

**80<sup>th</sup> MSSA Senate**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

**Senate called to order by 79<sup>th</sup> Senate Speaker Matthew Lexcen**

**I. Roll Call**

Abby Ellis 1-0-0; Merissa Daley 1-0-0; Courtney Toft 1-0-0; Liliana Andrade 1-0-0; Nick Jirik 1-0-0; Hassan Fall 1-0-0; Breanna Threatt 0-0-1; Blake Grotewold 1-0-0; Teto Korha 1-0-0; Nilsu Demirici 1-0-0; Ashish Mainali 1-0-0; Elizabeth Sparkman 0-1-0; Lance Selvig 1-0-0; Nick Wellman 1-0-0; Ben Shakespear 1-0-0; Cassy Humble 1-0-0; Cody Nickel 0-1-0; Trevor Grandburg 1-0-0; Alison Lemke 1-0-0; David Nielsen 0-1-0; Jonathan Marquardt 0-1-0; Joshua Hoekstra 0-1-0

**II. Open Forum**

**Tyler Ulfert – SAC request – Cycling Competition - \$396 travel.**

**Scott Olson** – Congrats to 80<sup>th</sup> senators. 79<sup>th</sup> was phenomenally successful because of its leadership. Suggest appointments asap to work with us. My advice would be regarding matters of principal. I would encourage you have to say no, say ‘yes, if,’ and negotiate. Don’t be too quick to know.

**John B.** - I will continue to serve as connecting point for MSSA.

**Greg W.** – Congratulations to all of you. Do not take this role lightly as it is so important.

**Sarah Koenen** – Congratulations and good luck. The more you put in the more you’ll get out of it. Best thing to do is to become knowledgeable about this University.

**III. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**Student Allocations Committee Recommendations – Cycling Club**  
**Approval of Minutes 4-25-2012**

Move to add appointments to AA & SA under new business before Elections.

**Approved.**

**New Business:**

- **Appoint Brett Spartz to Academic Affairs (Soyal/Schieler)**
- Want to get things started asap. He’s been endorsed by previous Academic Affairs Coordinator, Sarah Koenen.
- Schieler: I encourage all of you to take a vested interest.
- Mainali: He’s very dedicated and has all the qualities needed.
- Koenen: I highly suggest you speak with him first as he may not have this sort of time commitment.
- Jirik: I think he is a good guy but not real familiar with coordination of all of it.
- Selvig: I feel he would do a good job
- Schieler: He did attend AA meetings and shows a lot of dedication and effort.
- Shakespear: He may not have experience but he will put everything into it.

***Motion passes.***

- **Appoint Joe El-Kishawy as Student Affairs (Soyal/Schieler)**
- Soyal: We’ve talked a lot and he is very interested in SA.

- Schieler: Joe worked on the health ins. waiver and in such a brief time has been inspiring.
- Mainali: What qualities do you think you bring?
- Joe: Last year I got appt'd 4 weeks into the semester and started to see what this job entails. I spent more than just the minimum time in office hours and have put in a lot of effort to learn things. My goal would be to make sure that everyone is going out and representing their constituents and hearing their voice. Hilary did a great job but I feel it needs to be done in a more structured manner.

***Motion passes.***

**IV. Elections – 80<sup>th</sup> Senate Speaker**

**Christopher Collins:**

- Prefer to be efficient and have provided you my letter of intent and resume.
- Very well versed in Robert's Rules;
- Plan on continuing with the development of the RSO database that Scott started.
- Plan on taking up any issues Senate decides to and will remain objective.
- Will put in anything necessary to meet objectives of Speaker.

Soyal: What are your time commitments?

Chris – I have school, IFC President responsibilities and will be working from home.

Schieler: Many students feel that this is unapproachable and too serious of setting. How will you make it more fun?

Chris: I'll keep business serious but also make it fun and upbeat.

Andrade: There's a lot to learn on Robert's Rules. Will you help us learn and guide us how to conduct an effective meeting?

Chris: I would remind people if they are not doing things the appropriate way and give them the means to do so. And, yes, I would be willing to host a meeting of Robert's Rules. I'll also be open and supportive to giving advice.

Joe: What do you feel were the most ineffective aspects of position in the past? How will you change things?

Chris: I'd like to educate people on SAC money as many don't know that these funds are available or the allocation process works.

Schieler: Do you have the availability for 10 off hrs /wk?

Chris: Yes. I feel I would do great in this position and look forward to working with all of you. I will put in every effort to get the job done.

**Vote by ballot.**

***Chris Collins sworn in as 80<sup>th</sup> Speaker.***

**Swearing in of Remaining 80<sup>th</sup> Senators:** Abby Ellis, Liliana Andrade, Ben Shakespear

**V. Officer Reports**

**A. President Shrestha**

- Welcome to 80<sup>th</sup>. Let's get excited. Suggest that if staying here over the summer, giving us your phone #s. Also, let us know what committees you're interested in. Encourage new senators get in touch with old senators.

## **B. Vice President Schieler**

- List of MSSA committees in the By-laws. (Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Student Allocations Committee, Communication Board, Bookstore Advisory, Diversity, Legislative, Elections, Technology Advisory, Budget, Library, Student Health Services, Steering, Public Relations, and Athletic Advisory). There are also many university committees. Please feel free to write down your interests for the Steering Committee to review.
- Miles: How do you like the view?
- Schieler: We'll get used to it. Would love to see more purple and gold around the table.
- Andrade: What about themed meetings?
- Chris: Possibly every third meeting?
- Wellman: Can you please list all committees in the email?
- Aug 13-19<sup>th</sup> – Looking at this week for Leadership training and distribution of your binders. Let us know if any immediate conflict.
- Schieler – Steering Comm. will email out list of committees but decisions will ultimately be up to Soyal.
- Aliperto: What's the status on the Walk?
- Schieler: Fall.
- Soyal: When scheduling classes, make sure you consider Weds. Senate meetings from 4-6 p.m.

## **C. Speaker Collins**

- It's finals week and I plan on spending time on campus, therefore, if you're interested to learn more about Senate, Robert's Rules., etc., call me at 507-995-2611, stop by the office, or email me.

## **VII. Announcements**

- Lexcen: Assure all of you that are new that you'll figure this all out. You've got some big shoes to fill but you have an awesome leadership team. Have fun or you're wasting your time.
- Miles: anyone interested in relations with City, spent the morning with them. GMG Talent Symposium. This a.m. was a great opportunity and would like to share. Walk – St Cloud is canoeing. Why not to this while everyone is thinking school in the fall.
- Schieler: Legislature is not in session until after Labor Day, therefore, when will we do this?
- Miles: I just feel there is more of a mindset when there is school going on.
- Schieler: Is there anyone interested in doing it on Monday??? Sometimes last minute decisions do amazing things. Legislature is still in session on Monday.
- Scott Olson: The deadline was this past Monday, however, they may extend again. It is rather unpredictable and volatile. If you want to do it in the fall, they are running for office so you might get more media that way.
- Grotewold: I think it is a good idea to coordinate with multiple candidates and get feedback.
- Schieler: St cloud cancelled there's because we did.

- Miles: I'll be putting it together. Looking at 8-12 people. If you say you're in, then you're committed. If you then decide not to, I'll hold you responsible for still paying for your portion of expenses (food, hotels, etc.).

## **VIII. Roll Call**

### **I. Senators Present:**

Abby Ellis, Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Liliana Andrade, Nick Jirik, Hassan Fall, 0-0-1; Blake Grotewold, Teto Korha, Nilsu Demirici, Ashish Mainali. Lance Selvig, Nick Wellman, Ben Shakespear, Cassy Humble, Trevor Grandburg, Alison Lemke, Jonathan Marquardt

### **Senators Absent:**

Breanna Threatt, Elizabeth Sparkman, Cody Nickel, David Nielsen, Joshua Hoekstra

### **Executive Staff Present:**

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

## **IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned @ 5:05 pm.