

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

**I. Roll Call**

Merissa Daley 2-0-0; Courtney Toft 2-0-0; Liliانا Andrade 1-1-0; Nick Jirik 2-0-0; Hassan Fall 2-0-0; Briana Threatt 1-0-1; Blake Grotewold 2-0-0; Teto Korha 2-0-0; Nilsu Demirci 2-0-0; Ashish Mainali 1-0-1; Paige Sparkman 1-1-0; Lance Selvig 2-0-0; Nick Wellman 2-0-0; Ben Shakespear 2-0-0; Cassy Humble 2-0-0; Cody Nickel 1-1-0; Trevor Granberg 2-0-0; Alison Lemke 2-0-0; David Nielsen 0-2-0; Jonathan Marquardt 0-1-0;

**II. Open Forum**

- **Bill Toureville** – Asst. Dir., Student Activities - Work with IMPACT/student programs.
- **Greg Wilkins**, Assoc. Director, Student Activities – Community Engagement
  - Encourage you to get involved as it can mean scholarships.
  - Can't continue our level of support without your support.
- **John Bulcock** – Fraternity/Sorority Comm. & MSSA Liaison, Campus Housing.
  - Night to Unite
  - Take advantage of opportunities to attend Neighborhood Assoc. meetings and enhancing those relationships.
- **Mike Ramirez** – MSUSA Campus Coordinator
  - Get involved. Get word out to your constituents.
  - Will be here every month to keep you updated.
  - Committee is comprised of some of you.
  - We'll start fighting for you at MSUSA office.
  - Get out the Vote push.
- **VP David Jones**
  - Intro and want you to know that I have an open door policy.
  - Invite you to Lunch & Learn first Tues. of each month @ 12:00 to discuss students' issues of concern.
- **Abdi Sabrie, African Family Director (new Americans)**.
  - Want to also encourage community involvement.
  - I represent families who are 70% single mothers; victims of war; most have very large families, and no transportation.

**Shakespear:** As an Int'l student I have to do 25 community hours each year. As MSSA members, that's what we should do. In all honesty, it's a disgrace that we as Int'l students do it and most Americans don't get off their rear and do any.

**3. Presentations**

**1. Lela Magxaka – Library Tunnel Project**

- (*Handout*) – 2 Options being considered – Leaning towards Option A (includes amphitheatre)
- Main purpose is to enhance CSU/Library relationship
- Will drop off rough sketches of the designs to the Senate office next week.

**2. David Cowan/Mark Anderson – Green Transportation Fee**

- Buses are rolling, student activity fees covering this cost.
- Bus route (*handout*) – Overall increased coverage.
- Mark A. – City of Mankato (*PPT presentation*)
  - Moved to Demand vs Coverage model
    - More direct and frequent routes, later evening service, service to MRCI, service for the needs of new Americans, extended Stomper Exp.
  - Based on last two days, looks to be very successful. Trending up but sample is too small yet to be reliable.
  - Concerns: fleet capacity, arrival times, expansion vs increased coverage, no direct connection to SCC.
  - Some new bus shelters now are in process of being put in.
  - 5 buses have been wrapped in purple. Institutional money was used and not student fees.

**Shrestha:** Thanks to 79<sup>th</sup> senate and students, City of Mankato, and David Cowan for their service.

**3. IMPACT: Intros/Upcoming events.**

**4. Ashley Strom – Org Sync/Impact/Student Activities**

- Org Sync system being purchased on a 3- yr contract.
- Custom system for RSOs.
- Operates like a Facebook.
- Software will be rolled out in spring.
- Each student will have a profile page.
- Students can join organizations right from this software.
- Tracks service hours, creates to do lists, and has other capabilities.
- CSU is fronting first year cost. Total cost is \$38,500 for 3 years.
- Will be coming back to you afterwards for funding.

**Shakespear:** Won't many find it annoying as we already have so many profiles.

**Ashley:** All of your profiles will be combined so you won't have to log in individually.

**Williamson:** Is this cost split over three years?

**Ashley:** Yes.

**Shrestha:** How many others are using and how is it benefiting?

**Ashley:** I did call four other universities who currently have this program and they said they enjoy it and it helps them connect to other organizations. It was said that the first year can be tricky so we've enlisted Marketing Club to help. This software company continually supports the program when it is needed.

**Kara:** Is the voting process public/private?

**Ashley:** Yes, we do have some steps in between.

**Collins:** What about web hosting?

**Ashley:** I'm not sure on that. It does act like a resume. We approve things on our end and you can use on your official resume.

**Lemke:** Way to make info public/private info?

**Ashley:** Yes. It also merges all events into a campus-wide calendar.

**Grotewold:** will it update on all different connections?

**Ashley:** I need more training on that so honestly can't answer.

### III. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Appointments:** **Academic Affairs Coordinator** (Jose Barriga), **MSUSA Coordinator** (Michael Ramirez), **MSUSA Diversity Specialist** (David Bassey), **MSUSA Public Relations Specialist** (Shane Maki), **MSUSA Legislative Affairs Specialist** (Cody Nickel), **Academic Affairs** (Ashish Mainali, Blake Grotewold, Brianna Threatt, Courtney Toft, Hassan Fall, Kara Aliperto, Liliana Andrade, Merissa Daley, Nick Jirik, Nilu Demirci, Paige Sparkman, Teto Korha), **Student Affairs**(Alison Lemke, Ben Shakespear, Cassy Humble, Cody Nickel, David Nielsen, Jonathan Marquardt, Nick Wellman, Trevor Granberg), **Senate Steering Committee** (Briana Threatt, Kara Aliperto, Michael Ramirez, Moriah Miles, Nick Jirik), **Student Allocations Committee** (Alison Lemke, Amanda Blomgren, Beth Madsen, John Mandevbu, Matt Lindquist, Nick Jirik, Nick Wilfahrt, Tess Bunker, Yasotha Veerayah), **Elections Committee** (Ben Shakespear, David Bassey, Michael Ramirez), **University Policy Consultation and Approval Committee** (Jose Barriga)

**Korha:** I move to be moved to SAC committee.

**Chris:** We can only have three senators on SAC.

**Williamson:** first name only has one 'N'

**Jirik:** Move to have put to Steering Committee.

**Nickel:** I suggest we postpone all appts for SAC.

**Shrestha:** Email was sent to all senators asking about interest in committees. Those who didn't respond were assigned committees.

**Korha:** we're required to be on two committees, correct?

**Shrestha:** I would look at what your interest is and where best fit is.

**Korha:** I feel like there is something wrong and should be something I want to be on.

**Hassan:** Don't know what you mean when you say what students are interested in.

**Shrestha:** This was based on the emails I rec'd and wanted diversity on it. There are a lot of requests coming in already so wanted this together. If you have any problems with it, I will reconsider and come back next week with it.

**Collins:** Best way to handle this is to rescind this motion and have this discussion until next week.

**Korha:** I rescind.

**Schieler:** Motion to remove SAC committee members and move to Steering Committee. We're saying that we want diversity so let's let them do their job.

**Jirik:** It is the Steering Committee's job.

**Shakespear:** Let's have some faith in our elected president and his decisions.

**Motion is deferred.**

**Amended agenda approved.**

#### 1. **Approval of Minutes 5-2-12**

### IV. **Vacancies**

1. **College of Allied health & Nursing [2]**
2. **Undeclared Majors [1]**
3. **Graduate Studies [1]**
4. **Julia Sears [1]**
5. **Preska [1]**
6. **Stadium Heights [1]**
7. **Off Campus [2]**

### V. **Officer Reports**

#### A. **President Shrestha**

- Welcome back and we're excited about projects we've started.
- Will be having a lot of presentations so will open it up to different groups of people. To hear all voices.
- Congrats to Briana in getting married this summer.
- Committee appts – please email me on your interests I want you to be happy and welcome any suggestions.
- MTRP
- Rock Wall Climbing ribbon cutting today.
- Check out our new MSSA flyer.
- Planners are almost all distributed.
- Fall elections on 9/11. Will be improved promotion this year.
- Let's do good things for our University this year.

## **B. Vice President Schieler**

- Hertz – need more membership (325) in order to get Rav 4 back. Please all sign up.
  - Marketing Plan is in place. Please review if interested.
- Marketing MSSA and fall elections. New posters will be used. New photographs will be taken. Contact me about photo shoot. Wear Maverick apparel.

**Soyal: Election deadline is next Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. If interested, speak to our Elections Committee members.**

## **C. Speaker Collins**

- Three office hrs/week requirement. Send me an email or log the sheet in the office. I'm super lenient. Senate reports start next week. You'll receive an email from me if you're on the agenda as well as a suggested outline.
- Motion deadline – I need them by 11:59 pm, Tues., before meetings.
- Meeting length – Trust the process. Topics involve large sums of money so warrant discussion. However, I don't expect them to go as long as tonight.
- I'm excited to work with you guys.

## **VI. New Business**

### **M#9.29.12a MSUSA Board Action Approval: President Shrestha/VP Schieler**

**Whereas:** Every vote President Shrestha casts at the MSUSA board meeting must be supported by MSSA.

**Be it resolved:** The 80th MSSA support President Shrestha's vote from the August 3rd and 4th MSUSA Board meeting

**Shrestha:** If you're wondering what you're voting on I can send you the minutes. Let me know.

**Schieler:** Our vote no would basically mean nothing but we can send a message by doing that.

**Motion approved.**

## **VII. Announcements**

**Nickel:** Anyone interested in Lobby Core please come see me. Also, Rock Climbing tonight, 6:30.

**Wilkins:** Int'l Student Welcome and Fast Friending in CSU tonight.

**Bulcock:** Coupon book from Reporter is out.

**Ramirez:** Always available to talk to you about MSUSA. Moriah will come in next week to talk about it more too.

**El-Kishawy,** Student Affairs Coordinator: I agree that it is a disgrace about our lack of community involvement. Neighborhood Association night was good.

**Jirik:** AA senators, let's talk after meeting to get things going.

## **VIII. Roll Call**

### **Senators Present:**

Merissa Daley, Courtney Toft, Nick Jirik, Hassan Fall, Blake Grotewold, Teto Korha, Nilsu Demirci, Lance Selvig, Ben Shakespear, Cassy Humble, Trevor Granberg, Alison Lemke, Nick Wellman

### **Senators Absent:**

Liliana Andrade, David Nielsen, Ashish Mainali, Jonathan Marquardt, Paige Sparkman

### **Executive Staff Present:**

President Soyal Shrestha; VP David Schieler; Speaker Chris Collins

## **IX. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned @ 6:20 pm*