

80th MSSA Senate
October 10th, 2012

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

I. Roll Call

Courtney Toft 7-1-0; Nick Jirik 8-0-0; Hassan Fall 5-2-0; Briana Williamson 5-2-1; Blake Grotewold 7-0-1; Teto Korha 8-0-0; Nilsu Demirci 7-0-1; Paige Sparkman 7-1-0; Lance Selvig 8-0-0; Ben Shakespear 8-0-0; Cody Nickel 6-2-0; Trevor Granberg 8-0-0; Alison Lemke 6-1-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 6-1-0; Kara Aliperto 7-0-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 3-0-1; Sam Turner 3-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 3-0-1; Gabriel Ignacio 4-0-0; Skeeter Rogers 4-0-0; Beth Madsen 4-0-1; Michael Hanson 4-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 4-0-0; Daphne Drossart 5-0-0; David Rosencrance 5-0-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 5-0-0

II. Open Forum

- **Dylan** – Comm. Eng. Update: Campus Kitchen going well. Waiting to be certified; Rake the Town event – need volunteers; community.engagement@mnsu.edu; new FB page too; Delivery of Dialog

Shakespear: Is your budget of \$9,000 adequate?

Dylan: We could certainly use more funding.

Shakespear: How do you go about promoting community engagement?

Dylan: We have a new email and FB page, however, word of mouth is the best.

Wilkins: Rake the Town, Oct. 27th. We want to paint the town purple and gold w/Mavericks. We have 30-40 signed up so far. You'll not only get a chili dinner but a free t-shirt as well. We're working magic with only \$9,000; We have Sport Clip coupons for haircuts if you're interested; Rock the Vote tonight; Magic Mike tonight at Stompers.

Shrestha: Why were funds cut in half?

Wilkins: The prior SAC and Senate saw fit to do so. It was looked at as co-curricular vs curricular.

John B: Greek Life update; Domestic Abuse Awareness Month; Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Boob Cupcake Sale; Tues; Nat'l Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week; Shot of Reality – raising awareness of alcohol abuse.

Mock House Party; Love Your Body Day – Dove's Model, next Weds. LGBT Safe Zone Training, this Friday.

Clothesline Project; Electile Dysfunction Drag Show; Off Campus Housing – first housing fair, Oct 23rd.

Schieler: Are we doing anything at the event about medical amnesty?

John B; No, I'm not aware of anything.

III. Presentations

1. Nathan Manthe/Phil Novak– Dinning Services
 - Thought this would be an opportunity to field any other questions you may have.

Jirik: Is your pricing competitive or is it based on cost of ingredients?

Phil: Both. Then it is brought to the CSU board. A price index is also used.

Jirik: Who's your vendor?

Nathan: Primarily, Sysco. They order through several different companies. We also have local foods coming in.

Nickel: Could you talk a little about numbers?

Nathan: We're up 8-10% from last year. Mainly from 7-8 pm, Fri – Sat.; 8-9 pm Sun-Thurs.

Shrestha: Do you have any update on add'l dining venues?

Nathan: As far as Preska, there is no update. There are many different concepts being talked about right now.

Phil: We presented to CSU Board about this. Research shows that students prefer national brands (i.e. Papa John's, Einstein Bagels). We're also looking at changing our grill concept to diner concept and including more home-style comfort food throughout the day.

Hanson: Are you releasing nutritional info?

Phil: It is already available online and we also try to have it up at the locations. Nat'l brands can be done very easily but our items require us to work on our own.

Jirik: What's the model used for product and services?

Phil: Word of mouth, national surveys; in-house surveys, and comment cards.

Daley: Any updates to Myers/CSU?

Phil: We're proposing ideas now. Our goal would be this summer. Nat'l brands require expensive training.

Schieler: Is there less compensation for national brands?

Phil: We pay royalties on every transaction, so the commission to the University is less.

Schieler: When setting prices, is there any concept to budget items (Burger King)?

Phil: Our quality compares to more Culver's/Five guys vs Burger King.

Nathan: Lower quality/cost goes against our model.

Shakespear: Isn't nutritional info somewhat discretionary?

Nathan: It also depends upon what you add/eliminate from it as well.

Demirci: How many survey participants do you have?

Phil: The last one was approximately 600+ students.

Shakespear: Could you provide us once again with an overview of issues that came up?

Nathan: We had things we needed to change and may have dropped the ball in certain areas. We've added staff, dishes, silverware; ice cream machine and grill rotations. Based on student feedback, we will also start to incorporate some comfort foods next week. We'll also ask you to submit recipes. We're here to partner with you guys. We're re-evaluating all the time to make it a better experience.

Demirci: Do you offer any kosher items?

Nathan: We haven't had many requests for it.

Nilsu: I tried last year and had no luck.

Nathan: I invite you to come in and talk to me. We can definitely look into it.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Commission on Ethics and Standards (Tawsif Mahmud, Jimi Fox) **Search Committee for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**(Soyal Shrestha) **Communications Board** (Moriah Miles, Courtney Toft, Kristine Jegede, Christine Isahakyan)

Commission on Ethics and Standards

Failure to complete office hours - First Offense: Aliperto, Fall, Jacobson, Rogers

Failure on meeting attendance: Fall

- Nick Jirik – Chair
 - We will be taking complaints as to what senators do.
 - These will be included in the consent agenda from now on.
 - We've started setting guidelines and will send these out in a document.
 - Office hour offenses will require an extra 2 hours of office hours; second offense will require that you provide evidence of constituency contact; third offenses will be taken case by case.
 - Attendance issues will be taken case by case.
 - Once you are listed in the agenda, you are required to meet with us.

Collins: You'll need to acknowledge it and understand it.

Nickel: Will every offense be put on there?

Collins: It is up to the Commission to decide.

Schieler: Is there the ability for senators to appeal at the meeting?

Jirik: Yes, that is the purpose of the meeting.

Rosencrance: As this does set precedence, can you please write all of this down?

Collins: Yes, guidelines will be written.

Jirik: If you find it too radical, you could go to student conduct.

Shrestha: This is stated in Art. 5, Sect, 2 of the Constitution.

Student Allocations Committee:

- Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship \$500.00 to support Student Organization travel for ten students to St. Louis, MO for a national Conference.

Recognized Student Organizations: Art History Round Table, B.I.G (Black Intelligent Gentlemen), Black Outstanding Women, Collective Action for Violence Education, Economics Club, Fashion & Commercial Photography Club, Gamma Phi Beta, International Aviation Students Organization, Men Against Violence (MAVs), Middle Eastern Student Association (M.E.S.A.), National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), On Par Connection, Student Nurses Association, World Language Organization,

Approval of Minutes: 10-3-12

V. Vacancies

1. Allied Health and Nursing [2]

VI. Elections

VII. Officer Reports

A. President Shrestha

- Rock the Vote event tonight; MSU is now third of seven in voter registration competition.
- Met with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. They're working on MavFans program. We would also like to see the MavMob Committee back in action this year. If interested, let me know.
- ITS – Taking care of Wi-Fi issues
- Smoking patrol doing a good job around campus. Encourage you all to mention to those who are doing it.
- Donated blood today.

Bryan – We've been working with Charter. So far, they haven't come up with anything. If problems, contact ResTech Depot. So far, we have tracked problems to isolated issues. There may be some potential coverage issues. If you become aware of any, please report these to the ResTech.

Shakespeare: Where is the ResTech located?

Bryan: In the basement of Carkoski.

Hanson: Were completed voter registrations taken into account in the registration competition?

Shrestha: I'm not sure.

Hanson: I support the Maverick Mob idea. Senate should all go to hockey games this fall.

Shrestha: I encourage you to attend any of the athletic events going on.

B. Vice President Schieler

- Hertz memberships are no longer a card but a key Fob.
- We currently have 31 commissions and boards functioning. Sending out Doodles to org. time to meet.
- Email tardiness – if you do not respond to an email from me within a week, you will be dropped from the committee.
- Had a budget meeting this week with Cindy/Soyal for an overview of the MSSA budget. We're putting together our Budget Committee. We are in need 2 senators, and 3 students @ large.
- Office remodel: We've gotten a bid on the wall removal between the front entrance and computer lab. This would become a half wall to allow for a more open environment. We'll be applying for R & R funds next fall.
- The debate went well last night. It was very well attended.
- I'll be tailgating on Saturday. Please join me. We're also bringing Kevin Buisman in for next week's meeting, so it would be nice to be to show him that some of us were at the game.
- MavMob: I'm excited that it is coming back.
- Vacancies – Reporter ads are expensive. I encourage you to talk to others as another way of advertising.
- We need to be actionary and not reactionary. "Skate to where the puck is going."

Jackson: As far as email tardiness, would there also be a way to get prior notification of committee times?

Schieler: Yes, if I look at a Doodle and it doesn't work with you, you can meet outside of meeting time or you will be dropped.

Madsen: Do you take gender into account when making committee appointments?

Shrestha: First, I look for someone's interest along with trying to bring diversity.

Schieler: Please let me know if you have concerns with any of the committees. I'm here to help.

C. Speaker Collins

Ethics & Standards – Anyone can become a complainant. You can submit it and it will be brought to the Commission. If it would be about the chair, then bring it to any other commission member. If you have problems with someone, discuss it first. If not, bring it to commission so you don't have to deal with it.

Hanson: Is this kept anonymous?

Jirik: It does not as the complainant has to address it to the commission.

Collins: It will also be phrased in a polite, professional manner.

Rosencrance: I make a motion to move reports to written.

Collins: This is not a New Business item, however, I will entertain to postpone.

Jirik: I agree as we have an important event to get to.

Vote.

Motion passes.

VIII. Senator Reports

- 1. Jerica Thompson**
 1. Parking Issue
 2. Smoking
 3. Carkoski Improvement
- 2. Gabriel Ignacio**
 1. Veteran Resource Center
 2. Stadium Heights
- 3. Sam Turner**
 1. Teacher Discrimination
- 4. Lazarus Jackson**
 1. Universal online survey
 2. Professor rating
- 5. Stacy Klinkhamer**
 1. Women's Center Events
 2. Revival of the Women's Center
 3. The Men Initiative
- 6. Alison Lemke**
 1. No Report
- 7. Paige Sparkman**

1. No Report

IX. New Business

M#10.10.12A – Inappropriate and Unprofessional Language in MSSA Office (Jirik/Schieler)

Whereas: Implement a penalty for inappropriate and unprofessional language spoken by senators in the MSSA office.

Whereas: We are a professional organization representing the students of Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Whereas: We should act in a manner to be respected by all.

Be it Resolved: A charge of \$.25 shall be assessed to anyone in violation as decided by the MSSA Office Manager. Fees collected shall be applied to the Student Senate budget. Appeals may be made to the Ethics & Standards Commission.

Shakespear: I think we should agree w/o a formal motion.

Hanson: I agree with Shakespear.

Lemke: When spending time there, there is a lot of swearing going on.

Madsen: I apologize but also wonder about the subjectivity of it.

Jackson: I think it is fair and agree with the motion.

Motion passes.

Hanson: I move to appeal previously passed motion.

Appeal fails.

M# 10.10.12B MN Amendment to Marriage - Open Discussion (Rosencrance/Schieler)

Rosencrance: This has been brought to my attention. I just wanted to see what everyone else thinks. I don't think we should take a side.

Schieler: We haven't taken stance on voter I.D. as it would otherwise disenfranchise some of our voter registrants. I don't think we should on this either.

Jirik: This is just more of a general thing that doesn't affect our constituency so I don't think we need to take a stance on it.

Nickel: There's a reason MSUSA has not taken a stance on this one. This isn't the place to take a stance and we're the last group who should take a stance.

Shakespear: You said that it would "dis-enfranchise" students. This would dis-enfranchise the students.

Toft: We shouldn't take a stance and it would mean too much tension.

Schieler: I don't think we are ready to take a stance on behalf of all 15,000 MSU students.

Motion passes.

X. Announcements

Selvig: Major fair coming.

Jirik: Will be looking at SAC budget next week.

XI. Roll Call

Senators Present:

Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Lance Selvig, Ben Shakespear, Jonathan Marquardt; Lazarus Jackson; Beth Madsen; Nick Jirik, Trevor Granberg, Cody Nickel; Stacy Klinkhamer, Daphne Drossart, David Rosencrance, Sam Turner, Lance Selvig, Jerica Thompson, Merissa Daley, Beth Madsen, Alison Lemke, Michael Hanson, Elizabeth Jacobson

Senators Absent:

Briana Williamson, Ganisher Davlyatov, Blake Grotewold, Teto Korha, Nilsu Demirci, Paige Sparkman

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.