

**80<sup>th</sup> MSSA Senate**  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Senate called to order by 80<sup>th</sup> Speaker Collins

**I. Roll Call**

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

**Open Forum**

- Dylan – Comm. Engagement overview/update
- Bill Toureville – Impact Update

**II. Presentations**

- **Kathy Sheran, State Senator, Dist. 23**, (*G-24 State Capitol; 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd; St. Paul, MN 55155; [sen.kathy.sheran@senate.mn](mailto:sen.kathy.sheran@senate.mn)*)
- **District 23/ Kathy Brynaert, State Rep., Dist. 23B**; (*100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155; [rep.kathy.brynaert@house.mn](mailto:rep.kathy.brynaert@house.mn)*)
  - a. Met several MSSA students @ Night to Unite event; former MSU faculty in Allied Health & Nursing; serves in Higher Ed. Committee within state senate.
  - b. Purpose in attending is to find out what we can do for you as students.
  - c. Brynaert: I've served in the Senate the last 6 years; Leg. Issues weighing in on online learning; and MnSCU/K-12 system. There's talk about collapsing high school so students can move through more quickly.

**Barriga:** What mechanisms do you use to hear policy issues?

**Sheran:** We like being here directly to hear concerns but there are also reps. within the community for these issues.

**Brynaert:** We are lobbied regularly by students and we are also here regularly in the classroom. We are open to any other ways you feel we could connect.

**Rosencrance:** What affect would Voter I.D. timeline have on students?

**Brynaert:** July of 2013. It's a complex issue so I encourage you to read the language of the amendment.

**Hanson:** What is the best way to get in contact with either one of you?

**Sheran:** I'll leave a few business cards with you. I'm easiest to reach by email.

**Brynaert:** I'll also leave you a few business cards. I'm also easiest to reach by email.

**Collins:** Please supply us your contact info and we can include this in the minutes.

**Sheran:** I want to make sure that I'm informing you directly. Therefore, please email the contact sheet that I'm going to pass around.

**Ramirez:** Cody N., Leg. Affairs; and I'm Campus Coordinator. Can you please explain to new senators what the Voter ID is all about.

**Sheran:** Google Secretary of State or Minnesota Majority website for more info. If you live here in the dorms, you're considered resident of Dist. 19. You have the right to vote here in all elections.

Should it pass, it means that must present state issued i.d. card. It is a requirement to prove who you are and a registered voter of your state. Law now allows many other forms of i.d. (monthly statement, student i.d.. etc.)

**Shrestha:** Am I eligible within the eligibility requirements you just listed?

**Brynaert:** Good question. No, because you're an Int'l student.

- **Joe El-Kishawy – Student Affairs/Search Committee Updates**

- a. Thanks for Senator Sheran/Rep coming today.
- b. Anyone interested in SA meetings, let me know.
- c. Things we want to do: 12-mo leases vs 9 mos.; Neighborhood Assoc.Mtgs info & promotion; Counseling Service – under staffed (5 counselors for 15,000). Would like possibility of getting them an intern; CDC – looking at getting a degree development and helping each student understand what the degree implies; I have interview/question forms if interested in other depts. on campus; Edina location – want to schedule a trip, probably early Oct (12<sup>th</sup>?); and also Tele-presence systems; Zimride program possibility.
- d. Thanks to each and every one of you for being here.

- **Mike Ramirez – Elections Report**

- a. Yesterday's election – Congrats to all of you new senators. Voter turnout was 361 compared to much lower numbers in the past. Results are posted in the office.
- b. There was a draw in Crawford so next week there will be a run off in front of senate.

**Schieler:** Will the Elections Committee be looking at someone dropping off and then it defaulting to the second person?

**Ramirez:** We will be looking at that.

**Nickel:** We will they be also looking at revising 2012 fall election rules for next year?

**Ramirez:** We'll also be looking at that.

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Appointments: Academic Affairs** Daphne Drossart, Sam Turner, Lazarus Jackson, Ganisher Davlyatov, David Rosencrance **Student Affairs:** Gabriel Ignacio, Beth Madsen, Elizabeth Jacobson, Stacy Klinkhamer, Michael Hanson **Search Committee for Director of the Gender & Women's Center Sexuality Programs** Brianna Williamson **University Enrollment Management Steering Committee:** Brianna Williamson **Rock the Vote** Paige Sparkman; **CSET Student Advisory Board:** Nilsu Demirci, Teto Korha, Blake Grotewold  
**Recognized Student Organizations:**  
**Approval of Minutes: 9-5-12**

Approved.

#### IV. Ratification of Fall Elections

1. College of Allied health & Nursing – Daphne Drossart
2. College of Behavioral Science – Sam Turner
3. College of Arts and Humanities – David Rosencrance
4. Undeclared Majors – Lazarus Jackson
5. Graduate Studies – Ganisher Davlyatov
6. Julia Sears - Skeeter Rogers
7. Stadium Heights – Gabriel Ignacio
8. Off Campus – Beth Madsen, Elizabeth Jacobson, Stacy Klinkhamer, Michael Hanson

Academic Senators sworn in.

Vacancies: Allied Health & Nursing

#### V. New Business

#### VI. Officer Reports

- **President Shrestha**
  - Congrats to new senators.
  - Good voter turnout for a fall election.
  - Senate pictures on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – please dress for it.
  - Committees – Either Student Affairs or Academic Affairs required. Please talk to either Barriga or El-Kishawy.
  - Need volunteers for Rock the Vote event.
  - Need 4 more members Enrollment Mgmt Committee needed. (*David Jones explains structure Recruitment, Retention, Research, Completion. Enrollment is down some as institutions are more competitive. Also, there are MnSCU committees you can be on. Most meetings will be held in St Paul and cost will be covered by either MSUSA or MnSCU.*)
  - Haunted House – We currently have four signed up. Tomorrow's meeting @ 2:00 so if anyone can attend and represent MSSA please let me know.
  - Encourage more participation in all University athletic events. I love soccer (Chelsea is my favorite soccer team) and so I attended the women's soccer game last week.
- **Vice President Schieler**
  - Excited to see new leadership here.
  - Hertz members in the room - please indicate who has registered.
  - Secured a city bus coming for homecoming. Mark Anderson is allowing us to mount horns on it. We will also be having the Hertz car in the parade. I encourage you all to be there. Please be sure to buy your \$5 t-shirt as then all your food will be free.
- **Speaker Collins**
  - New senators - Office hour requirements, senator reports. You'll get an email from me when your senate report is due. You have until Tues. 11:59 a.m. to get me an outline of four or less bullet points of your report.
  - Robert's Rules – If questions, please see during my office hours or send email to meet up.
  - Office Hours – Some are failing at this. You'll only get one warning from me.
  - Motion sheets – s/b included in your binders.

**Rosencrance:** I'd like to volunteer to give my senator report next week.

#### VII. Senator Reports

##### A. Alison Lemke – Crosswalks and Bus Routes

- a. Monks crosswalk (by Highland Pk) – buses don't run from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. There's a big need there. Also, a sidewalk on the other side of Stadium Hill.

**Hanson:** Any City thought of making this a 'school zone' as then there would be more crosswalks.

##### B. Trevor Granberg –

- a. No community meetings for College Town. But willing to work with the senate (Joe - SA) to get one.
- b. College Town parking - sore subject. Can't park in front of our own house and have to park a block or more away.

##### C. Teto Korha –

- a. Searches – Senators Grotewold, Demirci and myself met with CSET Dean. Finding new faculty/advisors for CSET concern.
- b. Club Funding - \$250 fund available for clubs traveling; \$500 if traveling and presenting. Working on getting this information out to more students.
- c. Edina Campus/Twin Cities (Normandy) 2 + 2 program. Students being able to take classes.
- d. Class Schedule Conflict – Big issue for many students on campus. Will be meeting with faculty meeting this week to see what I can do.

**Schieler:** These funds are available thru whom?

**Korha:** Through our Dept. Dean.

**Schieler:** Are you also encouraging students to go thru SAC as well?

**Shrestha:** SOFC form asks if you can get money from your dept. first. If so, then you're not eligible for SOFC.

**Jirik:** Class schedule conflict is such a problem for students. We need to do something similar to COSBO and meet regularly with Dean to set up.

**D. Merissa Daley –**

- a. CAHN Student Advisory Board– last Thurs.' meeting – plan on visiting all depts. And increasing our knowledge.
- b. Open House – 3 events going on in Feb. also includes a student panel.
- c. Fun fact! – CAHN doesn't have college emblem.
- d. New Dean – Kristine Retherford.

**E. Hassan Fall –**

- a. College of Business RSO involvement – low attendance in meetings. Will be meeting with dept. advisor and working to encourage people to join.
- b. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting is a good opp. to meet Dean Flannery.
- c. September 26<sup>th</sup> – College of Business is hosting MN Pro Paintball owner, Matt Ames, alumni of MSU.

**Schieler:** How are clubs funded?

**Fall:** There are club fees to cover refreshments, food.

**VIII. Announcements**

**Schieler:** Bryan Schneider invited our senate to preview the new Tele-presence room.

**Schieler:** According to your senate reports today, you're all doing great. I would love to meet with each of you and it is also my role to do so. Please stop by my office and see me.

**Shakespeare:** We would like RHA & dining services to present at senate. Also, I'm still recalling Abdi Sabrie's presentation here a couple of weeks ago regarding the lack of bus service in No. Mankato for New Americans. This has been very bothersome to me and I think we need to do something to help. Please let me know if you're interested in going and speaking to No Mankato's bureaucracy about this issue.

**Collins:** Please let me know of presenters invited by Tues. so I can get them on the agenda.

**El-Kishawy:** Get involved with those issues that you're compassion about on campus. If something ticks you off, get involved.

**Nickel:** We still need people for Legislative Affairs Committee.

**Ramirez:** I'm here as your Campus Coordinator. If you are not registered to vote, please come see me.

**John B:** Sorority/fraternity recruitment; MSSA presentations coming up in next 3 weeks. (Straka, Baer, and Davenport).

**IX. Roll Call**

**X. Senators Present:**

**XI.** Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Nick Jirik, Hassan Fall, Teto Korha, Lance Selvig, Ben Shakespeare, Trevor Granberg, Alison Lemke, Cody Nickel; Jonathan Marquardt

**XII. Senators Absent:**

Briana Williamson; Ganisher Davlyatov; Blake Grotewold; Nilsu Demirci; Lazarus Jackson; Na Chum; Beth Madsen

**XIII. Executive Staff Present:**

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

**XIV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned @ 5:34.