

80th MSSA Senate
November 28th, 2012

Senate called to order by 80th Speaker Collins

I. Roll Call

Courtney Toft 13-1-0; Nick Jirik 13-0-1; Briana Williamson 9-3-2; Blake Grotewold 13-0-1; Teto Korha 13-1-0; Nilsu Demirci 12-1-1; Paige Sparkman 13-1-0; Lance Selvig 12-1-1; Ben Shakespeare 14-0-0; Cody Nickel 13-2-0; Trevor Granberg 14-0-0; Alison Lemke 11-2-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 10-3-0; Kara Aliperto 13-0-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 9-0-1; Sam Turner 9-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 8-1-1; Gabriel Ignacio 10-0-0; Skeeter Rogers 10-0-0; Beth Madsen 9-0-2; Michael Hanson 9-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 10-0-0; Daphne Drossart 11-0-0; David Rosencrance 10-2-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 11-0-0; Lado Jobava 4-0-0; Myra Colakovic 2-0-0; Butaka Lerdwutirong 3-0-0

Open Forum

- PR Chair for Nepal Night, 12/1/12, \$7/ticket
- John B. – Greek Life organization update; Off-campus housing.

II. Presentations – Cindy Janney/Paige Sparkman

1. Housing Rates Consultation -

- **Room & Board Rates for 2013-2014 - Voting Results (handout):** Promo items continued; upgrade desk; hand dryers; no tvs in lounges; extended hrs results.

Shrestha: How many students voted?

Paige: Thirty five.

Briana: Are these the end all-be all results?

Janney: Yes, the goal is to complete this process in fall so rates can be published.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

IV. Appointments: Academic Affairs Committee (Myra Colakovic)

Commission on Ethics and Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

1. Recommends funding the MSU Drag Race Team up to \$367 for transportation cost (\$169) and registration of 16 students @ \$13 each (\$208) to travel to Monster Jam held in the Metro Dome in Minneapolis, MN on December 1, 2012.
2. Recommends funding Sigma Sigma Sigma up to \$200 for 4 students to attend Tri-Sigma Officer Academy conference in Chicago, IL from January 18 – January 20, 2013.
3. Recommends funding Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) collaborating with the Maverick Atheist/Agnostic Secular Students (MASS) up to \$400 for printing posters/fliers and advertising a debate to be held on November 27, 2012 in the CSU ballroom.
4. A recommendation was made to allocate \$2,100 (\$100/student x 21 students) to the Handball Club for being invited to participate at the Division I level of the United States Handball Association's National Collegiate Tournament February 20-24, 2013 in Tempe, AZ.
5. A recommendation was made to allocate \$250 to the Student Ambassadors to offer the StrengthFinder test for student ambassadors on January 18, 2013. Funding is designated for StrengthFinder books (\$240) and printing hand-outs (\$10).
6. A recommendation was made to allocate \$900 for 300 student section tickets at \$3/ticket for the playoff football game on Saturday, December 1, 2012.
7. A recommendation was made to allocate \$900 for 300 student section tickets at \$3/ticket for the playoff football game on Saturday, December 8, 2012.

Recognized Student Organizations: Chess Club, Christians on Campus, French Club/Pi Delta Phi, International Aviation Organization, MNSU League of Legends

Approval of Minutes: 11/14/12

Shakespeare: As far as recommendations #6 & #7 – this has already happened and it is only now being approved?

Schieler: This is complex to answer. This was my responsibility. When I took the oath for this position I promised to serve this body. Monday a.m. briefing this was discussed and two of four said no and that we had more important things to focus on. Afterwards, I called Athletics back and they presented a new option. They said that if we would reconsider, they had found another organization to match our contribution. Having that support, I approached SAC. Student Affairs Committee then voted positively on it. We then scheduled a meeting the next day w/Kevin Buisman, Nathan C., and Joe El-Kishawy. Since then, several conversations solidified this event. The all-student email went out today. If senate feels I've done something wrong and you don't agree, I'll pay for this somehow even it is out of my own stipend.

Jirik: This is not coming out of the senate's budget, but SAC's. It's a joint effort and is an unbudgeted reserve request which we've done before. We're taking it out of program requests. We haven't had too many requests this year and we think it is something that benefits all students.

Grotewold: If we don't make it to the semi-finals then funds don't go thru?

Jirik: The process requires having to spend the money first and then have to have receipts to be reimbursed. So, if it doesn't happen, it would go back into the pool.

Approved.

V. Officer Reports

A. President Shrestha

- City University meeting – Talked about detox issue. Brought up that 3 students have died because of alcohol poisoning. Commander of Public Safety said large majority are freshman and it is our duty to educate them. There were 200 violations first week; 120 arrests. 40-60% who are going to detox are students. This is contrary to our data (9 out of 30). New Ulm detox is a 12-bed facility.

This is a community problem. Solutions mentioned were: party registrations; build relationship w/neighbors so they are encouraged to talk to you first before calling the police. Other campuses like the mock party idea and were interested in all of us doing something together.

- Plan on discussing the Bike Share program further.
- MSUSA last weekend: passed new legislative agenda; one item was textbook program. All the colleges attending were excited about that and want to work together; federal financial aid for all, regardless of financial condition; and student confusion with syllabus issues.
- Hockey tickets available for this Friday. Please see me if interested.

B. Vice President Schieler

- Football games – Ticket dist. 300.
- Lot #20 will have tailgating – radio station will be there; possible food from Sodexo, beads and hard cards. Possibly the dance and cheer teams.
- Hockey game – student section will have reminder flyers which will also act as a coupon.
- David Cowan is working on expansion area in Lot 20 north.
- High possibility of hosting semi-final on Dec. 8.
- Civility Campaign – 300 posters printed. Thanks to PR committee for putting this together. The event is next Tues., from 2—3 pm. Presenters include Dr. Jones, an IFO representative, and the Women’s Center.
- Encouraging Facebook group sharing of this event; newspaper ad going out on Thurs., tabling in CSU Thurs. – Tues. Civility pledge will also be available.
- Master Plan Taskforce meeting tomorrow.
- Attended Budget Sub-Meet meeting.
- Academic Affairs – policy revision review. Thanks to everyone who was involved.
- Met with Dr. Linda Baer and talked about curricular mapping, student engagement study. Will be sharing at a later time. Student focus on student services and student life balance. Clearer understanding needed of what a student needs to bring to advising.
- Meeting w/Foundation on Mon. regarding ways to boost student funding.
- Conference room will be painted and new carpeting installed over winter break.
- We will be asking all of your help in moving items.
- If this body ever feels we are not meeting your needs or doing too much, please be critical of us. We are here for you.

Shrestha: Is the pep band playing in game?

Schieler: No. Their agreement is set for only 18 performances.

C. Speaker Collins

- Resolution motion – ‘library’ bookshelf in the conference room for past MSSA President, Gabe A. He also plans on coming into a senate meeting next semester and giving us a book for the bookshelf.
- Next meeting will be last one for semester as following is finals.
- Delegates – Several things transpired with the legislative agenda. Please see myself or anyone else there if questions. Breakout sessions covered: textbooks; Bemidji campus president and a Green Campus – concerns with costs and time consumption. His message was the thought of going from reactive to proactive. Being more efficient when it is time to replace things. Bike Share idea is huge.

VI. Senator Reports

1. Nick Jirik – College of Business

- Masters in Accounting Program – Student feedback is that it is more hindrance than help. Some students currently double major or try to take coursework in an area that may give them more in-depth experience in a specific area. International accountancy is an example. The concern is that courses currently available to undergraduates will be shifted to Graduate-level only courses and that the courses won’t be available to those not in the Master of Accountancy program. Students feel that the Master’s program should be an *additional* option and that it should not *replace* a current option. There has been no increase in staffing to accommodate this change.
- Second - year experience – lower and upper division courses. Completing this before entering into upper div. – acts as a gateway. This has been very successful in COB.

2. Beth Madsen – Off Campus

- Student Financial services doing well.
- LGBT – nothing new. They will be speaking at Civility event
- Delegates – Wellness breakout session. Areas we excel or need help in. Our campus one of top with our facilities and programs offered. Alcohol and Good Samaritan policy.

Schieler: We call it medical amnesty.

3. Cody Nickel – Off Campus

- MSUSA leg. Agenda: state – HEPER funding; open source textbooks; Federal: is pushing full funding and no interest for Stafford loan and offered as preferred option; trying to require agencies to release financial aid data; will be working leg. Agenda on our campus. Lobby Core interest – please see me; legislative action alert – MSUSA generated if something big is happening regarding students.

4. Michael Hanson – Off Campus

- 7700 France visit – talked about student concerns. Primary one was the disconnect with us. Suggested we give them copies of the Reporter. Spoke with the Reporter and are looking at getting 50 issues sent twice/wk, intercampus mail.
- Highland Park meetings concern with students parking on streets. Residents are issuing tickets.

We're looking at a couple of unpaid internships. Law Enforcement students would get experience. City and residents are interested. Still need to speak with the Law Enforcement Dept.

- Carbon footprint analysis – been given funding for baseline analysis.
- Waste Management will no longer be used for waste disposal. Will change to LJP. This will save MSU \$25,000. LJP offers a free waste audit; new recycling cans in purple and gold. New catch phrase is, 'Purple, Gold and Green'. Look at recycling 98% waste.
- Chief Makato statue update – Davenport is very supportive of this project. We will be creating a committee to do this. Need to determine location so will be attending Master Plan mtg.

Turner: Any thought to sending an electronic copy of Reporter?

Hanson: It is already online, however, it is more of a visual thing.

Nickel: What is the legitimacy of resident tickets?

Hansen: They are exacting same as police officer could give you. Residents go through training on this.

Schieler: I thought all trash was co-mingled anyway so why would we need an audit?

Hansen: I'm not sure about that. We chose to go with LJP because of dollar savings and the free waste-audit.

Schieler: You mentioned that they recycle 98% of trash?

Hansen: Yes, 98% of total trash.

Turner: Does the savings go back to students?

Hanson: I'm not sure on that. I would guess it goes back into the general fund.

Jackson: Do we know the difference between companies and the savings?

Hansen: LJP is locally owned so save money. It is a 2-yr contract and allows MSU to support local business.

5. Jerica Thompson – Crawford

- Chet's place is showing a significant improvement; smoking issue- decreased, maybe cold weather; parking ppl wondering if more coming. Shuttle buses – any plans to buy more? Crawford act. Going well; quiet hrs. start 12/5. Laundry facilities – running over time. COB laptops – are students informed before coming?

Jirik: This is mentioned in a COB brochure and in COB letters. It is also mentioned in the registration process.

Williamson: A lot of students don't fill out the contact card completely so don't have that info.

6. Butaka Lerdwutirong – Allied Health and Nursing

- Myra, Daphne & I met with the new Dean on the new science building. Timeline is for start of construction in 2014 and a 2016 completion date.

Daley: Do you know how many students will need to travel to Edina?

Colakovic: It is too early and hasn't been determined.

VII. New Business

M11.28.12A – Approval of recommendations made by RHA on Residence Hall Room & Board rates for 2013-2014 consultation - Shrestha / Shakespear

Shrestha: We need to do this.

Nickel: We need to get this done. The same thing was done last year.

Shakespear: My concern is that only 30 people were consulted.

Williamson: I agree and think this is generalizing.

Paige: RHA rep works same as you guys in senate, it is the reps who are responsible for informing their constituents and getting their feedback.

Motion passed 18 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain

M#11.28.12B: Approval of MSUSA Board actions at Fall Delegates Conference

Schieler: I move to table this until the minutes are distributed.

Shrestha: I have the minutes for review.

Schieler: I suggest we postpone until info is distributed.

Motion tabled until information about the action taken is shared with the Senate.

Announcements

Grotewold: Movember thanks.

Jacobson: Please Like/Share FB events

Shakespear: Resident hall senators' mtg. tomorrow at 4:00 about wi-fi issues and dining services.

Nickel: Please see me if interested in the legislative action trip to St. Cloud.

Collins: If you'd like to see the fall delegates' info, please see me, Soyal, or Cody.

John: Student Activities events update.

VIII. Roll Call

Senators Present:

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

Senators Absent:

Teto Korha, David Rosencrance, Sam Turner, Paige Sparkman, Trevor Granberg, Alison Lemke

Executive Staff Present:

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 6:15 pm

