

81th MSSA Senate

August 28, 2013

Senate called to order by 81st Speaker Beth Madsen

I. Roll Call

Christian Harris 1-1-0; Na Chum 2-0-0; Ashton Bird 1-0-1; Katelyn Dick 2-0-0; Matt Lindquist 0-0-1; Jessica Gumbert 1-0-0; Sonja Holmberg 1-0-0; Cody Ingenthron 0-0-1; AJ Pitts 1-0-0; Eric Clark 0-1-1; Jerica Thompson 1-0-1; Joe Wolf 2-0-0; Paige Sparkman 0-0-2; Katie Bobich 2-0-0; Zak Silker 2-0-0; Brooklyn Vetter 2-0-0; Josh Erhardt 2-0-0; Mariah Haffield 2-0-0; Matt Eberline 2-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 2-0-0

II. Open Forum

- Ashley Strom – RSO update
 - MavSync overview: It's getting big, fast. All colleges are now on board.
- Greg Wilkins – Student Activities items: CSU Director update and interviews; library tunnel update; Welcome Week breaks attendance record; homecoming one month away, register online.
- John B – Overview of role; welcome back; encourage you to help recruit senators; Night to Unite event; Operation Disorder event looking for actors (70); Sunday , 9/15 @ Red Sky; Greek update.
- Todd Pfungsten, Interim Director – CSU Director interviews; SAC committee, CSU Board

Shakespeare: Any budget impacts on Homecoming?

Wilkins: Yes, due to budget cuts we will not be doing a concert however other regular events will be held, including a carnival this year.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: **CSU Director Search Committee** (Nick Schoper), **Elections Committee** (Larry Ziehm, Lance Selvig, Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Mariah Haffield, Sonja Holmberg, Tim Haas), **Academic Affairs** (Sereyvattanak Chum, Scott Boyd, Lance Selvig, Jessica Gumbert, Ashton Bird, Katelyn Dick, Matt Lindquist, Cody Ingenthron, Sonja Holmberg, Paige Sparkman, Joe Wolf, Anthony Pitts, Eric Clark), **Student Affairs** (Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Josh Erhardt, Elizabeth Jacobson, Brooklyn Vetter, Mariah Haffield, Matt Eberline), **Legislative Affairs** (Lance Selvig, Zak Silker, Josh Erhardt, Tim Haas), **Constitution commission** (Lance Selvig, Mariah Haffield), **Parking Advisory Committee** (Lance Selvig, Cody Ingenthron), **Student Affairs Coordinator** (Michael Hanson), **Academic Affairs Coordinator** (Blake Grotewold), **Environmental Committee** (Michael Hanson, Katelyn Dick), **University Student Conduct Board** (Zak Silker), **CSU Board** (Trevor Granberg, Zachary Zoet, Patrick Early, Elizabeth Jacobson, Brooklyn Vetter, Mariah Haffield, Aston Bird), **Student Allocation Committee** (Zak Silker, Matt Lindquist, Katie Bobich, Justin Burch, Andre Ag, Jessica Gumbert, Daphne Drossart, Tim Haas, John Mandebvu), **Campus Coordinator** (Tawsif Mahmud), **Academic**

Standing Committee (Katelyn Dick), **Grade Appeal Panel** (Katelyn Dick, Zachary Zoet), **Policy Consultation and Approval Committee** (Ben Shakespear), **Legislative Affairs Specialist** (John Mandebvu), **Tech Fee Committee** (Dylan Fenger), **City University Committee** (Ben Shakespear, Lance Selvig), **Public Relations and Marketing Committee** (Jessica Gumbert, Katie Bobich, Tim Haas, Elizabeth Jacobson, Justin Burch), **Library Advisory Committee** (Anthony Pitts, Matt Eberline) **Ethics and Standards Commission** (Lance Selvig, Mariah Haffield), **Diversity Specialist** (Alexander Lucier), **Parking Appeals Committee** (Cody Ingenthron), **Public Relation Specialist** (Arlene Cuthrell), **Student Health Services Advisory Committee** (Omolayo Ogunnowo)

Collins: Please take some time to review list of committees and let me know if there are any requests for changes.

Meeting Minutes: 4/24/13

Approved.

IV. Vacancies

Allied Health & Nursing (1)

College of Education (1)

CSET (1)

Off Campus (1)

McElroy (1)

Julia Sears (1)

Preska (1)

Crawford (1)

Stadium Heights (1)

V. Officer Reports

President Collins

- Committee appointments; please email me with your thoughts. Ben will be overseeing committees and following up with you.
- Fall elections are planned for 2nd Tues. of October (8th).
- Current students' web page redesign - MSSA will now own this page. Please let me know of your ideas; all art & programming will be done on MSU side.
- CSU bank decision - encourage your involvement in deciding which bank will be located in the CSU.
- Robert's Rules - please do your part on learning these.
- President's Retreat @ Gustavus was a big success. Please see me if you're interested in more info on it. Especially liked Marilyn Wells' quote, "We need to change from being the gatekeeper to being the gateway."
- MSUSA upcoming delegates. Campus Committee has been appointed. Tawsif Mahmud will be the Campus Coordinator.
- A new Walk to the Capitol plan - an adhoc committee will be created. Some ideas for change include: fundraising for it, possibly scholarships; involve more of the community in it.

- Michael Hanson, Student Affairs Coordinator – Looking at the possibility of having a senate meeting up at 7700 France. Also looking to utilize the telepresence system. The goal is to begin to build more cohesiveness between our campuses as well as educating more students about MSSA.

Vice President Shakespear

- Will be doing committee follow up beginning with sending out Doodles.
- Hertz – New account rep.; new car should be coming this week.
- Library meeting upcoming next week. Topics will include coffee shop, tunnel, etc.
- MTRP – An All-Faculty email was also sent out.
- Interviews for CSU Director – Strongly encouraging your attendances at these as we all have a stake in this.
- Thanks to all who helped with the senator event. We will be holding more publicity events this year.

Speaker Madsen

- Office hour requirements are 3/week, from meeting to meeting.
- If sending a proxy to our meeting, it is mandatory that you let me know.
- We will make our schedules known and encourage all of you to come in and talk to us.
- Tardiness at meetings – please notify me if you are going to be late!
- No cell phones during meetings.
- Senator of the Week – *Zak Silker, Off-Campus.*

VI. Senator Reports

Katie Bobich, Off Campus

- Night to Unite event – Have begun gathering contact info; the senator dunk tank was a good time.

Mariah Haffield, Off Campus

- Night to Unite event – Good discussion with the police who were there. Sited safety as biggest concern (theft, & women walking alone). We’re thinking of creating a safety campaign that would include tabling, posters, etc.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

M#8.28.13A: Create web redesign committee – Wolf/Erhardt

Move to: start a committee to revamp and redesign the Minnesota State University, Mankato website “Current Students” page. The committee shall be composed of 4+ students. Committee membership should include at least 1 Academic Affairs senator, at least 1 Student Affairs senator, and at least 2 non-senators. Additional membership beyond 4 people will not have any stipulations.

Motion Passed.

M#8.28.13B – Public Safety Campaign - Collins/Shakespear

Be it resolved: Move to assign a new task of “Public Safety Campaign” to the Public Relations and Marketing Committee to work with/for Mariah Hafffield.

Be it further resolved: the PR specialist and Mariah give a report at our Sept. 11 meeting to discuss if/how the campaign will proceed.

Be it even further resolved: The topic of the report should be about the dates, length, possible events and ideas the PR and Marketing Committee come up with.

Motion tabled until next week.

Lindquist: I move to eliminate oral senator reports and create a senator blog to share respective updates and information.

Shakespear: I love the blog idea but feel that the purpose of oral report is about accountability to senate. It could be done in conjunction with each another.

Lindquist: There would still be accountability as that information would be made available right at beginning of meeting.

Hafffield: I love the blog idea as many people don’t know about MSSA and it would be a great way to get it out to students.

Hanson: (*recited by-law requirements for Senator reports*) As they read now, oral reports are mandatory. However, we can change that if we want to.

Harris: Suggest that we blog weekly, and limit oral reports. I think that having the blog on the web page is a great idea.

Jacobson: Another suggestion would be to have Academic Affairs one week, then Student Affairs another. I think the oral forum is still important but also love the blog idea.

Collins: I look at people getting up in front of a group as an opportunity for individuals to grow. I think that it is good to promote what is best in each senator. My suggestion is to table this discussion until the by-laws review during next week’s meeting; changing what we want. That way it gives you time to figure out how we want to present it.

Silker: I feel that if you can’t sit and listen to a couple of reports like were given today, I don’t feel you should be here at all.

Holmberg: I don’t think we should totally forego oral reports as it is good skill development. I feel that everyone needs to know how to do these. I also feel that a blog is a really good idea so there should be a combination of each.

Lindquist: I’m not saying that you can’t speak, but saying to only do so when you have something special or relevant to share with Senate.

Hafffield: I feel that oral reports are good for each one of us and it should be required.

Lindquist: I move to close discussion.

Madsen: Good discussion. Let’s talk to each other about this.

Discussion tabled until next week’s discussion of by-laws.

IX. Announcements

Collins: I'm encouraged by all of your dialogue tonight. This is our year. We need to start running asap as this year will go by really fast. We need to focus a lot right now. There's not a lot in front of us but it's the world we can put there.

Hanson: Thanks to all of you who helped on the dunk tank senator event. I will be working with Blake, Academic Affairs Coordinator, in selecting weekly Senator of the Week awards.

Grotewold: I'm the new Academic Affairs coordinator. I'm in the process of trying to set up our meetings so please respond to my Doodle that was sent out.

Jacobson: I am attending the CSU Director interview tomorrow and invite you to join me.

X. Roll Call

Senators Present:

Na Chum, Katelyn Dick, Jessica Gumbert, Sonja Holmberg, AJ Pitts, Joe Wolf, Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter, Josh Erhardt, Mariah Haffield, Matthew Eberline, Elizabeth Jacobson; Matt Lindquist

Senators Absent:

Eric Clark; Paige Sparkman; Cody Ingenthron

Executive Leadership:

Chris Collins, President; Ben Shakespear, Vice President; Beth Madsen, Speaker.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 5:40 pm.