

**80th MSSA Senate
February 13th, 2013**

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

Roll Call

Courtney Toft 19-1-0; Nick Jirik 18-1-1; Briana Williamson 14-4-2; Blake Grotewold 19-0-1; Nilsu Demirci 15-3-1; Paige Sparkman 19-1-0; Lance Selvig 16-3-1; Ben Shakespear 19-1-0; Cody Nickel 19-1-0; Trevor Granberg 19-0-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 14-4-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 12-2-1; Sam Turner 13-3-0; Lazarus Jackson 12-2-1; Beth Madsen 14-0-2; Michael Hanson 12-2-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 15-0-0; Daphne Drossart 16-0-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 17-0-0; Lado Jobava 8-2-0; Myra Colakovic 8-0-0; Saqid Cheema 2-1-0; Josh Erhardt 3-0-0; Hadier Jassim 1-1-0

Presentations

- **Bill Tourville** - Impact programming update
 - Phil Phillips concert, April 10th
 - Budget Presentation (PPT)
 - Cost analysis of cost/student = \$2.77
 - Overview of past year's events: including hot air balloon rides, live reindeer, waterslide, Acapella group.
 - FY13 Budget Allocations, Board budget breakdown,

Turner: How many people attended the Acapella group event?

Tourville: Approximately 300+ people.

Schieler: What does your budget request look like for FY14?

Tourville: We will not be asking for an increase.

Shrestha: How many Phil Phillips tickets are left?

Tourville: Student tickets are 50% gone. General admission tickets will go on sale on Friday at noon. There are a total of 925 tickets. They will all go fast.

Kayla: FY14 programming focus will be on one large and one regional concert; speaker series will include one larger speaker. Our goal is to maximize the money we do have and get bigger names.

Open Forum

- John B. – Greek weekend update; Speaker, TJ Sullivan coming Tues. Feb. 26th, 7:30 pm; Off-campus housing fair, March 17th.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: MSUSA Campus Coordinator (Tess Bunker) Library Advisory Committee (Sam Turner, Josh Erhardt) Constitution Commission (Melissa Jones)

Commission on Ethics and Standards

Student Allocations Committee:

- Funding the Fashion and Commercial Photography Club \$125.00 to help support a program "Mankato's Next Top Model Competition"
- Funding the Maverick Forensics program \$7626. To help fund travel for students to both the National Forensic Association National Championships and the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament.

Turner: What's the \$7626 all cover?

Klinkhamer: This is for hotel rooms and vans for a total of two competitions.

Recognized Student Organizations: Exercise is medicine club, Eurasian-European Student Association, Phi Sigma Pi, The PPE Club

Approval of Minutes: 2-6-13

Approved.

Vacancies

Stadium Heights (1)

Allied Health and Nursing (1)

Education (1)

Julia Sears (1)

None.

Officer Reports

President Shrestha

- Rally Day was fun advocating for higher education. Thanks to those who came.
- MSUSA Delegates: Anchor Trust is being replaced with another bank. The MSUSA Treasurer or Education Officer will determine the new one.
- MSUSA – Mike Ramirez is the new Vice Chair. Tess Bunker will be Mike's replacement as the new Campus Coordinator.
- Looking to purchase a new camcorder for MSUSA for taking pictures and taping events.
- MnSCU rep came in and wanted our feedback on the new D2L.
- Provost Search meeting on Sun/Mon in Minneapolis for interviews. Please forward any questions you would like me to ask.

Vice President Schieler

- Committee structure is showing improvement. Constitution Committee is meeting tomorrow @ 7:00 a.m. to present on their desired outcome. As senate is external from this, we will also be presenting to Constitution Commission on our recommendations.
- Corolla still waiting on repair.
- There's a new MSU winter scarf available from the Alumni Foundation. A great way to show your campus pride.
- Rally Day- Every 2 years MnSCU goes back to the state for bi-annual budget requests. This time they are asking for \$97M (historical levels); The Governor currently supports \$80M. The theme is to invest like 1999. There has been a drastic reduction in state support. Request includes a 5% faculty increase; (1st in four years); internships; state of art equipment; technology integration into the classroom, and HEPR funding for renovations.

Speaker Collins

- Running out of time for senator reports so have been doing some brainstorming with senators on their goals/accomplishments for this year. I would like everyone to write down something that either I or you need to do. I'd like your email address to talk to you about these ideas.
- Next senators reporting will be: Jackson, Nickel, Selvig, Granberg, Jassim, Erhardt, Demirci. I will be sending out a general form and we'll work from there.

- **Senator Reports**

Senator Grotewold

Academic Affairs met today: Enrollment Management initiative idea list; please look it over. CSET Student Advisory Board met last Thurs., CSET Showcase, April 15th. I just finished a project with Chemistry Dept. and B & N for inclusion of standardized test manuals in the Maverick Textbook Reserve inventory. MTRP hasn't allowed these in the past but is now available for check out. If you're aware of others needed, please contact me or Academic Affairs Coordinator. Sarah Koenen and a few other students who were doing an internship in the Netherlands will be presenting on their experiences, Feb.15th, 3-4:30, in Wissink Hall.

Schieler: What does the tech fee look like for this year?

Grotewold: We don't know that yet.

Bryan S. The Tech Fee Advisory Committee needs to be put together asap to look at this and will bring back to you to vote. If possible, get names to me this week.

Senator Madsen

MSUSA Delegates was fun. During one of the breakout sessions Moriah Miles, State Chair, told an amazing story about her uncle Tim, basketball coach. It was inspirational and a story of what can happen when you keep pushing yourself and refuse to quit. Rally Day was great. Lobby Core follow-up on Feb. 26th. PR committee is getting off to a slow and rough start. LGBT issue right now is with surge in requests for peer panels. I'll be providing a Big Gay conference update coming later.

New Business

M#2.13.13A Approval of MSSA President's Board actions at MSUSA Delegate Conference. – Schieler/Madsen
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Schieler: This is more of a formality as nothing really took place.

Passes.

M#2.13.13B - Elections' Committee Rules Review – Schieler/Shrestha

Whereas: The Elections Committee currently has only 2 members;

Whereas: Neither of these members is currently serving as committee chair;

Be it Resolved: The Presidential cabinet, as set in by-laws, along with the MSSA speaker, convene with the purpose of updating election rules to be presented at the 3/1/13 senate meeting.

Schieler: This is typically done by Elections Committee, however, given time constraints recommending that we have the cabinet members meet and discuss changes for presenting to senate @ the 3.1.13 mtg. Enforcement of rules would remain with the Elections Committee.

Erhardt: What if they want to change something that the Cabinet has revised?

Schieler: Given our time constraints, it wouldn't be timely to do so.

Shrestha: Ramirez asked to be removed as Elections Committee Chair due to Vice Chair appointment.

Passed.

Roll Call

Senators Present:

Courtney Toft, Beth Madsen; Stacy Klinkhamer, Daphne Drossart, Beth Madsen, Myra Colakovic; Elizabeth Jacobson, Lazarus Jackson, Joe Wolf, Josh Erhardt, Nilsu Demirci, Briana Williamson, Hadier Jassim, Lazarus Jackson, Sam Turner

Senators Absent:

Michael Hanson, Lance Selvig, Saqid Cheema; Ben Shakespear, Cody Nickel, Jon Marquardt, Lado Jabavo, Jerica Thompson

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyala Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

Announcements

- Collins: Senator Davlyatov will be stepping down because of family obligations and a newborn son.
- Jacobson: Build a Buddy tomorrow in the CSU.
- Shrestha: Anyone interested in playing Fiva join me.
- John B.: Dance Marathon coming up.

Adjournment

Mtg. adjourned @ 5:20 p.m.