

**80<sup>th</sup> MSSA Senate**  
**December 5th, 2012**

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

**I. Roll Call**

Courtney Toft 14-1-0; Nick Jirik 14-0-1; Briana Williamson 9-4-2; Blake Grotewold 14-0-1; Teto Korha 13-2-0; Nilsu Demirci 12-2-1; Paige Sparkman 14-1-0; Lance Selvig 12-2-1; Ben Shakespear 15-0-0; Cody Nickel 14-2-0; Trevor Granberg 15-0-0; Alison Lemke 12-2-0; Jonathan Marquardt; 11-3-0; Kara Aliperto 14-0-0; Ganisher Davlyatov 9-1-1; Sam Turner 10-2-0; Lazarus Jackson 9-1-1; Gabriel Ignacio 11-0-0; Skeeter Rogers 11-0-0; Beth Madsen 10-0-2; Michael Hanson 10-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 11-0-0; Daphne Drossart 12-0-0; David Rosencrance 10-3-0; Stacy Klinkhamer 13-0-0; Lado Jobava 6-0-0; Myra Colakovic 3-0-0; Butaka Lerdwutirong 4-1-0

**II. Open Forum**

- Dylan – update on Comm. Eng. Events
- Moriah Miles, MSUSA Chair
  - Thanks to MSSA for input at Delegates.
  - Congratulations to the Campus Committee for a great job done.
  - Lobby Core interest, please let us know.
  - Encourage more senate input and ideas for next semester.
- Lemke: Health Services would like MSSA's input on promoting Health Services. Many people don't know about the good doctor's right here on campus. They want to promote and make more off-campus students aware of their services.
- El-Kishawy: Civility Campaign went very well yesterday. Approximately 50 people attended. Thanks to all that helped with the event.

Shrestha: Did you get any feedback from students?

El-Kishawy: Not that I'm aware of.

**III. Presentations**

**1. Book Market Presentation – Blake Grotewold**

- Academic Affairs idea of exchanging books with each other.
- Prototype shared – MNSU Book Marketplace; broken out into subject sections; Craigslist type linking; system;

Turner: Does this require us to hire an admin?

Blake: anyone who has a user id will be able to access. This is up for discussion.

Turner: There are set hours to the office for the website.

El-Kishawy: Instead of us being liable for the transfer of things, could they set up the transfer themselves?

Blake: Whether it would be work study student funded or senator assisted hasn't been worked out. Send me a list of your suggestions.

Shrestha: Could we have the administrator have prices available for price comparisons?

Blake: I think it should be left up to the user.

Hanson: any ideas of themes or things to make it more aesthetically pleasing?

Blake: Yes, I think we can come up with something. The problem would be going on MSSA site,

Schieler: So, there is no user-to-user interaction?

Blake: That's correct. The point is to make it anonymous.

Hanson: Who would be accountable for the money?

Blake: That hasn't been worked out yet. Possibly, we could have a deposit box available.

Shrestha: What's the timeline?

Blake: We're hoping for the beginning or at mid-semester.

Collins: Do you think it a good idea to pass this on a resolution?

Blake: Yes.

Shrestha: Good job. It looks great.

**IV. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**V. Appointments:**

**Commission on Ethics and Standards:**

**Student Allocations Committee:**

- To fund The Navigators \$200 in support of 4 students who will be traveling to Atlanta, GA for a conference at the end of December.
- To fund the Enlighten Pharaohs up to \$150 to cover the cost of transportation for 10 students to Minneapolis for a business meeting regarding their desire to affiliate with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- To fund the School Psychology Society \$250 to assist 5 students with travel costs to an annual conference.
- To fund the Newman Center up to \$1000 to assist up to 65 students with non-food related expenses associated with a conference in Orlando, Florida over spring break.
- To fund Delta Sigma Pi \$260 to assist with transportation for 21 students to a weekend long volleyball and basketball tournament in Ames Iowa.
- To fund Delta Sigma Pi \$350 to assist 7 students with travel expenses associated with a Leadership and Excellence Academy in Milwaukee, WI
- To allocate remaining funding from additional 200 football tickets from Round 1 playoffs to the Round 2 competition. (125 tickets at \$3.00 ea)

**Approved.**

## **VI. Officer Reports**

### **A. President Shrestha**

- Academic Affairs Committee is working with Carrie from B & N on MTRP
- Provost Search committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> mtg. They are still looking for candidates, deadline Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Hockey Game was a good time last weekend.
- Football semi-final this weekend; broadcasted live on ESPN.
- Thanks to all senators & committee members who worked hard and helped advocate for the student voice.
- Indication of upcoming vacancies – please let us know after meeting or by next week so we can plan.

### **B. Vice President Schieler**

- Thanks to all senators who showed up last Thurs. for the special meeting. It showed true dedication to senate. You went far above and beyond what is expected.
- Hertz Corolla sustained some bumper damage. The Rav 4 is returning January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Shakespear: Do you have any update on policy of \$150 deposit Hertz charges?

Schieler: I haven't had a chance to follow up on that.

Shrestha: Can we rent over break?

Schieler: Yes. Please encourage other students to do so.

### **C. Speaker Collins**

- Concern was reported that senate has a sense of apathy this year.
- After today's reports, however, I'm proud of what you do.
- Congrats to Senator Gani and his new baby boy.
- MSUSA resolution of President's Board actions. You voted it down last week because you wanted more info. I've had this available all week and no one came to see me to look at it.

## **VII. Senator Reports**

### **1. Kara Aliperto – College of Education**

1. CSU board meeting tonight.
2. KSP 150 course; MTLE licensure exam courses coming up next semester; Special ed. Is receiving their nat'l strategic licensure; working on professional procedures for student complaints and faculty concerns; CSU has given us their budget and wish list for next year which is now under review.

Jacobsen: proposal coming out about charging RSOs to use the ballroom.

Aliperto: This is my last senate report as I'll be student teaching next semester so won't be returning.

### **2. Daphne Drossart – College of Allied Health and Nursing**

1. Meeting with the architect last Tues. to decide space. New space will house dental hygiene, speech, and the clinical labs will be staying in Wissink. There was talk of skywalk costing approximately \$500,000, however, it was decided it was too costly. Student Advisory Board meeting last Friday. There are complaints about advising. We will work on next semester. Our penny war rose over \$500 for the Echo Food Shelf.

Schieler: A skyway? Maybe we should think about supporting it now as it would be costlier later.

### **3. Ben Shakespear – McElroy**

- Carkoski update: Met with Nathan earlier this week; more improvements coming; healthier diet choices; updating the look to have a cleaner, nicer appeal. The grill rotation is going. They have a global chef coming in to work with cooks; traffic has still been pretty heavy. They typically see a 5-10% decrease during spring semester; Chik-fil-a issue: the faculty assoc. is not happy with us; Papa Johns may possibly be going downstairs and there may also be something new in Myers Field House. Sodexo contract still not renewed. Davenport may be somewhat hesitant to do so in light of all of the problems. There are still authentication issues with people getting kicked off of Wi-Fi. IT encourages students going to ResTech services. I accompanied David Cowan to the Homeless Shelter Board meeting and am now on their board. It is a much bigger problem in Mankato than you think. There are currently 95 homeless families. If interested, I'd love to hook you up as they are always looking for volunteers.

Turner: Why are we sinking funds into Carkoski if it is coming down?

Ben: It is not going to be taken down for a while and the updates make for a better environment.

Blake: Are they looking at a 3<sup>rd</sup> party pizza place?

Ben: It is up to Sodexo to decide.

### **4. Nick Jirik & Lado Jobava – College of Business**

- Met w/Dean on Fri. COB new initiative – new portal specific to COB.
- There is a new internship contact in COB.
- IBE (Integrated Business Experience) was just recognized by a statewide organization. The program is very successful but doesn't seem to draw as many students as they want to. Some faculty has been discouraging doing it as graduation is later.
- Master Economics – spoke with the Dean on this. We will be working with the accounting head to improve.

Marquardt: They are looking at possibly branching out to other depts., like marketing, to try to grow it.

### **5. Lazarus Jackson – Undeclared**

- Delegate's breakout – Hoop Suite – connects all your social media. Basically, shows who's sharing your info. Facebook ads – pretty cheap. Charged per click. You can choose the demographics of which it is shared with and can target the audience that you want. Cost is \$10/mo. This has been successful for MSUSA.
- Institutional Diversity Dean Search is still looking for applicants. The current interim dean is on board until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lemke: PR committee is already looking at this.

Hanson: What are your goals for the Diversity Committee?

Jackson: Getting students to intermingle and get involved with the majority of the student population.

Hanson: Have you had any applications so far for the Dean of Institutional Diversity?

Jackson: I can't share that info.

Shrestha: Do you think it is a good idea to promote the Diversity Committee thru MSSA?

Jackson: Yes, I think it is a good idea.

#### **6. Paige Sparkman - College of Social and Behavioral Sciences**

- Dean Greer is looking at precise plans of what graduating students have done to get their major. This would be very beneficial for freshmen.
- Looking into more assistance for study abroad funding.

### **VIII. New Business**

- **M#12.5.12A MSSA Shirts - Ben Shakespeare/Soyal Shrestha**

**Whereas:** We want a MSSA shirt and an appropriate shirt has been found.

**Whereas:** "It feels great."

**Be it resolved:** MSSA supports the purchase of the presented shirt at a cost of approximately \$10/senator.

**Motion passes.**

#### **M# 12.5.12B Book Market Program Initiative - Soyal/Shakespeare**

**Whereas:** The Academic Affairs Committee has been working hard to implement a book market program.

**Whereas:** A book market program has the real potential of solving the problem of high priced textbooks for students.

**Be it resolved:** MSSA supports the Book Market Program initiated by the Academic Affairs Committee.

**Be it resolved further:** MSSA will bring forward to IT for their input and potential help with further development.

Shrestha: It is a fine motion.

Shakespeare: I agree.

Turner: I think it is good as it is and we're saying we're just supporting it.

**Motion passes.**

#### **M#12.5.12C – MSUSA Board Actions on 11/18/12 – Nickel/Jirik**

**Whereas:** President Shrestha attended the MSUSA Board of Directors meeting on 11/18/12.

**Be it resolved:** MSSA approves the actions of President Shrestha at the MSUSA Board Meeting.

**Motion passes.**

### **IX. Announcements**

Collins: I'm available for any of you if you still have questions about parliamentary procedures, etc.

Schieler: Tailgating was fun last weekend. I encourage all of you to try to attend this weekend.

Hanson: Reminder about the fall dance show this weekend.

Lemke: Because of time conflicts, this is also my last meeting as a senator. I will continue to stay on committees.

John B: Event updates.

Daley: This is also my last senate mtg. because of class conflicts next semester.

Ignacio: This will be my last senate meeting as well as I'm returning to military training.

### **X. Roll Call**

#### **Senators Present:**

Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Beth Madsen; Cody Nickel; Stacy Klinkhamer, Daphne Drossart, Beth Madsen, Myra Colakovic; Elizabeth Jacobson, Lazarus Jackson, Briana Williamson, Jonathan Marquardt, Michael Hanson, Jerica Thompson, Sam Turner, Ganisher Davlyatov, Lado Jabavo; Myra Colakovic

#### **Senators Absent:**

Nilsu Demirci, Skeeter Rogers

#### **Executive Staff Present:**

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

### **XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned @ 5:59 p.m.