

80th MSSA Senate January 16th, 2013

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

- **Roll Call**

Courtney Toft 15-1-0; Nick Jirik 15-0-1; Briana Williamson 10-4-2; Blake Grotewold 15-0-1; Nilsu Demirci 13-2-1; Paige Sparkman 15-1-0; Lance Selvig 13-2-1; Ben Shakespear 16-0-0; Cody Nickel 15-1-0; Trevor Granberg 16-0-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 11-4-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 10-1-1; Sam Turner 11-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 10-1-1; Skeeter Rogers 11-1-0; Beth Madsen 11-0-2; Michael Hanson 11-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 12-0-0; Daphne Drossart 13-0-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 14-0-0; Lado Jobava 7-0-0; Myra Colakovic 4-0-0; Butaka Lerdwutirong 4-1-0

- **Open Forum**

- MSUSA: Rally Day at the Capitol, Feb. 13th. Trying to get as many students to go as possible. Sign up sheet will be passed around. This is also partnering with CSUSA (community) schools, so we need a lot of students there. If enough people, MSUSA will furnish a bus. Feb. Delegates Conf. in three weeks in the Twin Cities. There are three Delegate Conferences this year instead of two. MSUSA Vice Chair stepped down so there will be an election at Feb. Delegates. Mike Ramirez will be running for this position.

- Dylan – Comm. Eng. Update/upcoming events

- Bryan S. – IT: issues with wireless today and yesterday due to software failures. Working with Cisco to find resolutions.

- IMPACT update of events; April 10th spring concert announcement will be made soon.

- Ashley: Thanks to MSSA for the video contribution for Veteran's Day. MSSA made a strong impression. Upcoming event with Lt Mark Weber, MSU Alum who is in final stage of cancer and is lecturing here at MSU. Tickets are available at Student Affairs' front desk.

- John B. – Greek Life update; off-campus housing update. Housing Fair on Weds., Jan. 30th. Encourage to start thinking about next fall already as they are filling.

- Schieler: Can students see you before seeking the student attorney's advice?

- John: Yes, I can try and answer questions but can't give legal advice.

- **Presentations**

- President Davenport

- Introduction of Spec. Asst. – DeeAnn Snaza

- China visit follow up coming soon.

- Gage Tower update: approval rec'd on imploding the towers in late spring or early summer.

Fundraising opportunities will include "Plunge the button" purchase, selling of bricks, and other items. There will also be major media coverage.

- Bubble feasibility study project; plans are to have a very large bldg. with a solid wall, heated and cooled, with a lot more exercise equipment. Looking into it having LED lights in purple/gold.

Looking at funding in different ways. The Administration will probably also be asking MSSA for their support.

- Three projects going on: (*no student fees involved*). We have the Governor's support on the Verizon civic center improvements; also AH&N building which is shovel ready. The third bldg. would be the COB Global Solutions. We are currently \$10M short on COB project. Renovations of other buildings on campus will also be looked at.

- Day @ the Capitol – March 20-21st. Asking MSSA to participate and attend.

- Many administrative changes are currently occurring on campus.

- MSU ties/scarves presentation.

- Offer of President's hockey suite and 17 tickets to MSSA for the U of M game, Saturday, January 26th. Food and beverages will also be provided.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda**

- **Appointments: CSU Board (Nick Schoper)**

- **Commission on Ethics and Standards:**

- **Student Allocations Committee:**

- **Recognized Student Organizations:** Construction Management Student Association, Delta Sigma Pi, Head Start Engineering, International Business Organization, Pre-Medical Club, Sexuality and Gender Equality (SAGE)

Approval of Minutes: 12-5-12

Approved.

- **Vacancies**
- 1. College of Education (1)
- 2. Preska Residence Hall (1)
- 3. Stadium Heights (1)
- 4. College of Science, Engineering and Technology (1)
- 5. Off Campus (1)
- 6. Arts & Humanities (1)

- **Officer Reports**
 - **President Shrestha**
 - MSUSA Lobby Core conference.
 - Administration is discussing 7700 France fees and services that aren't available to them. There are also two-year schools who are not paying fees for services they are receiving
 - City/University meeting tomorrow night.
 - Encourage all to find out schedule of committee meetings and encourage others to run for senate vacancies.

Nickel: Were there any actions taken at MSUSA Board meeting?

Shrestha: I don't remember anything real notable, but will get back to you with more detail.

- **Vice President Schieler**
- Getting a Ford Escape from Hertz. It is newer and has lower mileage.
- Committee times: a sheet is being passed around to verify what committees you are on or to provide a reason why you're not returning.
- MTRP been updated. Academic Affairs encourages you that if you have a complaint, please let us know as it is the only way we know to change things.
- Whiteboards in the office: please share any of your ideas.
- **Speaker Collins**
- Office hours will be assessed starting next week.
- Senator reports; send me an email if you want an agenda. I will be sending out an email regarding 'teaming' up of senators.

- **Senator Reports**
 - **Michael Hanson Off-Campus**
 - Environmental Committee: MSU is the last institution to join AAHAE. Membership is \$1600/yr. I'm also planning on a visit with Northland College in northern Wisconsin and hope to bring back best practices.
 - City/Univ. mtg topics: Bike share program; unpaid student internships for law enforcement students; Master Planning-plans for all projects mentioned earlier look really good. Spoke with them about Chief Makato statue and indoor location. First sculpture bid is for \$25-30,000. The Committee also talked about making the campus more "green". For example, making a few prime parking spots green, or for hybrid cars. Currently working with David Cowan on this.

Collins: What was the \$1600 for?

Hanson: This is for the AAHAE membership, which includes a conference, best practices and a wealth of other in

Nickel: With the law enforcement internships you mentioned, keep in mind that MnSCU is also working to create them.

Turner: Where are you getting funding for statue?

Hanson: Possible grants or alumni funding. We will be working on this in the near future.

Williamson: What is the Chief Makato rationale?

Hanson: Because Mankato was originally Dakato land. This helps reflect upon our history and promotes diversity on our campus. This also gives back something as well as increases esthetic value.

Shakespeare: What is the benefit in this membership besides attending a conference?

Hanson: Its' benefits include looking at best practices and gives you access to a lot of information.

Jirik: This is usually is a good way to set yourself up in these organizations.

- Sam Turner - Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Update on the implementation of Int'l study abroad requirement. We've had success with this as faculty has agreed to pushing this back for two years.

- In addition, Int'l students are no longer required to do this. The cost is now lower, \$20,000 for start-up program. They will also be giving consideration to the Twin Cities so some wouldn't have to go overseas.
- Stacy Klinkhamer – Lilly Ledbetter speaker event. Asking senate to consider giving \$500-\$1,000 to bring her here. For \$500, MSSA would receive VIP passes. If a \$1,000, it will include dinner with her. If this isn't affordable, the Women's Center is hoping that we help with the marketing of the event.

Collins: Have they approached SAC for funding on this?

Klinkhamer: Yes.

Collins: Would they be happy with volunteers?

Klinkhamer: Yes, they'd be happy with anything we can help with.

- **New Business**

Nickel: I move to recommend to SAC to approve funding to bring Lilly Ledbetter to campus.

Jirik: You'll have final say any way so I don't think this is necessary.

Schieler: Yes, this is unnecessary as we'll have final approval.

Vote.

Motion fails.

- **Announcements**

Hanson: The Reporter newspaper is now being delivered to 7700 France. Working on getting artwork hung up there as well.

John B. – Student Activities/MSSA bowling competition on Feb. 27th. Student Activities has current Graduate Advisor staff positions posted on the HR website.

Madsen: Sorority fundraiser at Applebee's. See me for more info.

Schieler: Orientation Peer staff recruitment. Please see me if you're interested. There are many benefits to it.

Williamson: Participating in the Fun Jail event for MDA on Feb 21st.

- **Roll Call**

- **Senators Present:**

Courtney Toft, Beth Madsen; Cody Nickel; Stacy Klinkhamer, Daphne Drossart, Beth Madsen, Myra Colakovic; Elizabeth Jacobson, Lazarus Jackson, Briana Williamson, Jonathan Marquardt, Michael Hanson. Nilsu Demirci, Jerica Thompson, Alison Lemke, Sam Turner, Ganisher Davlyatov, Lado Jabavo; Lance Selvig

- **Senators Absent:**

Skeeter Rogers, Nilsu Demirci, Butaka Lerdwutirong, Jonathan Marquardt

- **Executive Staff Present:**

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

- **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.