

## 80<sup>th</sup> MSSA Senate April 3rd, 2013

Senate called to order by 80<sup>th</sup> Speaker Collins

### Roll Call

#### Open Forum

- Dillon – Civic Engagement Award rec'd for Community Engagement
- RHA President – Na Chum – Goodbye Week, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>; Mtg w/Cindy Janney so invite your feedback to take with; new president is Rebecca Wakeside. Michael Burbank will be MSSA liaison; working on sustainability program.

Shakespeare: can we attend Cindy Janney meeting?

Chum: Tomorrow @ 10:15 a.m.

Schieler: What efforts is RHA taking on tom improve dining or things in general

Chum: Looking at restructuring meal plans; guest pass program; flex dollar conversion plan;

Hanson: Do you have point of contact on sustainability plan?

Chum: Richard Wheeler

Shakespeare: Have you considered attending meeting with Nathan Manthe? I would also be willing to sit down with you.

#### Presentation

##### Mike Ramirez – MSUSA Update

- Campus organizer resigned therefore looking for his replacement. If you know someone interested, please let us know.
- A lot at the capitol. Testifying and MnSCU budget proposal. Gov. wants \$240M for higher ed; he supports \$80M for MnSCU
- Last Delegates conference, 12-14<sup>th</sup> in Brainerd. Look forward to working with the next board member. Election committee update – Kristine:
- All candidates in and declared; so far 5 presidents; 4 VPs
- Poster violations
- Petition of referendum – keep the free lot free; (preparing ballot language
  - Constitution changes preparing language

Schieler: Has the mention of random balloting come up?

Shrestha: Yes, I'll make sure it is as I work in IT.

- **SAF – Nick Jirik –**

- **Just presenting today so not expecting to answer any questions today.**

Athletics fee (*handout*)

- Coming in at 4.3% increase; primarily salaries with increase in staffing

Shrestha: increase last year?

Jirik: previously was included in SAF budget and was pulled out of that this yr. athletic fee reserve built in.

Turner: what happens if Edina doesn't pay?

Student activity fee

- Athletic Band: have been asked to increase presence at more games; committee didn't feel it a good year to do that;
- Campus rec club: higher than usual; large number of students participate in so trying to grow that program; added the equivalent of a full time office person. Hopefully, will also see more revenue coming in. Adv. Ed program is nat'lly recognized as well.
- Community Eng: current level of funding recommended. An addition of full-time staff versus 74% time. Hopefully, this provides more time for grant writing time.

Shakespeare: Can anyone from Student Activities speak to this?

Dillon: feel this is a great idea and will allow more time to apply for grants, etc.

- Ethnic: recommending half of what was asked. Most was food, but would like to see less of that.
- Forensics: maintain current level
- Green Fee: 13.78% increase to current level to increase service times. 10 cents was shifted onto students.

Selvig: will there be increases every year?

Jirik: Trying to catch up with it. Didn't anticipate the usage

- Homecoming: recommending 34.55% decrease. Crowd size not large enough to justify. Mostly same students go to same events to win points in competition, not that they wanted to be there.
- Int'l Center: grant 3.74% increase to cover increased costs.
- LGBT: asked for 33% increase; bring bigger speaker names int; good level of programming this year and not a year to increase it;
- Mavericks After Dark – same as last yr
- Musical ensembles – same as last year
- Non-budgeted request fund – maintain current level
- Repertory Dance – maintain
- Reporter - 1.61% decrease – no one time funding. Would like to see it operate with student dollars as it is for students. Would like to see more efficiency; redistribute stacks of paper; more tracking of numbers.
- SAF administration – 1.31% salary increase
- SAF Reserve – Serves as a cushion for 7700 France students; pays for staff salaries.
- Student Activities –
  - Maintain current funding in most
  - IMPACT – food at retreats; travel requests; awards; we saw large amt going to t-shirts and jerseys for board members; misc. event costs;

Shrestha: can they put in for SAC funding requests?

Jirik: it's a little diff. as they are not an RSO

Schieler: has this been considered using the travel funding requests for ....

Hanson: thought all these were tied into IMPACT

Jirik: Operated by same people but funded separately

- Senate

Schieler: We've asked for travel increases, food dollars to cover loss of dining dollars, increase in staff salaries.

Ramirez: question on senate requests: travel/food/fringe

Schieler: while we put it into SAC for that reasoning, not necessarily will be spent on those line items.

Ramirez: would ask that my salary is small compared to what professionals get paid. So would ask that you keep that in mind.

Jirik: looking at a 7.26% increase; overall MnSCU request of 2.98%

Student Tech Advisory Fee – *(Draft of proposal handout)*

- Working on finalizing our proposal – wanting no increase this year. Asking for more collaborative working spaces; charging stations; more soft seating, particularly the ACC.

Schneider: we'll need senate to approve this proposal before it goes to MnSCU.

Collins: not voting on any of the budget proposals until next week.

Shakespeare: thank you for coming to us and not asking for more money.

Grotewold: most smartphones connect to usb so we'd like to see more outlets for charging them.

### Approval of Consent Agenda

#### Appointments:

**Commission on Ethics and Standards:** Violations: Loss of voting rights, pending attendance/proxy for removal: Nilsu Demirci, Brianna Williamson, Lado Jobava, Cody Nickel

**Student Allocations committee** recommendations:

- *Funding Lambda Chi Alpha \$750 for travel to a conference in Vermillion, SD*
- *Zero funding to a request by the club "Works on Paper" because the travel request was submitted after the travel was completed.*
- *Funding the School of Psychology Society \$100.00 to support a year end event.*

#### **Recognized Student Organizations:**

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Postpone motions until next week.

#### ***Motion passes.***

#### **Vacancies**

**Stadium Heights (1)**

**Allied Health and Nursing (1)**

**Education (1)**

**Julia Sears (1)**

**Graduate Studies (1)**

**Undeclared (1)**

**Arts & Humanities (1)**

## Old Business

### New business

Motion to approve athletics fee as presented –  
Shakespear: We're doing what we've done all year, just voting and not debating.

### Passes

Motion to approve SAF as presented –  
Move to postpone until next week

### Passes

Motion to approve Technology Fee as presented-  
Move to postpone next week.

Passes.

## Officer reports

### President Shrestha

- Last Provost meeting – evaluations sent to the President.
- Writing consultation letters - CSU, Campus Rec., Res. Hall
- Laurie Woodward leaving us for Univ. Oregon
  - Possibly 81<sup>st</sup> Senate will be on Search Committee
  - April 10<sup>th</sup>, Fairmont Fair
  - Lynn Akey – Society for University...May 13-15<sup>th</sup>; if interested let me know. They need committed attendees.
  - SA softball tournament; April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Wish you all the best in upcoming senate. Have enjoyed working with all of you.

### Vice President Schieler

- Univ. Advancement Search Committee – mtg. again April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Hertz rep rescheduled for this week. Continue to exp. Problems with the cars.
- Walk – leaving Friday. (Granberg, Schieler, Wolf, Hanson). Ceremonial send-off.
- Please keep it civil in the office. There is no censorship in the office. No bias, slander, in the office. Use your current term office. We should be working together.

### Speaker Collins

- Next week's meeting is at 3. Talk to me if you need to get out of class.
- Next week's meeting @ 3 pm. John drafted letter for professors.
- Violations list – will continue with it.

## Senator reports

- Blake Grotewold
  - LTR
  - Star ID – replacement of tech id sign-in; everyone will be assigned one, even those who have left.

Granberg: Will we get new mav cards?

Grotewold: No

Hanson: Is the biggest concern security?

Grotewold: Yes, it is always possible however, our campus networks are in a secure place.

Schieler: How are they relaying this message?

Schneider: Putting together a plan so will be marketing it pretty hard

- Development of advisory software committee (D2L; e-services, etc); will be looking for a MSSA rep;
- Michael Hanson
  - April 23<sup>rd</sup>, JJ Hamilton speaker at St. John's church
  - Need to rally for softball game for Laurie's farewell.

### Announcements:

- Congrats to Lado as ISA VP
- Jirik: be prepared for next week's meeting; may get heated. Be prepared to buckle down.
- Madsen: Student Friendly or Faculty member nominations needed – will be sending an all-student email
- Jacobson – Dining Bd wanting your feedback for ideas
- John B. –Encourage budget review and questions prior to next week's meeting; Greek Life Reunion

- Shrestha – Phil Philipps concert next week after budget meeting, 8 PM
- Moriah – reminder during summer of federal level; Stafford loan looking to double; 3.4%; not hearing anything positive about this; increasing interest rates. So much going on in education right now; most money is going to U of M and privates. Hope you walk to the capitol and tell them. We prioritize our students better than the U of M. Look forward to delegates next week. You guys are awesome.
- Grotewold: want to see the same amt of ppl out as bowling. It was such a fun setting. Big interview tomorrow so please keep me in your minds.

**Adjournment**

***Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm***

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