

80th MSSA Senate
October 17th, 2012

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

I. Roll Call

Courtney Toft 8-1-0; Nick Jirik 9-0-0; Briana Williamson 5-3-1; Blake Grotewold 8-0-1; Teto Korha 9-0-0; Nilsu Demirci 7-1-1; Paige Sparkman 8-1-0; Lance Selvig 8-0-1; Ben Shakespear 9-0-0; Cody Nickel 8-2-0; Trevor Granberg 9-0-0; Alison Lemke 7-1-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 7-1-0; Kara Aliperto 8-0-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 4-0-1; Sam Turner 4-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 4-0-1; Gabriel Ignacio 5-0-0; Skeeter Rogers 5-0-0; Beth Madsen 5-0-1; Michael Hanson 5-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 5-0-0; Daphne Drossart 6-0-0; David Rosencrance 5-1-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 6-0-0

II. Open Forum

Ashley Strom, Asst. Director, Non-Trad. Center:

- Working on strategic plan w/Molly on making students aware of funds;
- Veteran's Day event: Nov. 12, 10-3 pm. Working at reshaping the program and want you to be part of it. Putting on whole day event. Display boards on campus, local classrooms will be writing thank you letters.
- Propose Senate reading poems – Senate would be on video reading (one line each). Put it on your agenda for next week.

Aliperto- Are they doing it for little kids?

Ashley- It sounds like they are going to open it to all students.

Ramirez: MSUSA competition – MSU pulled ahead by 300 points. Were @ 2894 points, St. Cloud is 2400.

Jered vote reminder cards left to distribute. Please see me for poll location info.

Cody is working on getting debate together with College Republicans/Democrats. We would like a senator to moderate it.

Turner: Did they talk to you about making this a series?

Ramirez: Yes, we'll talk about it tomorrow. If available, join us.

Daley: When?

Ramirez: **Sometime** pre-election.

Ron Fields, Asst. VP Facilities Management: Master Plan update done every 5 years. Great opportunity for you to become involved. Process will go thru April of next year. Please start thinking about whom you like to appt. Any questions, let me know.

Joe: I apologize about the Edina trip. We may be looking at a Tele-presence format. Cody and I are looking at facilitating the debate.

III. Presentations

1. Joan Roca, Dean – Library (PPT presentation)

- It's 'Your' library.
- 5000 people/day come through
- Two initiatives:
 1. **First Floor Renovation (\$50,000);**
 - Removal of compact storage area;
 - 2 Quiet study areas; renovation window, relocation of entrance/circ. Desk; downsize periodical/reference collection
 - \$2M/yr. spent in library materials (books, subscriptions, e-journals).

Shrestha: Will there be a coffee place?

Joan: We're looking at that. How many of you would like to see a café in the library? It's been in our scope but hasn't been a priority, but that is changing, especially if you are also in support of it.

2. Library/CSU Connection (\$420,000)

- Design that will be open on west side (Sears), not necessarily a tunnel. (rendering of design) would go from library to billiards room in the CSU. Probably could accommodate around 200 people.
- Slated to start in May, after graduation.
- Coming next fall.

Shrestha: Does this affect the fountain?

Joan: No. We're also working on providing a satellite desk after 4:30. This will be rolling out in the next couple of weeks.

Schieler: Have you considered putting in a back door considering the amount of students behind you?

Joan: Been talking to facilities about this. However, having two entries adds to staffing requirements.

Hanson: Any plans for other locations other than memorial library?

Joan: You may want to bring up to other groups. We're open to suggestions.

Hanson: For safety purposes, would there be times it is locked?

Joan: Yes, whenever the building is locked. There may possibly be cameras as well.

2. Kevin Buisman

- **Update on athletics** – We appreciate level of support we receive from MSSA (\$1.1 annually) or 15% of overall operating budget.

- Focused on development of our athletes. Not only competitively but also in community service.
- Academic success: Last year was a record-setting year with GPAs. We had 75 athletes with GPAs of 4.0. In addition, 40% were on Dean's list.
- Community service: We currently provide over 2000 hrs./annually. Looking at developing a competition to further enhance contributions. We've been involved with Lunch w/Mavericks in the elementary schools; Trick or Treat w/Mavericks ; and the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign. Recently, we were part of Mav Make a Wish fund drive generating over \$1200.
- Kiwanis Holiday Lights project in Sibley Park. We have committed to 500 hours of community service.
- We have 5 sport programs in championship competition, Men's & Women's cross country, volley ball, football, and softball. All 5 ranked top 25 nationally.
- Our soccer program is the third program only to become #1 in nation. Match next Friday. All MSSA invited to come and rally for them.

Shrestha: How has student participation been?

Buisman: It's been excellent in the first two football games. Typically, it's mostly under- classmen. We had a near record attendance for homecoming. Other events, have been what we expect. We do have student reward program that provides incentives. Most popular is hockey. Mav Hockey is on Friday night.

Turner: As far as community service hours, you only expect four hours/student?

Buisman: We currently have no tracking method and are looking to facilitate this a little more closely. A lot goes on independently within teams

Turner: How does it actually benefit entire student body?

Buisman: Hopefully we're providing high quality entertainment, rallying point for staff and community.

Buisman: Fast Pass distribution system. Students have pre-paid admission option. There's a \$30 convenience fee paid where tickets can be picked up on Monday or Tuesdays, prior to Wednesday's general admission tickets. Hockey tickets are capped at 1100 (Verizon Wireless Center capacity).

Hanson: Is the convenience fee 1x?

Buisman: Yes. There is a cap of 400 fast passes.

Schieler: It was a great game on Sat.

Buisman: Football is near and dear to my heart. And as you could see by the video clip, it was very nerve-racking for me. We had a great comeback.

3. SAC Update – Nick Jirik, Chair

- SAC Overview:
 - We see student fees at the student level.
 - Work with Laurie Woodward very closely.
 - Work with different departments such as Student Activities, and the RSOs.
 - Work with program requests where groups are eligible for up to \$1200; up to \$1000 on travel requests.
- There is a total of \$50,000 budgeted. So far this year have spent \$5,000. Last year at this time it was \$9,000.
- Will be working with Public Relations Committee and Student Activities to get this info out so more students are aware of it.
- Spring semester we look at student fee budgets such as SA, Int'l Center; Forensics, Student Senate. There is a budget hearing. Fees are based on credit hours. Final requests come to Senate and then go to the Administration for final approval.

Blake: Is it use it or lose it?

Jirik: If funding request is not requested, it may slip through

Hanson: \$50,000 fiscal year? Can you speak to the Dance Club's request for \$4,000?

Jirik: That's an unusual amount requested. Last year it was \$5,000. It is very competitive and intense. This year hosted at MSU. \$4,000 is paying for a dance company to come in who are nationally recognized. They are also using fundraising, endowment dollars and other means to host this event.

Shakespeare: How does an RSO get more than \$500/semester?

Jirik: We can go out of the guidelines. This would then go to you guys for approval.

Shakespeare: How do you decide what is of value to students?

Jirik: We try to have the committee look at the number attending, whether it is linked to others on campus, or linked to a goal; those kinds of things.

Shrestha: Does any surplus go to reserve?

Jirik: That's correct. Some may need equipment, etc. Otherwise, it gets taken out and put into next FY.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Student Health Services Advisory Committee (Natasha Frank, Joseph Contessa, Alyssa Kuffel, Osman Mohamed, Sarose Bhetwal) **Student Allocations Committee** (Trent Walters) **Bookstore Advisory Committee** (Gabriel Ignacio, Elizabeth Jacobson) **Communications Board** (Tige Hutcheson) **Constitution Commission** (Michael Hanson, Ben Shakespeare, Jimi Fox, Daphne Drossart, David Rosencrance, Stacy Klinkhamer; MSUSA Specialist (Tess Bunker)

Shrestha: I move to move Officer reports after senator reports.

Cody: I move to set time limit to reports.

Jirik: I amend to set @ 2 minutes each.

Shakespeare: I think we should let people speak. This is why we are here.

Schieler: I move to limit reports to 6:00 p.m. All that are remaining afterwards, will be written.

Amendment fails.

Collins: Just understand that you guys have to do this. Constantly moving things around gets confusing to the speaker.

Cody: This way everyone gets equal say.

Schieler: There is no point in rushing people.

Hand vote (*limit to 5 minutes*)

Motion passes.

Commission on Ethics and Standards:

Failure to complete office hours - First Offense: Senator Marquardt

Student Allocations Committee:

- The Repertory Dance program \$4000.00 to support hosting a national dance company to perform at the American College Dance Festival Association conference which will be held in Mankato this year. The Dance Company will also provide a residency experience for MSU Students.
- Delta Sigma Pi in the amount of \$350.00 to support travel to a regional conference.

Recognized Student Organizations: Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), Cultural Connections, Delta Sigma Pi, Encounter, IEEE, International Leadership Platform, Korean Student Association, MSU Climbing Club, Maverick Atheist/Agnostic Secular Students (MASS), Maverick Comedy Club, Phi Kappa Theta Interest Group, Speech/Debate Team, Students of Urban and Regional Studies Institute, Works On Paper

Approval of Minutes: 10-10-12

V. Vacancies

1. Allied Health and Nursing [2]
2. College of Business [1]

VI. Elections None

VII. Senator Reports

1. Jerica Thompson
 1. Parking Issue – trouble understanding parking ticket 130 over weekends.
 2. Smoking – complaints behind C hall and nothing done. Heard that there is rumor of violations.
 3. Carkoski Improvement – now attention is towards Chet's Place and possibility of more employees.

Shrestha: Talked to Nathan and he is working on this.

2. Gabriel Ignacio
 1. Veteran Resource Center – Over 600 vets on campus but budget of \$2000. More coming back from deployment so working with David to increase that.
 2. Stadium Heights – Red Eye Shuttle does not go out to Stadium Heights. Talked to Cowan and was told that we're still experimenting and can work on that.
 3. Voting booth is at DOT building. We're working on transportation to get to it.
 4. Cross-walk between Heron and bus shelter. Working on getting one.

Hanson: Hit me up after meeting.

Shakespeare: Any wireless issues?

Ignacio: I haven't heard that but will look into.

Blake: We will be covering that in my senate report.

3. Sam Turner
 1. Teacher Discrimination – A case was given to me by an Int'l student. It's all resolved.
 2. Spoke with the Dean and will be meeting with all RSOs.

Hanson: What was the issue?

Turner: Student felt that questions were orientated towards domestic students vs. Int'l students.

4. Lazarus Jackson
 1. Universal online survey – working with Rosey to rake in more info on campus.
 2. Professor rating – currently not required. Would like to make it a major requirement. Many complaints about language barrier. Not looking to get them in trouble but want students to understand them.

Jirik: Talk to the Evaluation Sub-meet Confer mentioned this. You can talk to Mike Ramirez as he's on this committee.

Korha: I don't think there's much you can do about that. Tell students if problems with it, take a class from somebody else.

Jackson: Students feel that they shouldn't have to work twice as hard to listen.

Klinkhamer: Instead of getting people fired I'd look at the possibility of getting a 2nd teacher?

Turner: This is not intended to be a witch hunt.

5. Alison Lemke
 1. Hosanna Highland smoking – they don't have an issue with it and also supply an ashtray.
 2. Talked to Highland manager about bike rests as they are so full.
 3. Summit bed bugs and mold. Talked to Chris Kennedy about this. Nothing legal required of

4. PR Committee – S'mores, Oct 31st. Dress up for Halloween. Send around sign-up sheet.
5. Possible radio slot with KMSU Radio - possibly weekly senator updates?
6. Community outreach
7. Strategy to 'Like' MSSA page on FB.

Shrestha: Does KMSU include cost?

Lemke: We have a meeting tomorrow so will learn more.

6. Paige Sparkman
 1. Dean Greer – path to graduation difficult in SBS majors. Looking at easier options.
 2. Struggling with accreditation. Classes are so close in what they teach.
 3. Cindy Janney – Community Eng. Activity – smoking poles moved to the community.
7. Beth Madsen
 1. Student Financial Services – met with Sandra Loertz. They are fully staffed this year and working really hard.
 2. Student Academic Appeals process has been confusing.
 3. LGBT Center – Event updates.

Turner: What is their member size? Budget?

Jirik: \$16,304 the last 2 years

8. Courtney Toft
 1. Meeting with SRC – acts as advisor. Possible ways to go see your advisors as can cause problems.
 2. RSO idea – involves all disciplines
 3. Policy & Procedure – Academic Affairs- policy revisions to make-up policy and grading policy.
 - Looking at making it more concrete.
9. Blake Grotewold
 1. CSET Showcase – promotes outstanding programs in CSET.
 2. Charter and IT communicating on wireless issues in Res Halls. Part due to wireless printers. Charter is increasing tolerance of access points to accommodate.
 3. Wireless Internet – Not ok to connect your own routers as this causes interference.
 4. Catalyzing Conversations – Dean attended. Promotes inter-departmental communications.
10. Elizabeth Jacobson
 1. Summit Community Council/Town Meeting – working on planning.
 2. Crosswalk by Summit & Jacob Heights – street is very busy. Someone hit years ago.
 3. CSU Insider – an interactive newsletter promoting events.
 4. CSU Budget – timeline Nov 2 – 16th. Proposed budget on Nov. 30. MSSA will vote Feb. 20th.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Shrestha

- MSSA Meet & Confer – need students tomorrow. Topics will be bus service and civility campaign.
- Trick & treat event on 10/31st
- Our senate meeting on the 31st will be Halloween costumes.
- Haunted House – a meeting tomorrow.
- Any ideas of presentations for Senate, let us know.
- Hockey game this Friday. Please join us and show Maverick pride.

B. Vice President Schieler

- Email forthcoming of committee meetings times. If missing more than 2 in a row, forward to E & S committee.
- Hertz – please register.
- Bus statistics from first 20 days: Up 107% up from last year. Will most likely be seeing some kick back in the Green Fee in spring semester. Increasing student complaints of buses driving by as they are full. In the meantime, give yourself a plan B – possibly taking an earlier bus.

C. Speaker Collins

- Be respectful when asking questions. Should be relevant to report.
- Encourage you to utilize E & S to its' fullest
- If you do not plan on being at a meeting, get a proxy.

Kara: Should they be within your college?

Collins: Yes.

IX. New Business

M#10.17.12A Support the development of a Summit apartment complex town hall meeting and support any further apartment complexes with similar ideas to collect student feedback. (Schieler/Kara)

Schieler: I move to make recommendations into motions.

Aliperto: I think this is a great opportunity

Cody: What's the intention?

Jirik: Prefer it goes to committee.

Schieler: I like the idea of putting the MSSA stamp on it.

Collins: I think Jirik is saying that it can be sent to Student Affairs committee and then to me.

X. Announcements

- Dove event – Stacy Naveau.
- Shakespear – If issues with my conduct at senate meetings, talk to me face to face and not behind my back.
- Cody – Lobby Core consideration
- Schieler – Seasonal decorations needed for Halloween. Please write down on the office white board what you are willing to lend.
- Shrestha – Middle Eastern night on Oct. 27th, \$7 ticket
- John B – Greek update; off-campus housing- housing fair next Tues.
- Blake – If you have ideas for Haunted House, please let me know.
- Ramirez – MSUSA Delegates' Conference is Nov. 16, 17, 18. Committee will be deciding who goes. Lobby Core is not about lobbying for MSU but for all students.

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, Jerica Thompson, Merissa Daley, Beth Madsen, Alison Lemke, Michael Hanson, Elizabeth Jacobson, Ganisher Davlyatov, Blake Grotewold, Teto Korha

Senators Absent:

Briana Williamson, David Rosencrance, Paige Sparkman, Sam Turner, Lance Selvig, Nilsu Demirci

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 6:25 pm.