

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

I. Roll Call

Courtney Toft 6-1-0; Nick Jirik 7-0-0; Hassan Fall 4-2-0; Briana Williamson 5-1-1; Blake Grotewold 6-0-1; Teto Korha 7-0-0; Nilsu Demirci 6-0-1; Paige Sparkman 6-1-0; Lance Selvig 7-0-0; Ben Shakespeare 7-0-0; Cody Nickel 5-2-0; Trevor Granberg 6-0-0; Alison Lemke 5-1-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 5-1-0; Kara Aliperto 6-0-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 2-0-1; Sam Turner 2-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 2-0-1; Gabriel Ignacio 3-0-0; Skeeter Rogers 3-0-0; Beth Madsen 3-0-1; Michael Hanson 3-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 3-0-0; Daphne Drossart 4-0-0; David Rosencrance 4-0-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 4-0-0

Open Forum

II. Presentations

- Dr. Linda Baer, Interim VP, Academic Affairs
- Org. chart overview of Office of Provost(*w/handout*)
- Dynamics of programs/ curriculum– review and funding.
- Strong focus on scholarly research
- Outside resources such as grants
- New programs on the horizon: Twin Cities Two + Two program (2 years at community college into a university - a curriculum pathway) at Normandale in Engineering; Applied Org. Studies. The other program is elementary education, a restart of Special Ed. Program at Normandale; Communication Studies; also Century & St Paul college collaborations.
- Grad.: (4) applied doctorates in nursing; psychology; education; along with some new masters programs, and professional sciences.
- Strong study abroad program. Great opportunity when linked with your program.
- Internships/coops – these are critical today with current job market.
- Plan ahead with any of these opportunities.

El-Kishawy: Is there competition between Normandale and Edina?

Baer: Edina is primarily doctorate programs and night classes. It is open to share with MnSCU partners. Normandale is primarily under-graduate. January will be the grand opening of Univ. Partnership Center (6+ rooms made available).

Rosencrance: What has been the toughest part of your job so far?

Baer: I'm familiar with governance, negotiating teams and being on campus. The harder part is wanting to get a lot of things done in a short amount of time. NSSE tests score (student engagement) was quite low at MSU. I helped developed a set of recommendations for this and now am on the other side of that. I'm wanting to move faster but change has to fit the environment.

Shakespeare: How do we identify for new graduate courses?

Baer: Some is based on tradition and heritage. (i.e. teachers college). It is also based on what your region needs. (i.e. strong liberal arts courses). The Chancellor now wants to link jobs to the future or things on the horizon for solutions that we don't even know about yet.

- Mike Ramirez
- MSUSA update: Mark Ritchie event yesterday went well. We won the competition between MSUSA & MSCSA .
- Next week: Oct 9th, debate between Walz & Quist, Ostrander. Posters going up. Need volunteers for this event.
- Oct 10th, 5-10 pm. Rock the Vote in the CSU. Two bands playing.
- Delegates: Nov. 16-18th, Twin Cities. If interested, sign up (*sheet passed around*). Limited to 14 people.
 - Friday night is the Penney banquet. Four-five students will be selected to attend.

Shrestha: How is PR going for Rock the Vote?

Mike: Posters were just printed and will be put out there. No FB page created yet.

Shrestha: Names of the bands?

Ramirez: They are both rock bands. Machine 22 is one of them.

Rosencrance: Is it going to tell me who to vote for?

Ramirez: No, this is strictly educational and partisan.

Schieler: Is there a plan in place for political groups that may show up for the event?

Ramirez: This is non-partisan. We won't kick any one out.

Wilkins: There'll be no platform for people to speak out. Contract we signed doesn't allow tabling or canvassing.

Aliperto: What time are delegates leaving?

Rosencrance: There are usually 2 vans that go separately. One will probably leave mid-morning and one a little later.

Ramirez: We'll know more once the agenda comes out.

1. Student Affairs Update

- Student affairs meetings on Mon & Tues. Starting to take attendance. Need to attend one.
- Reflection space in CSU – certain degree of privacy is needed and hasn't been met.

- Did you Know Campaign – MSSA campaign to get to know us (pics, questions)
- Security – Aren't given any protection. Feel at minimum there should be pepper spray. Meeting with security this week.
- Hertz – Let's get our numbers up.
Rock the Vote – Will be helping with tabling
- Edina – setting up trip mid this month. Let me know if interested in joining. Also looking
- Setting up debate with College of Dems & Republicans

Jirik: I think the reflection space is being utilized as it should be and don't think anything add'l needs to be done.

El-Kishawy: I think we need to expand on the privacy to make it better.

Nilsu: I've also talked to people about this and they've come up with some other ideas.

Collins: This part of the agenda is for questions, not for input. Please provide opinion to Joe outside of meeting.

Shakespeare: This is a state-funded school and I don't want my fees supporting a religious agenda.

Turner: It's a public relaxation space so why does it need more privacy?

El-Kishawy: A reflection space should have a certain degree of privacy. You can come and debate this at one of the Student Affairs meeting.

Shakespeare: I feel there'd be problems making it more private.

Collins: Again, questions not input.

Turner: Have you come up with any ideas?

El-Kishawy: We're still exploring.

1. Academic Affairs Update – Jose' Barriga

- Apologize for late intro.
- Three meetings so far. They are on Thurs, 5-6 pm. If you want to be part of committee, please come. If this time doesn't work, please come see me.
- So far haven't rec'd any particular issue pertaining to Academic Affairs.
- Survey conducted about different things that might help with evaluation process of professors and courses. Hopefully, this helps with communication between students and faculty.
- Institutional Research
- Goals: MTRP, policies review/updates next month; working on ways to solidify requirements of research and internships for graduate students; Improve on the communication of grades, especially final grades.

Shrestha: Are there any major changes in any of the policy reviews?

Barriga: I have the policy schedule for the next 7 years. Each year some are opened up for suggestions. If you have specific questions, I can do some checking.

Schieler: Can you forward review policy schedule to Cindy?

Barriga: I have hard copy I can share with you. Also, if you have an issue, please come to the meetings to discuss.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Search Committee for the Dean of Institutional Diversity (Lazarus Jackson), Bookstore Advisory Committee (Bassam Al Mohamadi) Commission on Ethics and Standards (Nick Jirik, Sean Farnham, Jessica Herion) Student Affairs (Merissa Daley)

Student Allocations Committee:

- Sports Management Club should be allocated \$700 to support a trip for 55 MSU Students to tour TCF Bank Stadium and Williams Arena in Minneapolis.
- Alpha Lambda Delta should be allocated \$100 to support two students attending a leadership conference in San Antonio Texas.
- The Navigators should be allocated \$125.00 to support 6 students who will be attending a Regional Fall Conference.

Recognized Student Organizations: American Association of Family and Consumer Science, American Sign Language Club, Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, Club Baseball, College Democrats, Dental Hygiene Club, Education Minnesota Student Program at MSU, Gender & Women's Studies Club, Geology Club, Golden Key International Honour Society, Graduate Student Creative Writing Club, Handball Club, International Business Organization, International Student Outreach, MNSU Law Enforcement Club, MSU Slackline Club, Math Club, Music Industry Productions, National Black Graduate Student Association Affiliate Chapter, NeSTcom, OROMIA Student Union, Okinawan Karate and Kobudo Club, Omicron Delta Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Pan African Student Organization, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Sigma Alpha, Pre-Optometry Club, Scandinavian Club, St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center, Student Dance Coalition, Students of Urban and Regional Studies Institute, The Silver Hand Society, United Nations/International Relations Club, Vegucation Society, Women's Lacrosse

Approval of Minutes: 9-26-12

IV. Vacancies

1. Allied Health and Nursing [2] - None

V. Elections
None

VI. New Business

VII. Officer Reports

A. President Shrestha

- Good homecoming week
- Thanks to Greg and entire Student Activities department for great homecoming. Over 7000 students attended - 100 more students than last year.
- City University meeting with Mike Laven, City Council Chair, regarding the detox issue. Instead of three options, the City is proposing a fourth option. President Davenport advises us not to take action on any of this and instead refer it to Student Affairs as it may require higher administrative action.
- Waseca southern sweep today – talked about importance of internships and coops. They were excited about the possibilities.
- Haunted House – Oct 24th. We need people. We'll meet after meeting.
- Rock the Vote after next week's senate mtg.
- Committees – if your name isn't listed twice, please see me.
- MSU ties/scarf – President Davenport will provide each new senator one. (*Sign-up sheet passed*)

Rosencrance: Is Mike Laven suggesting that it be the responsibility of the university to solve the problem of the New Ulm detox being full?

Shrestha: He didn't seem real sure with what he was saying. We will be having a meeting with them which will also include other student presidents.

Rosencrance: Is the new Justice Center being equipped to handle this?

Shrestha: He did not say.

Hanson: Does this mean that the University assumes liability?

Shrestha: That's the whole problem. The University was not involved in this decision.

John B: The Mankato Free Press also published an article on this from a city council meeting last week. President Davenport said that it is the type of decision that will need to go up to a higher level, possibly MnSCU.

Gallery; (*MSU Reporter*): Has this passed? Does it include both minors and adults?

Schieler: No comment. This is outside of our knowledge to try and answer.

B. VP Schieler

- **Hertz** – Rep was down yesterday. They increased our goal to 375, whereas, the last time we met we were told it was 325. We're currently at 326 members. Overall, all of our numbers have increased. With some discussion on all of those stats, (i.e. Corolla use is approximately 5 hours/day) we've convinced him that we should have the Rav 4 returned. We also addressed concerns about the time to get membership cards. Background checks take time.

Hanson: Did you have a homecoming meeting?

Schieler: Yes, we had theirs' on Monday. I wasn't able to attend. They did provide all of the statistics. Basically, attendance increased and the budget decreased. I'll end with that.

Jirik: Any marching band update?

Schieler: No. SAC is looking at the numbers. MnSCU requires we keep 5% reserve. We're usually have kept ours higher than that. However, with enrollment being down we aren't able to.

C. Speaker Collins

- If unsure and you have questions about the protocol in meetings, come see me.
- Ethics and Standards Committee will be receiving evidence from me of those not attending office hours or attending meetings.
- I apologize if I sound tough in meetings. I don't intend to hurt feelings when doing so.

VIII. Senator Reports

1. Daphne Drossart - College of Allied Health and Nursing

1. Meeting with Learning Communities/RSOs – Spoke about MSSA and things we're working on; smoking issue; parking issue.
2. Allied Health & Nursing Clinical Building – A lot of excitement about this. Scheduling a meeting to meet with the new Dean.
3. Meet your Senators event ideas/possibilities. I'd like to help with the S'mores event this year. .

Shrestha: Check with Lance if interested in the S'mores event.

2. Jon Marquardt

1. Parking Appeals Committee – A lot over the summer and first couple weeks. Complaints about lack of free parking.
2. College Town – Parking concern, esp. over homecoming. However, it went smooth. MSU owns the lot outside the gate across the street. We are looking into using that for guest parking.

Korha: There's frustration from residents who pay for permits and still don't have parking.

Hanson: Any appeals from Highland Park? I have a relationship with MSU Rent. I would like to help with this.

Marquardt: That would be great.

3. Skeeter Rogers/Ben Shakespear

1. Carkoski

- Lengthy discussion with Dining Services and students' concerns.
- First two weeks were bad. There were approximately 90 more people going thru the lines. Essentially, not that many more people.
- They now have 8 fulltime employees compared to 4 last yr. They've also added 10-15 more student employees.
- They've increased the speed of the conveyor belt in the dishwashing area to prevent backlog.
- More dishes, silverware ordered.
- New ice cream machine ordered.
- Deli line/salad bar use dramatically increased.
- Salad bar may be brought into Carkoski and may include some pre-made salads.
- Healthier options
- Grilled rotation – considering doing a different theme each day which has had overwhelming support.
- Bringing back breakfast at night. Starting on a bi-weekly schedule.
- Chick-Fil-A – sales up \$1,000/wk.
- They are moving quickly on improvements.
- Dining Services really wants a dining committee created. They feel it would be very beneficial in helping address student concerns.

Collins: Do you think nutrition info could be included?

Shakespear: We can do so online, however, it is probably not practical in this setting.

Shrestha: Davenport also mentioned adding more food venues. There are possibilities of additions to Myers Field House, Sears, and Preska.

4. Ganisher Davlyatov

1. Graduate Studies Issues (*handout*)

- Online vs On-campus (*higher tuition for services don't have or can't utilize*)
- A lot of finger pointing towards MSSA.

2. Director of Graduate Studies

3. Tuition rates

Schieler: Do they realize that many are optional and not mandatory?

Gani: No, they say that all are mandatory.

Schieler: According to MnSCU policy, other than the statewide government fee, it is not required.

Turner: If not by MnSCU, can the university mandate it?

Schieler: They are not.

Gani: I've spoken with several depts. and have been told that these things are mandatory.

Collins: It may be gaining a better understanding of what we're agreeing to be a part of on e-services.

Williamson: Those things only show up when you click the pay feature, otherwise, you don't see them.

Nilsu: The Registrars' Office said that they decide on what is mandatory.

IX. Announcements

- Grotewold: IT has begun to hear about more problems with the Wi-fi and they are trying to address this issue.
- John – The display case is empty down by Student Activities. Suggest voting information go in it.
- Rake the Town – There's a MSU effort this year. If interested in community service, contact Community Engagement office.
- Hanson: Oct 4th theatre opens up with Chorus Line. Highland Park meeting on Oct 16th.
- Nickel: We need help hanging up posters after today's meeting for Walz/Quist debate. Please see me if you're able to help. I also have Greek Emerging Leaders class applications.
- Shakespear: Meeting protocol – I'd just like to remind everyone that we are all here to debate and advocate for what we believe in. We want to make sure we do the best we possibly can. Why are we here if we don't debate the issues that we are passionate about?
- Student Leadership Social event is tonight in Student Activities.
- Stacey Klinkhamer – Women's Center Grand Opening event going on Oct. 11th, Noon – 2:00 pm.

X. Roll Call

Senators Present:

Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Lance Selvig, Ben Shakespear, Jonathan Marquardt; Ganisher Davlyatov; Blake Grotewold; Lazarus Jackson; Beth Madsen; Nick Jirik, Briana Williamson; Nilsu Demirci; Trevor Granberg, Cody Nickel; Stacey Klinkhamer

Senators Absent:

David Rosencrance; Sam Turner; Teto Korha; Beth Madsen; Alison Lemke; Hassan Fall; Gabriel Ignacio

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 6:10 p.m.