

80th MSSA Senate
October 24th, 2012

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

I. Roll Call

Courtney Toft 9-1-0; Nick Jirik 9-0-1; Briana Williamson 6-3-1; Blake Grotewold 9-0-1; Teto Korha 10-0-0; Nilsu Demirci 7-2-1; Paige Sparkman 9-1-0; Lance Selvig 8-1-1; Ben Shakespear 10-0-0; Cody Nickel 9-2-0; Trevor Granberg 10-0-0; Alison Lemke 8-1-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 7-2-0; Kara Aliperto 9-0-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 5-0-1; Sam Turner 5-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 4-1-1; Gabriel Ignacio 6-0-0; Skeeter Rogers 6-0-0; Beth Madsen 6-0-1; Michael Hanson 6-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 6-0-0; Daphne Drossart 7-0-0; David Rosencrance 6-1-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 7-0-0

II. Open Forum

- o Dylan – Comm. Eng. Updates: Campus Kitchen is now certified; History Fest; Rake the Town
- o Mike Ramirez – Jered Vote cards; Teaming up w/LGBT to get people out to vote on marriage amendment. This is bi-partisan and we are not taking a stance. We're just working together to educate and get people to vote on the amendments. This will be a Tues. - Tues. campaign and are looking for people to help.

Rosencrance: What is the Lobby Core?

Nickel: It is a group of 5-6, training given at MSUSA. It is lobbying at the capitol to get our voices heard for higher education.

Hanson: Can we get polling stations posted somewhere?

Ramirez: Yes, I can get copies to you.

Schieler: Have you considered doing any kind of leaflets along with polling info on them?

Sophie: Yes, we'll be handing out an educational piece on all of these things.

Turner: Are we taking a stance on this?

Sophie: No, we're just getting all of the information out.

III. Presentations

1. Bob Hoffman

- Strategic Division overview:
 - o Objective is to fundamentally change how we, the University, connect to external world.
 - o There is a sense of urgency now and we need to provide the environment to you.
 - o Both multi-inter disciplinary skills are necessary.
 - o MSU gives you a good, broad-based education. We also have a good work ethic.
 - o Focus on entrepreneurialism and talent-development.
 - o "Skate to where the puck is going."
 - o Southern Sweep – visiting 20 businesses. Most recent was a trip to Waseca. Both Soyal & David attended.
 - o VP Schieler suggested doing an out-of-class project. This was well-rec'd by a local business and have already been asked about it.
 - o Can't stress enough the importance of getting outside experience. Participate in something. Thank you for being a part of this group. There is a dreadful shortage of leaders today.

Shrestha: Do you have any current statistics of number of students getting internships?

Hoffman: I don't but believe it is relatively high (80%)? Students are where they want to be or went to grad school. It varies by major. We have some really good programs. Don't let your major doesn't dictate where you can go.

Shrestha: There are a lot of small scale business owners who want to bring students in. How would they provide and compete with major companies?

Hoffman: There are great opportunities w/small companies. Generally, they don't hire specific expertise but someone who can help them add value to their businesses. Don't get hung up on pay for the first job. Find a spot where you can learn and become the best you can be. Maybe there's a way to have this group help with setting up some of those opportunities.

Hanson: Is there anything set up with performers/designers?

Hoffman: Paul Hustoles has many connections so I'd ask him. We don't have those kind of contacts but if we can help, we would be glad to do that. However, your own theatre dept. is highly acclaimed and most likely would have so

2. Jen Myers

- Alumni Assoc. is a non-student paid association.
- We're about staying connected to others; providing free access to CDC services; library; and social/networking opportunities.
- Currently, there are 109,000 alumni. The challenge is how we communicate to all ages.
- We'd also be interested in what ways you would want to see?

Rosencrance: I think anything we can do to personalize the content so people feel connected.

Hanson: What about a homecoming welcome back event?

Jen: Kudos to all of you for taking leadership positions here. Keep doing what you're doing.

Hanson: Is there a possibility for a remote connection as far as job opportunities?

Jen: That is a good question/idea. I can look into that.

3. Student Affairs Update

- Talking to Susie Dugan in security about getting the lead security people pepper spray.
- Hertz: Talked to Marketing Club about a partnership. Monetary arrangement was in place before.
- Getting out the Vote initiative w/Mike & Sophie.
- Debate: Democrats were not interested in this. Reached out to College of Democrats at Gustavus to see if they are interested.
- Bus routes: Continue to work on this as some students are still being left at stops. This isn't right and we feel we're entitled to get what we paid for.
- Shout-out to Mike Hanson as he is a great example of a great senator.

Williamson: Considering the incident that happened with this earlier, what is the need for our security staff to have pepper spray?

El-Kishawy: You make a good point. Some of the risks still outweigh the benefits but we're still interested in talking about it. Feel it would help provide a safer feel on campus.

Shrestha: What particular routes or times are students being left out?

Joe: I think it is Route 1 but can give you more info after the meeting.

Williamson: Is there a plan to have bus signage on routes?

Schieler: Yes, currently it is a flag system so you are able to flag them down anywhere on the route. They are working away from that. However, you'll begin to see an increasing number of small signs (i.e. on James Ave). They are spread out and the purpose for that is to speed up bus routes.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

V. Appointments: Diversity Committee(Lazarus Jackson, Ganisher Davlyatov) Search Committee for Dean of College of Graduate Studies (Ganisher Davlyatov) Master Plan Update Task Force (Soyal Shrestha, David Schieler)

Commission on Ethics and Standards:

Current Draft and edits for the commission provided to the senators

Student Allocations Committee:

Recognized Student Organizations: American Chemical Society Student Affiliates Chapter, Black Student Union, C++ Programming Club, Greater Mankato Young Life, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Japanese Intercultural Association (JIA), Lutheran Campus Ministry - The Crossroads, MSU Shotokan Karate Club, MSU Society for Technical Communication, Mankato Cricket Club (MCC), Mankato Outdoor Club, Maverick Step/ Hip Hop Dance Team, Muslim Students' Association, PARTY - Collegiate Recovery, Pre-Law Society, Recreation Majors Club (Rec Club), School Psychology Society, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Sport & Exercise Psychology, Student Ambassadors, Student Association of India, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Voice & Vision,

Approval of Minutes: 10-17-12

Approved.

VI. Vacancies

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

VII. Elections

None

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Shrestha

- Room & Board rate meeting with Cindy Janney. There will be meetings on Nov 5 & 26th. Encourage Res Hall senators to be part of these. Nov 14 & 28th they will be coming to senate to present.
- Meet & Confer – Tuition increase of 3% (\$205/student for next two years)
- Check email for survey for the Provost search. They want student input so it's important you respond.
- Shirts – Please take a look at the catalog in the office.

Rosencrance: So, the 3% increase was mandated by Chancellor Rosenstone?

Schieler: MnSCU approached the legislature with this. Basically, saying that this is our plan for the next two years.

MnSCU is not putting funding on the line and is only asking for what they see as needed.

B. Vice President Schieler

- Hertz – our rep is working on getting our Rav 4 back.
- Committees – Diversity Committee, Fridays, 9:00 a.m. (begins next week).
- Evaluation of Strategic funding requests - There are 27 Big Ideas requests ranging from \$14,000 to \$300,000. Many are innovative and very significant ideas. I don't feel bad about a single one of them. If interested, you can find them online. Your feedback is welcome. All need to be turned in by Friday.
- RHA – senators are required to go to these mtgs. If can't make your meeting, it is your task for you to meet with Paige.
- Bus statistics: I have an interview w/Reporter tomorrow. If you have any concerns about ridership, let me know as I don't want Student Affairs to get bogged down with this.
- Haunted House: We're meeting in the south ballroom after tonight's meeting. We've joined with UNIR and the Veterans Center to combine the rooms.
- Chick-fil-A: Faculty is taking a hard stance on them. Jim G. wants students to start taking a voice. If we don't speak out, we should step out of the conversation. This is the Centennial *Student* Union and our decision to make. Therefore, I'm asking each of you to collect an opinion from your constituents so we can form an opinion.

Rosencrance: What exactly is faculty so up and arms about?

Schieler: Chick-fil-A's stance on Family's First and that this isn't in congruence with the University's mission.

Williamson: Still hearing concerns about faculty on the bus. Has there been anything further update on this?

Schieler: Personally, I have no problem with this and feel that we can give a gift to faculty. It also may not be the best political strategy.

C. Speaker Collins

- My task is to bring relevant issues to you. Instead of a revolving door of presentations, my charge to you is to tell me who you'd like to bring in. As everyone has already done a senator report, I'm suggesting you reach out to constituents to bring to us. Instead of reports, bring your own presentation topic and come up with unique, dynamic things for this campus.

Turner: I'm in favor of the punch in, punch out system for senator reports. That way if we have nothing, we don't report that week. I'm in favor of you guys continuing to set up the presentations as you are the ones who know a lot of these people.

Hanson: I think the punch in-punch out report system should also apply for the President, VP, and the Speaker.

Schieler: I disagree with that as it is our responsibility and job to be reporting back to you each week. We are getting paid to be here.

Collins: Just to clarify, we'll be keeping the revolving door presentations and senator reports will be as requested and whoever requests first.

- Collins: If you need guidance on anything, (Robert rules, etc.), you can come to me and I'll help you with it. I'm here to help you.
- Find what inspires you to do in senate; just like Senator Hanson did with the crosswalk.

IX. Senator Reports

1. Teto Korha

- Chemistry department – Met w/Dr. Hatley about this and was invited to sit in on staff mtg. We talked about reasons why classes are offered when they are. Primarily, it boils down to budget.
- Course offerings – I suggested substitute courses. They are interested in the idea and want me to bring back more statistics to them.
- Students concerns towards graduation – problems w/class offerings;

Rosencrance; Do any of these students actively talk to their advisors?

Korha: Many haven't done so as they are freshman or haven't thought to ask this question.

2. Williamson and Davlyatov

- Met w/Barry Ries & Chris Mickle on the following topics:
 - Very productive meeting about Graduate application fees – having to pay multiple fees/program. Possibly have waiver fees? Visit ideas of implementing waiver fees applying to multiple programs at a single time. Turnaround time for applications.
 - Graduate assistantship pay – We're not necessary complaining that it is not enough just lack of department flexibility to pay for more experienced people. Otherwise, what incentive is there? Maybe it is smaller increments of pay. We'll need to submit something in writing.
 - Degree audits and how they don't apply at graduate level as they are continually changing.
 - Form a Graduate Student Advisory Board as they didn't feel many of the topics of MSSA applied to them as grad students. Concept would be to meet 3X a year with Dean and Chris Mickle.

Rosencrance: Did either give any indication of why it is set up as is?

Williamson: Hinted that many programs are self-sufficient and need the application fees. The system as set is a single application system and would take a lot of work and money to set up differently. However, he is interested in working with this.

Schieler: Didn't they have an advisory board last year?

Williamson: He believed it was two years ago. It started out as an RSO.

Hanson: Would you be reporting back to us?

Williamson: Yes, the plan is to open a channel of communication.

Davlyatov: I'm working on textbook buy-back program in place. We would like to see MSSA have this and run price-matching w/online or other local bookstores.

Schieler: Are you aware that there are already a couple of channels set up for textbook exchange? On FB there is a textbook page where people buy and sell.

Rosencrance: Academic Affairs Committee is looking at possibility of a book exchange operating and allowing MSSA a profit.

3. Stacy Klinkhamer

- Women's Center Events – Anti-violence events going on this Friday.
- Revival of the Women's Center – Almost lost program last year because of low numbers. In the process of finding a permanent director as all staff are, and have been, interim status. Trying to make it a more friendly environment for all people to come in.
- The Men Initiative – We are trying to get more men involved in MAVs (Men Against Violence).

Rosencrance: Has it been due to a lack of funding?

Klinkhamer: No, not due to funding but lack of leadership in terms of permanent, full-time staff. Two years ago, director's contract wasn't renewed and a permanent replacement was never found. There are searches in progress going on now for a permanent director.

X. New Business

Collins: As we'll be doing the Veterans Day video next week. I suggest we do casual business dress instead of Halloween costumes.

M10.24.12A – Civility Campaign – Rosencrance/Lemke

Refer support of the Civility Campaign method to the Student Affairs Committee with a report to be given at the 10/31 meeting.

Shrestha: University is very focused on civility and anti-bullying on campus. A series of posters and table tents have begun being posted. Have met with Dr. Jones and discussed how can MSSA support? We're thinking possibly t-shirts, Reporter ads, etc.? Dr. Jones has asked us to be a big part of this.

Rosencrance: I think this is a good idea to support and think we should pass a resolution on this.

Hanson: Where would funding come from if we are concerned with budget?

Shrestha: We haven't looked at that yet and are just asking for suggestions at this point.

Schieler: I think it would be great to work together with faculty on a possible lecture series.

Rosencrance: I think that is a great idea and suggest a motion be made for it.

Jacobson: I have a friend who made a documentary called, Minnesota Nice. I could talk to him about showing that.

Schieler: What if we worked with the Women's Center directly on this as a lecture series?

Madsen: I like that idea and we can work with them directly to get this put together.

Schieler: I recommend for the Nov. 7th as this allows for preparation time.

Stacy: I agree and would appreciate the time to be able to coordinate this with the Women's Center.

A report will be given by Student Affairs Committee on Nov. 7th and will share method on approach.

Amendment Passes by Unanimous vote

Motion passes.

M10.24.12B – Shakespear/Soyal – Review of Ethics & Standards Committee guidelines - Shakespear/Shrestha

Whereas: The guidelines set by the Commission on Ethics and Standards have a direct impact on us in Senate.

Be it Resolved: Move to allocate an unlimited discussion period about the guidelines during the senate meeting on Wednesday, October 31st.

Be it Further Resolved: Senators should use this week preceding it to review the guidelines and formulate questions.

Hanson: Is there anything in place if there's a problem with Ethic & Standards?

Schieler: It then goes to Student Conduct Board.

Shrestha: This way you would have a week to look at it and bring it back for discussion next week.

Collins: We can't change it but we can recommend things. This isn't completed yet but perhaps they can come in and present to you.

Motion passes.

XI. Announcements

Hanson: A reminder that Mandrake is currently playing.

Schieler: A reminder to all of you to start talking to your constituents about Chick-Fil-A and asking whether they are supportive of them staying in the CSU. It is the University's mission to support diversity. Your responses are needed by next meeting.

Lemke: S'mores event on Oct 31, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Aliperto: Gamma Phi Beta French toast feed, Nov. 7th, tickets are \$7.

Nickel: Jered Votes tabling tomorrow. Also, Legislative meetings are scheduled for Mondays @ 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Senators Present:

Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Lance Selvig, Beth Madsen; Trevor Granberg, Cody Nickel; Stacy Klinkhamer, Daphne Drossart, David Rosencrance, Jerica Thompson, Merissa Daley, Beth Madsen, Alison Lemke, Michael Hanson, Elizabeth Jacobson, Ganisher Davlyatov, Teto Korha, David Rosencrance, Briana Williamson

Senators Absent:

Sam Turner, Lance Selvig, Nilsu Demirci. Nick Jirik, Blake Grotewold, Lazarus Jackson, Ben Shakespear, Jonathan Marquardt

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 5:57 p.m.