

## 81<sup>st</sup> MSSA Senate February 19, 2014

### I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

### II. Roll Call

Jessica Gumbert 16-1-1; Sonja Holmberg 16-2-0; Joe Wolf 15-1-1; Katie Bobich 17-0-0; Zak Silker 16-0-1; Brooklyn Vetter 18-0-0; Mariah Haffield 18-0-0; Matt Eberline 17-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 16-0-2; Karson Krueger-Grant 13-0-0; Tyler Conlon 11-0-0; Becky Wegscheid 11-0-0; Emily Peterson 9-2-0; Brett Spartz 13-0-0; PJ Piotrowski 10-0-0, Margaret Neeck 9-0-0, Emma Deppa 6-2-0; Mychael Ihnat 7-0-0, James Stanford 4-0-0; Ryan Berndt 4-0-0

### III. Presentations

**Athletics Budget Presentation** – Kevin Buisman, Dir. (handouts); Tim Marshall, Financial Dir.

- Overview: current fee: \$3.40/credit hour; ;15 proposed \$3.52; Increase of 3.53%
- Proposed increases: \$58,144; Replenish reserve: \$19,900; Net new \$s: \$39,054; first allocation increase in 6 years. Overall operating budget is \$4.2M; Average of other MnSCU is \$3.99; Moorehead is @ ceiling @ \$4.58.
- Athletics by the numbers: more than 525 student athletes; breakdown of student attendance average at games; working at promoting events more to increase attendance. 164 followers on Twitter; 731 on FB; The Herd is student –run group working to establishing more student support.
- Branding theme is: “Building Champions”
- Accomplishments: all-sport trophy; hosted five NCAA regional events; three different coaches recognized as “Coach of the Year”
- Cumulative GPA: Women’s: 3.38; Men’s: 2.95; 35% of SA on 2013 Deans’ List
- More than 2000 community service hours (Mavericks Make-a-Wish; Salvation Army; Kiwanis Holiday Lights, Munch w/Mavericks, etc.)

Shakespeare: Last time increase?

Buisman: FY09.

Shakespeare: What would be the result of not approving?

Buisman: Probably a combination of being more aggressive on fundraising and scaling back on travel.

Shakespeare: Why more than 3%?

Buisman: It is definitely open to some negotiation on proposed increase but think it reasonable in light of standing with peers and such.

Conlon: how much spent on academic support?

KB: Our academic achievement is pretty constant and we did make an investment in one full time student. There is no student fee money on salary support but is primarily for recruitment and travel.

Holmberg: Once reserves are held, would the fee proposal go down?

Marshall: The difficulty is that the credit/hour base is an estimate. But, yes, we wouldn’t see another increase if we don’t have to replenish the reserve.

Holmberg: Do you have grad athletes?

Buisman: Yes, absolutely. They have the same access as our undergrad students.

Haffield: Why has there been no increase in 6 years?

Marshall: We generally have gone through the Student Allocations Committee and have most often been told that there wasn’t room for increases. It’s been the budget environment and the lean years we’ve been in. That process

Vetter: Is there a difference in the amount of money to men’s versus women’s teams?

Buisman: We’ve been diligent about Title 9 and have made compliance with gender equity. Currently offering 305 men’s opportunities & 305 women’s. Scholarships are slightly higher on the women’s side.

Vetter: There has been a lack of attendance in women's basketball. Would any of this increase go towards this effort?

Buisman: I don't know if we can allocate student fee support towards marketing but if it were to be considered, it would involve the support of MSSA. We look forward to the consultation process with MSSA in the coming year.

Berndt: I overheard there has been a locker room update?

Buisman: Yes, there have been three locker room projects going on. Men's hockey project (institutional investment); Women's projects (volleyball and basketball) were funded by outside investment.

Berndt: The majority of students I've talked to go to homecoming and not sporting events. What would you tell them to convince them to come?

Buisman: Well, much like life, we all pay taxes for things that we don't utilize or have access to. It's not pay-as-you-go or pay-as-you-use system.

Shakespear: Has Edina been considered?

Marshall: It hasn't been part of the discussion?

Silker: are you making a more detailed presentation to SAC this year?

Buisman: The part we missed out on this year was the SAC process and presentation. That is what we want to work harder on going forward.

Shakespear: The Athletic fee is now a separate fee and no longer built into this.

- Tabled until March 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IV. Open Forum**

#### **V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Appointments:*

*Commission on Ethics & Standards:*

*Student Allocations Committee:*

- -- SAC recommends to allocate up to \$396 for non-food travel expenses to the MSU Fisheries Society to assist 12 students attend the MN Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting, March 3-5, 2014 in Mankato, MN.
- SAC recommends to allocate up to \$300 (*\$50/student x 6 students*) for non-food related travel expenses to Circle K International to travel to annual convention of Circle K Clubs, March 7-9, 2014 in Moorhead, MN.
- SAC recommends to allocate up to \$230 to assist Fellowship of Christian Athletes host a debate open to the campus community on the topic of whether or not God exists on March 26, 2014 in the CSU.

*Recognized Student Organizations:* Ethnic Studies Student Organization, Math Club, Alpha Eta Rho - Mu Kappa Tau Chapter, History Club, Delta Sigma Pi, School Psychology Society

*Approval of Minutes:* 2/12/14

#### **VI. Vacancies**

*Allied Health & Nursing (2)*

*Arts & Humanities (1)*

*College of Education (1)*

*Undeclared (1)*

*Julia Sears (1)*

*McElroy (1)*

*CSET (2)*

#### **VII. Officer Reports**

**President Collins** - *Absent*

**Vice President Shakespear**

- Meet & Confer tomorrow - We'll need four people.

- City/University Meeting last week. Medical amnesty was discussed.
- **Speaker Madsen**
- Phones should be on silent and people not on them during senate meeting.
- When discussing budget, please ask only relevant questions.
- When people enter and leave don't look up as it is disruptive to those speaking.

### VIII. **Senator Reports**

Elizabeth Jacobson, Off Campus

- CSU budget and presenting in two weeks.
- Tabling in CSU and doing a survey from 11-2
- Bookstore is getting renovated (new flooring, signage, lighting)
- Been hearing dining concerns so having them come in next week. Please provide me with comments to share.
- Student Affairs has heard about some issues with snow emergencies and parking so will be working on improving.
- Also looking to do another bus system survey (routes, capacity, etc).
- Partnering with Impact on Cupcake Wars.

Katie Bobich & Mariah Haffield, Off Campus

- Thanks to Brett Spartz for coming to every MavGuard event. Disappointed with apathy of students and lack of attendance at these.

Brett Spartz, College of Business

- Final step in developing two internships within COB. Guidelines & criteria are geared to people in organizations within the college. New RSO called COB Team.

### IX. **Old Business**

*Motion:* Student Health Services Fee Proposal

Deppa: I spoke to several constituents and all were in favor. I have no problem with it.

Holmberg: The grad students I talked to were in support of this. This fee seems reasonable.

Shakespeare: What would be effect of not supporting?

Wendy: It wouldn't allow us to increase hours for our pharmacist assistant.

Wegscheid: I talked to many in Crawford and they support.

Conlon: I spoke with Preska and they were in agreement as well.

Stanford: Most non-traditional are not opposed to this increase, even though most get their healthcare elsewhere.

### X. **New Business**

- **Open Discussion: Fall Elections for Res Halls**

Shakespeare: Last year this didn't work so well so we need some ideas.

Silker: Talked about this at Elections Commission.

Wegscheid: I think experience is an effective attribute of a senator.

Conlon: I would lean toward favor of changing.

Haffield: I think something should be done but maybe moving it up to Sept.

Meeck: I feel it takes the opportunity away from freshmen and the chance to get involved.

Wolf: I think we should keep it in spring as students seem to get involved during the first two weeks in school.

Holmberg: Teambuilding is lost waiting for Sept. I'd suggest all be elected in spring.

Bobich: I think spring as most students have lived in dorms and have experience. If we have several vacancies, then we can have a vacancy election in Sept.

Vetter: Freshmen are more involved on campus so I think they should have the same opportunity to get involved.

Silker: Think fall would help with retention. Also would have benefit of promotion on move-in day.

*Vote split.*

**Madsen:** I suggest you ask your constituents over the next two weeks and find their opinion.

*Discussion tabled for two weeks.*

- **Open Discussion: Medical Amnesty Policy:**

Shakespeare: If in a situation where a friend is over intoxicated and in crisis, would I be held responsible? (*referral to MSU policy*) It feels like current policy is in place as more of a goodwill gesture and is not really implemented. It is very vague.

Holmberg: I think it is a good idea but curious as to whether this just applies to on-campus. Not in support of it if off-campus and it involving a social host.

Deppa: I suggest we discuss with constituents and then bring back to discuss. I don't feel it is being followed.

Shakespeare: I find the language confusing and very ambiguous.

Silker: I think we can educate students more after we've talked about it more.

Peterson: I suggest we table in the CSU and find out what students think.

*Discussion tabled until March 5<sup>th</sup>.*

## **XI. Announcements**

Bobich: MSUSA delegates meeting in conf. room after senate

Piotrowski: Shroud of Turin discussion.

Madsen: I've gotten an Internship at Rochester Mayo this summer.

## **XII. Roll Call**

### Senators Present:

Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter, Mariah Haffield, Matthew Eberline, Elizabeth Jacobson, Taylor Conlon, Brett Spartz, Jessica Gumbert, Rebecca Wegscheid, PJ Piotrowski, Emily Peterson, Karson Krueger-Grant, Joe Wolf, Margaret Neeck; Emma Deppa; Mychael Ihnat, James Stanford, Ryan Berndt

### Executive Leadership Present:

Ben Shakespeare, VP; Beth Madsen, Speaker

### Executive Leadership Absent:

Chris Collins, President

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned @ 5:45 pm.