down the women's team. That it is not athletic excellence, you are not keeping to the standards that the university set. In the Directors Cup last year the men scored 22 points and we were 4th in the Directors Cup. We would have been 7th had we lost those 22 points. The Directors Cup is a huge thing for this university. We contribute to that very well.

Senator Mangione-It says you would save \$19,000 in staffing, if you use the same coaches would you save at all.

Team-Director Buisman said they would take away a graduate assistant so there would only be two coaches instead of three.

President Williams- Generated gross revenue of \$50,000-where has that money been going?

Swim Team-We have about \$25,000 saved in case of a problem. We have been using it to off-set costs of training trip and pay for equipment and we paid for two coaches through swim lessons.

Since they are not here this year we can use that money generated for our men's' team.

Swim Team-Were the operational budgets considered in the plan two years ago? One of the alumni asked questions of VP Straka and he said there was no agreement from prior student leadership to recognize sports operational reductions funded by student fees in the general fund budget. Have you been asked about operational budgets this year?

Mr. Hodapp-The majority of what it costs to run a swim program is not in student fees. This is just a proposal that may come to fruition in 2012 if the university has to cut another 2 million dollars.

The Athletic Dept. has asked the student body not to take away the \$75,000 from all the sports that were mentioned but to leave that or they will have to cut even more from the general fund dollars.

Swim Team-Has there been a more broad based reduction plan looked at say 5% from each team?

President Williams-That is why they came up with the whole metric system. In their terms they want the least harm to the study body as a whole. Where would the least harm be caused to the student body? I don't know if they have looked at other reduction plans. It is somewhat preliminary at this time.

Swim Team-Looking at the criteria-pinpointing non conference teams, is not fair. We obviously comply. We may not be in the NSIC but we are a good program. 5% from each team, every team has luxury expenses, would save \$194,000. We hope you re-consider the proposed plan. We have been hearing a lot about a Sept. 30 meeting but we were told by Director Buisman that is not true.

Vice President Anderson-That is the fluidity of the situation. We have to have a plan in place.

New Business

M#09.29.10B Mankato Area Activist Collective

Senator Adams-After reading over the request-I don't understand how this benefits students and it is also more or less illegal.

Senator Abdul-Mohomed-SAC tends to be a apolitical when making recommendations. We look at the content of the request and not the structure. We are not funding a Pirate Radio but someone that comes to campus and talks about activism in general. They are bringing someone that runs a pirate radio and his experiences.

Senator Petrulo-What would they be discussing?

Proxy Miles-Networking, \$300 pays to get him here. They are not setting up a pirate radio.

Senator Kromer-I agree with SAC-people should not be turned off by the name. The buzz word name gets people interested.

President Williams-The SAC committee adheres to the guidelines of the program. The SAC serves to not judge or promote but as a facilitator for students to have ideas to promote their organization. This is for student organizations to succeed as it was meant. Funding is going to bring a viewpoint to campus. That is the whole purpose of an RSO, to share ideas and discussion.

Mr. Hodapp-If an RSO came to us about a presentation on smoking marijuana, it is not the committee's responsibility to decide if this is good or bad.

Motion passes.

New Business

Move to appoint Hillary Geesman to SAC.

Passes

Officer Reports

President Williams

The *Reporter* has challenged us to a Softball game, 7:00 PM Friday. Let's show them we do more than sit around and discuss policy. Friday-Senator Sheran will be having a summit of Higher Education at the Greater Mankato Growth. It brings in various leaders, legislators, community members and university officials to the table getting ideas on the table to the future of higher education, and how higher ed will shape out after the economic downturn. 4:00-6:00 PM.

Meet & Confer-11:30 next Thursday. 5 spots available.

Penny Fellowship-This provides scholarships to college students. Former State Representative Tim Penny Reception, we have 4 spots available.

Tonight at 7:00 Timberwolves scrimmage.

Debate-1st Congressional Debate Walz/Demmer. Oct. 11 Ballroom 7:00 PM

Gubernatorial debate Oct 26-Bresnan Arena. We need to make sure that place is filled. It will be on public television. We do not want empty seats since we have been working on this since May. This is huge for our campus.

Res Hall Senators-tonight at 7:00 we will be meeting with RHA.

Make sure you are tabling in your respective areas.

Gala-Nikki and I won the Best Dressed, due to Brett having a cane.

Homecoming Parade-we need people to walk. 11:30 Saturday. We have not had a float since we turned former President Ryan Anderson's family van into a giant gavel, I guess. It would be nice to actually have MSSA representation.

Open Forum-Oct. 12 11:30-1:00 Topic- Positive Student/Community relationship and state elections.

Truman and Rita Woods Scholarship Dinner. Oct. 9 5:00 PM. We have tickets available.

Vice President Anderson

99 % of you are Greek but we would like to see you help with the float.

Quote from Vice President Scott Olson at the gala-We need more cowbell!

Next week-Tobacco issue, this is an important debate. Get out and talk to people to see how they feel about it. Come prepared for healthy debate.

I attended the City Council meeting. There were several issues forwarded to the City Mgr. and City Attorney. Our request for an exofficio came back saying it would require legislative change. They are aware of the bill Senator Sheran is working on. There are inherent difficulties, in Mankato alone we have three higher ed institutions. Obviously our size dictates the need for us, but how do you put that into legislation. What the Council came to is that there would be a draft in the change of structure to form what would be a standing council committee similar to the ones they have in planning and airport commissions that would directly tie in students to the process so that if something comes up it gets referred to commission to work on and bring business back to the Council. That would be as direct as we can get without that bill in the legislature. Also they are looking at forming some sort of advisory group where there would be a liaison between us and them. Letting them know about our business and them letting us know about theirs. They want this done fairly quickly before their body changes in a couple months. Also the City Mgr. did ask the attorney

to look at the Good Samaritan/amnesty policy. What the city attorney concluded is that most of the potential occurrences would be under statutes and laws that are at the state level. Underage consumption tickets at the state level, it would be difficult to do anything at the city level. One thing we could do in terms of the amnesty policy would be the Social Host ordinance but since the law is on the books, it is a city ordinance and the city has control over that. If there was an amnesty clause on that you could deem that unconstitutional because it would be selective enforcement of a law. The majority of the social host citations written do not go to court. The city attorney does look at the majority of the extenuating circumstances. She did not feel it should be a direction the council should take given the potential of the unconstitutional nature. The other thing would be to wipe the law off the books but that would be another whole debate. We will meet with the Asst. City Mgr. along with the city manager intern since he was a senator of this body he has great knowledge of both sides.

I will be talking with KMSU/Reporter on Hertz cars. Schedule of events will be in the office, help out if you have time.

MSUSA is coming up November 13. There is an open position for Treasurer that we will be electing at the next conference. If you feel you want to step up your game to the state level, I would encourage you. You have to attend the conferences and one staff meeting a month. It might also be great going into the messy books from this campus since we are *the* Minnesota State also *the* premiere financer of that organization along with St. Cloud. Right now the person in the position is from Bemidji and they have a total enrollment of what our College of Allied Health & Nursing does. Typically it is not done very well so the bar is set very low. You don't even have to be Finance or an Accounting major. You just have to come with common sense.

Swim Team-Tom and I will take their concerns to Vice President Straka. St. Cloud is looking at their Student Senate potentially bailing out athletics. We have a cap-a certain limit that we can charge per credit for student activity fees. These sports get from us about \$.44 per credit per student per year. This gives us a new balance of about \$107.00 per semester that we would charge. We are also looking at cost increases with insurance going up potentially 10-15%. I took a broad amount of 5% and that puts us several cents over our fee limit. I don't think there is a feasible way we could make that work. They are aware that is something we can't do looking at budget pictures in the next couple years.

President Williams-Are you aware of the rich history MSU has with the treasurer position?

Vice President Anderson-Yes, I was a member of senate when Harshdeep was treasurer. I was thinking more of the "we need to double the fee" treasurers more recently. Of course we take care of our own.

Speaker Schmidt

Senator Reports-hours. Softball-the MSSA will give the *Reporter* something to write about.

Senator Reports

Off-Campus-Lela Magxaka

African Student Association

History: Founded in the 1980's and has grown from just being a student club to being a family and supporting organization to new and transferring African students studying at MNSU.

Mission: ASA strives to represent various African cultures through different social events and activities. ASA is committed to bringing awareness towards the African continent and creating a better learning environment for the numerous future African and currently students at MNSU.

Weekly Discussions: each week we have topics suggested by members of ASA that we discuss as a student body. Last week's discussion was on "*why African students studying abroad do not focus their experiences and skills on Africa.*" Of course we are not experts on the topics but the main purpose was to make students think and here on the different perspectives the students had on the topic as people from different countries had different point of views.

Fundraising: 2009/2010

Help Me Walk

The main purpose of the fundraising event was to help a nongovernmental organization located in Dakar , Senegal that support kids affected by polio whose parents can't pay for their surgery due to poverty and hence giving them a chance to walk and that's the reason why the project was named "Help me walk"

Throughout different activities such as tabling , button sales and numerous social events the African student association was able to raise \$ 2,500/ 1,241,725 franc which should normally be enough to pay for the surgery of a tremendous number of kids in Dakar.

The money was then wired to the student organization of a local American university which was our proxy to the organization. The funds were finally given to the organization during an official event organized by the students of the university.

- This year ASA is still in the selection process, where students have to propose organizations or individuals in Africa we could help that are a positive influence to their community during these hard times. Then ASA will decide on which organization we want to help and how.

Announcements

President Williams-Before we discuss making the campus tobacco free, Wendy Schuh will be here to discuss the tobacco policy and the grant funding they have received from the American Lung Association.

Coordinator Revering-The tobacco motion will be in the office after the meeting.

Vice President Anderson-Softball-you don't mess with the 78th.

Senator Quam-First Hockey game, Monday night.

Proxy Hanson-Chicago opens Thursday night.

President Williams-Talking softball, I can see it now, as MSSA puts dingers over the fence, Nate Brennan and Kyle Ratke blogging and then passing their computers around to each person as Ratke strikes out on snickering at something he laughed at. There is a professional team called the senators, there is no journalists.

Roll Call

Senators Present

Jennifer Dooley, Nikki Sabby, Cody Buechner, Proxy Hanson, Chris Mangione, Brandon Quam, Dan Kromer, Amin Abdul-Mohomed, Nathan Gustafson, Samuel Adams, Cody Ingenthron, Sarah Koenen, Brian Spitzmueller, Lani Petrulo, Zachary Lincoln, Rachel Sargent, Ted Gibbons, Mark Morphew, Micheal Do, Proxy Quade Lela Magxaka, Nansy Pradhan, Robbie Sitka, Matt Skluzacek, Taylor Pederson

Senators Absent

Michael Paul, Proxy Miles

Executive Staff Present

President Williams, Vice President Anderson

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM