

80th MSSA Senate February 20th, 2013

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

Roll Call

Courtney Toft 20-1-0; Nick Jirik 19-1-1; Briana Williamson 14-5-2; Blake Grotewold 20-0-1; Nilsu Demirci 16-3-1; Paige Sparkman 20-1-0; Lance Selvig 17-3-1; Ben Shakespear 20-1-0; Cody Nickel 20-1-0; Trevor Granberg 20-0-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 15-4-0; Sam Turner 14-3-0; Lazarus Jackson 13-2-1; Beth Madsen 15-0-2; Michael Hanson 13-2-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 16-0-0; Daphne Drossart 17-0-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 17-1-0; Lado Jobava 9-2-0; Myra Colakovic 9-0-0; Saqid Cheema 3-1-0; Josh Erhardt 4-0-0; Hadier Jassim 2-1-0

Presentations

Ben Shakespear – Pedal Past Poverty Fundraising Event

- Homeless much bigger problem than most think. Now it is approximately (50) families. Their budget of \$800,000 is not nearly enough.
- Huge fundraiser, looking to raise \$15,000 (*Brochures handed out*)
- David Cowan has been so generous supporting this event; also B & N, and Dining Services supporting this event. March 2nd, 9-2:00. Many great prizes will be given out.

Lazarus Jackson – Off-Campus Senator

- MSUSA Delegates – Inspiring message not to give up; approved next year's budget.
- Re-Rev is a new technology that connects to Elliptical machines and creates electricity (*video clip*).
- It retro fits gym equip. to produce electricity
- Harnessing kinetics and putting back into the building.
- Several Universities already participate in it.
- Spoke to the VP of this co. today, Also spoke w/Dir. At Univ. of Florida who has it and is very pleased with it. This would include 16 machines, producing 50 watts/hr.
- This is a great opportunity for us to go green with this.
- Start-up costs approximately \$13,000. Federal & state grants available for this type of project.
- MSU Rec center is excited about this prospect.

Hanson: You are also on the Environmental Committee agenda for next week.

Grotewold: I believe St Cloud has similar system so you may want to talk to them.

Jackson: I know Morehead has something like this.

- Survey sent out asking what the student body wants. (*doc cam*)

Hanson: Would suggest spot for how long before grad.

Sparkman: I'd also suggest a comment section.

Schieler: It seems as though a lot of this is available from the Registrars' office. Not sure if students are interested in a longer survey.

Sparkman: have you thought how you'll get students to take it?

Jackson: Considering a prize or something.

Shrestha: I'd suggest adding options rather than open-ended questions.

Schieler: I'd also recommend a meeting with Lynn Akey or Nate Gustafson as they do institutional research and such.

Open Forum

- Tess Bunker – MSUSA Campus Coordinator – Will be attending once per month with updates.
- Academic Adv. Survey – please fill it out. Will be entered into a prize drawing for an iPad mini.
- Rally Day went well. Eleven of our students attended. Overall, there was a lot of support at the capitol.
- Scholarship deadlines – There are three scholarship possibilities. Great way to get \$1500 for school. Planning a Diversity event end of March.
- April Delegates is 12-14th. We will be bringing all 19 people.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Search Committee for Director of Diversity Initiative (*Briana Williamson*); Election Committee (*James Stanford, Blake Yungbauer, Kristin Jegede, David Bassey*)

Commission on Ethics and Standards

Student Allocations Committee:

- Recommendation was made to fund the Sociology Club \$450 to travel to a conference in Chicago, IL.

- Recommendation was made to fund Women in Aviation \$250 (5 students @ \$50) to attend Aviation Conference in Nashville, TN April 13, 2013 (Lindquist/Lemke)
- Recommendation was made to increase Triathlon Club funding by 2050 (for a total of 2600), upon learning that the tournament was an “invitational” event.

Recognized Student Organizations:

Approval of Minutes: 2-13-13

Approved.

Vacancies

Stadium Heights (1)

Allied Health and Nursing (1)

Education (1)

Julia Sears (1)

Graduate Studies (1)

Officer Reports

President Shrestha

- Attended Provost Search Committee Sun.-Tues. Good experience. A lot of time committed. Short-listed to 4 candidates. Will be coming to campus in March.
- MSUSA elections – There is an issue with Vice Chair elections. 19 /29 votes. Found out that it is not 2/3 rd. Was 65.5% and didn’t add up to 66.7%. Therefore, election didn’t go thru. We will be having a board meeting asap. Three options: Board can appoint interim; can elect another; or go without. I feel very bad that this has happened and my suggestion to the Board will be to appoint him.
- Elections Committee – will be working with cabinet to make changes. Campaigning isn’t allowed yet. Therefore, if you’re around MSSA office, please remember this.

Vice President Schieler

- Hertz – Took Corolla back to the Cities instead of returning to us; also locking and battery issues with the Escape.
- GMG Day @ the Capitol – Spoke with Barb Embacher about Lobby Day. We’ve a budget issue with the format changing and it being two days this year (hotel, food costs) and many students wanting to attend this event This will be a topic at Meet & Confer tomorrow.
- Meeting w/B. Hoffman about internships – even though focus hasn’t been this year, we still should be getting word out to constituents. What exactly is the process? Need to ask these questions and find out best way to communicate.
- MSSA Walk to the Capitol – looking at 11-14th; Governor even mentioned it on Rally Day. Working on logistics with campus people and Brett Anderson @ MnSCU. Working hard to make this happen. Plan would be for smaller groups to start out and then end up with a larger group at the end of the third day.

Turner: If we’re graduating that day but interested in doing it, how would we go about that?

Schieler: You could meet up the 2nd day.

Shrestha: I’d suggest that everyone begin to hit the gym now.

Schieler: We could message it as “97 miles for \$97M”. The legislative session ends May 20th.

- I encourage you all to approach me with anything. This is your senate. It’s up to you guys to have the ideas.

Speaker Collins

- Tried a new survey outline format for getting senator reports. Rec’d some good stuff.

Senator Reports

Senator Nickel – Off-campus

- Rally Day – We heard a lot from legislatures in favor of the \$97M budget proposal. Said it is up to us to show what is at risk if they don’t vote. Senator Kathy Sheran & Rep. Kathy Brynaert will be here in March.
- Gov. Dayton even mentioned our walk. His budget proposal includes \$80M. However, this won’t keep our tuition down.
- Tonight will be Lobby Core training. If you want to hear more, sit in on it. This Monday we will be lobbying at the capitol.

Senator Granberg – Off- Campus

- CSU Board budget is getting close to being ready for presentation on March 6th. It is asking for a 2% increase or .20 cents/credit. Budget printout is hanging in the senate office.
- Serendipity event next Friday. Spread the word.
- Lobby Core on Monday. Will report back to you guys.

- Met with the manager from College Town and talked about the guest parking lot. She didn't know anything about it but said that paving it is very doubtful. Utility costs are also increasing.
- Collins: What happened with the KMSU issue?
- Jacobson: We will be playing their music between 11:00 a.m. -1 p.m. throughout the CSU.
- Hanson: As far as utilities increase, water bills are going up city-wide.
- Shrestha: Which items are asking for the increase?
- Jacobson: We will be presenting that.
- Granberg: There is some construction going on in CSU. There is new carpet and tables being installed on Mav Ave. There will also be more computer plug-ins installed.
- Schieler: Why does the CSU present to senate and not just to SAC?
- Woodward: It is a courtesy to senate. We also ask the MSSA President has to write a student fee consultation letter to the MnSCU Chancellor. In addition, we like senate to tell us their feedback, right or wrong.
- Hanson: Doesn't the CSU have money set aside for art projects?
- Woodward: There's about \$10,000. The funds trickle in very slowly. We'd like to do a large art project in the CSU.

Senator Erhardt – Off-campus

- Attending a lot of events off campus to find out how campus can reach them better; learning more about the sub-leasing issue; Senator Hanson and I are working on all off-campus senators caucus-type meeting to share information/ideas; also familiarizing myself with all of the issues.

Senator Demirci –CSET

- Reminder of CSET Showcase in April, in the CSU ballroom. This is basically CSET organizations performing different experiments and explaining things to those unfamiliar with what we do.
 - Science Fair – Dr. Fisher is the new Science Fair Coordinator. Working with him on a survey to solve problems with this event.
 - Chemistry Dept. faculty are overloaded. Why are we not requesting new faculty? I'd like to know what's going on. We need professors that are strong and accessible. We really need a mycology professor.
 - Standardized tests manual – professors haven't announced that this is available in the library.
 - Need more biology tutors. People dropping out all of the time.
- Shrestha: Are there any depts/students already signed up for showcase?
- Demirci: Yes, there are.
- Shrestha: Is this being discussed at the CSET Advisory Board?
- Demirci: Their next meeting will be the first Thursday in March.
- Collins: Has there been any thought to faculty teaching more than one subject?

Motion:

New Business

Motion to allocate next week's meeting time after 4:30 to a friendly game of competitive bowling against our upper administrative faculty!

Schieler: Next week's meeting will end at 4:30 pm. because of the bowling challenge with Student Affairs. Hope you attend as it will be a great fun.

Collins: We could also consider having a team-building exercise for ½ hr before bowling.

Shakespeare: I don't think we can cancel a senate meeting and have ½ hr open forum as that is the time we recognize our constituents.

Shrestha: I'd recommend adding SAC items to the agenda as well.

Passed 22 for – 0 opposed – 2 abstain

Roll Call

Senators Present:

Courtney Toft, Beth Madsen; Daphne Drossart, Myra Colakovic; Elizabeth Jacobson, Lazarus Jackson, Joe Wolf, Josh Erhardt, Nilsu Demirci, Hadier Jassim, Sam Turner, Michael Hanson, Saqid Cheema; Ben Shakespeare, Cody Nickel, Jon Marquardt, Jerica Thompson, Lado Jabavo, Trevor Ganberg,

Senators Absent:

Stacy Klinkhamer, Lance Selvig, Briana Williamson

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

Announcements

- Collins: Senator reports next week from: Jirik, Toft, Jassim, Selvig, Turner, Nickel.
- John B. – Dance Marathon this Sat. We're @ 61% of goal (\$12,000)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 5:28