

80th MSSA Senate
October 31th, 2012

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

I. Roll Call

Courtney Toft 10-1-0; Nick Jirik 10-0-1; Briana Williamson 7-3-1; Blake Grotewold 10-0-1; Teto Korha 11-0-0; Nilsu Demirci 9-2-1; Paige Sparkman 10-1-0; Lance Selvig 9-1-1; Ben Shakespear 11-0-0; Cody Nickel 10-2-0; Trevor Granberg 11-0-0; Alison Lemke 9-1-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 8-2-0; Kara Aliperto 10-0-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 6-0-1; Sam Turner 6-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 5-1-1; Gabriel Ignacio 7-0-0; Skeeter Rogers 7-0-0; Beth Madsen 7-0-1; Michael Hanson 7-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 7-0-0; Daphne Drossart 8-0-0; David Rosencrance 7-1-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 8-0-0

II. Open Forum

- Mike Ramirez – MSUSA Fall Delegates Conference attendees; Nov. 6th Elections
- Greg Wilkins – Student Activities Update
- Joe El-Kishawy – Student Affairs Update: Edina trip rescheduled for Nov. 14th

III. Presentations

1. Ashley Strom – Veteran Videotaping

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Environmental Committee (Dakota Crow), Diversity Committee (Yadira Sevilla) University and City Affairs (Joe El-Kishawy) Search Committee for Women’s Center Assistant Director (Stacy Klinkhamer);

MSUSA Delegate appointees: Soyul Shrestha, Mike Ramirez, Cody Nickel, Tess Bunker, Dave Bassey, David Rosencrance, Lazarus Jackson, Stacy Klinkhamer, Nick Jirik, Alison Lemke, Tawsif Mahmud, Chris Collins, Beth Madsen, Merissa Daley

V. Commission on Ethics and Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

- To fund the School Psychology Society \$350 to assist 7 students with travel to the National Association of School Psychologists Conference.
- To fund the Vegucation Society in the amount of \$350 to assist with the presentation of program opening to the campus community featuring a movie called Forks over Knives.
- SAC recommends the allocation of \$400 to Information Security Student Organization (ISSO) for registration of 8 students to attend the annual “Minnesota Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition” on March 2, 2013 at the Minneapolis Community & Technical College.

Recognized Student Organizations: Alpine Ski Team, American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Gamma Lambda Alpha, Honor Society of Global Leadership, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Latter-day Saint Student Association (LDSSA), MSU Fit Club, Mavericks for Life, Pre-Medical Club, Pre-Physical/ Occupational Therapy Club, society of professional journalism

Approval of Minutes: 10-24-12

VI. Vacancies

1. Allied Health and Nursing [2]

Bataka: I’m a pre-nursing student. I’m interested in MSSA for leadership opportunities and helping other students.

Hanson: Do you have any leadership experience in any of the RSOs?

Bataka: No, I’ve only been a member. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak. I hope I can be part of the MSSA.

2. College of Business [1]

Lado: President of IBO, VP European Assoc., and on Council of Business Organizations. I’m interested in being the voice for COB students. My goal is to try to reduce technology fee and provide students with answers. I also want to make more students aware of RSOs,

Nickel: What kind of relationship do you have with your Dean?

Lado: I’ve met with her.

Stacy: What are some of things that you’d be looking to fix or change?

Lado: Reduce fees, and be able to have more information for them when they have questions.

Hanson: Are you able to handle the time commitments?

Lado: Yes, I want to do as much as possible. I know I’ll be able to handle the time requirements fine.

Shakespear: As a fellow int’l student, what do you see as the growing role of the int’l students?

Lado: With 700 int’l students on campus this is a great way to network with other students.

Schieler: What do you expect to gain personally?

Lado: To be a professional and a leader like you are. It also will make an impact on my resume. I’m excited to be a senator and want to give my time. I want to be a part of this team and helping students as a whole.

VII. Elections

- *Butaka Lerdwutirong, Allied Health & Nursing Senator*
- *Lado Jobava, College of Business Senator*

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Shrestha

- Bus Update – 3 bus shelters installed.
- MTRP update (*handout*)
- So. MN Business Advisory Team Meeting last week. Discussions on e-book system; Co-ops update (currently 25 MSU students participating; 16 MSU majors involved with co-op program).
- Enrollment down this year– 200 freshmen; 100 in transfer students.
- Rock the Vote – We're #1 with 3241 registrations
- Hockey tickets (20) given from Dr. Jones for Nov. 30th game with Bemidji. Let me know if you're interested.
- Attended IT Tech Fair & Career Fair – Encourage you all to go to these events.

B. Vice President Schieler

- Southern MN Sweep – I've finalized Waseca Special Projects and entrepreneurship report. Co-ops are 6-mo. commitment to a career, and are 0 credit. They also serve as a loophole and disqualify students for financial aid. Internships are 6 weeks to a semester long and non-project based. We're now looking at project-based assignments.
- Hertz update – Rav 4 should be returning soon. End-of-year \$6/hr promo going on through end of year.
- Thanks to Blake, Ben & JT for participating in Haunted House.
- MnSCU stats – wide variety of comparisons on MnSCU institutions

Rosencrance: What type of criticism are you receiving on Southern Sweep project?

Schieler: Haven't rec'd anything personal so far but encourage anyone who has some to share it with both Soyal & myself as I see it as serving as a positive. Otherwise, there does seem to be a general lack of drive or attention span problem on both sides – businesses and students. Bob Hoffman and the small business centers are working to improve upon this.

Shrestha: They have been very positive about our work ethic and bringing more opportunities to us.

C. Speaker Collins

- Senator report requirement of three. First come, first serve. Make sure to get yours done.
- Office hours tracking.
- Veteran's Video – sorry for length of time it took, even though very worthwhile.
- Congrats to new senators. If any help is needed, please contact me.

Jirik: Can we get a little more solid times?

Collins: I can check it Tues. morning so deadline would be Monday to Monday midnight.

IX. Senator Reports

1. Cody Nickel

- Met with Wendy Schuh, Student Health Services Director and spoke about: Vaccine verifications; Affordable Care Act, big changes. It raised our insurance by 65%, cannot exclude pre-existing conditions, increased maximum coverages, dependent eligibility until age 26. Student feedback wanted on the idea of price sheet for services offered. That way, students would know what they're going to pay before going in. The waiver program on mandatory health insurance. Bemidji & Morehead have it, Winona is switching to it. They saw increases of only 9%, vs our 65%. Director of United Health Care is willing to come visit our senate if questions.

Schieler: Is it true that the 79th took a stance last year on the mandatory health insurance?

Nickel: Yes, the 79th took a stance against mandatory health insurance last year.

John B. – Did Wendy indicate how much the Affordable Care Act will decrease enrollment on the university policy?

Nickel: I don't have the numbers in front of me, however, her numbers were mainly the number of people who had it last year.

2. Nilsu Demirci

- CSET is hiring 11 probational professors; 4-5 fixed term. More biology-based professors needed.
- CSET Showcase – April 15th, CSU Ballroom. Its' purpose is to help students decide on a CSET major.

3. Ganisher Davlyatov

- Met with Steve Smith regarding the difference rates of online vs campus and optional vs mandatory fees. If questions, please see me.

X. Old Business

1. Discussion on Ethics and Standards Guidelines

XI. New Business

M#10.31.12A – President Shrestha

Appoint Ben Shakespeare for Violence Awareness & Response Coordinator Search Committee.

Motion Passed.

M#10.31.12B VP Schieler/Courtney Toft

Affirm the decision regarding a healthcare waiver passed by the 79th MSSA.

Motion Passed.

XII. Announcements

Klinkhamer: French Toast feed this Sunday.

Nickel: Tuesday elections – anyone interested in helping shepherd people to their polling stations, please contact me.

Hanson: New show, Cactus Flower, opening up on Nov. 8th. Also, Monday @ 3:00 pm, CSU #280, I am available to have a mock senate meeting to help senators with Robert's Rules. This may help encourage people to be more comfortable with speaking during meetings.

Selvig: S'mores with Senators event went well. Thanks to everyone who showed up.

Torha: Haunted House at Crawford for Halloween tonight.

Schieler: My parents will be in town this weekend. You can meet them at the football game.

Shakespeare: Would've been nice to see more people at Haunted House. Several of you spent many, many hours helping out.

Shrestha: New senators please meet me after the meeting.

Jirik: SAC has decided to form a sub-committee group to look into the distinction of our umbrella groups (intra-mural sports, Inter-cultural student center) to better define how these groups should be defined and how to apply for funding.

Ramirez: Sigma Nu shaving heads fundraiser. MSUSA training sessions will be coming up.

Nilsu: Student research and the policy of students getting kicked out of labs after a certain time. Trying to change that so if you have a same situation, come talk to me.

Schieler: Movember Event for prostate cancer.

XIII. Roll Call

Senators Present:

Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Lance Selvig, Beth Madsen; Trevor Granberg, Cody Nickel; Stacy Klinkhamer, Daphne Drossart, Merissa Daley, Beth Madsen, Alison Lemke, Michael Hanson, Ganisher Davlyatov, Teto Korha

Senators Absent:

David Rosencrance, Briana Williamson, Sam Turner, Paige Sparkman, Jerica Thompson, Skeeter Rogers, Jon Marquardt, Elizabeth Jacobson.

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 6:30 p.m.