

81st MSSA Senate
September 4, 2013

- **Roll Call**

Christian Harris 2-1-0; Na Chum 2-0-1; Ashton Bird 2-0-1; Katelyn Dick 3-0-0; Jessica Gumbert 2-0-1; Sonja Holmberg 3-0-0; Cody Ingenthron 0-0-3; AJ Pitts 3-0-0; Eric Clark 0-1-2; Joe Wolf 3-0-0; Paige Sparkman 0-0-3; Katie Bobich 3-0-0; Zak Silker 3-0-0; Brooklyn Vetter 3-0-0; Josh Erhardt 3-0-0; Mariah Haffield 3-0-0; Matt Eberline 3-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 3-0-0

- **Open Forum**

- Abdi Sabrie – Running for Dist. #77 in Mankato school board. Runs a non-profit for immigrants in Mankato. Situation is bleak for immigrants in our area. Asking for MSSA’s support in being more engaged in community and getting out to vote in Nov. 5th is election.

- **Presentation**

- a. Ashley Strom & Steph Stassen – RSOs
 - i. Student org. restructure. (ppt) – via Mav Sync
 1. List of requirements: (mandatory meeting, policy & rules, attendance, scheduling policies, special event checklists, etc.)
 2. RSO flow chart
 3. Goal of restructure is to improve and increase involvement
 4. Status descriptions and ratings – ratings will impact funding requests
 5. Incentives – volunteer opps; promo of org, MavSync maintenance

Shakespear: Will ratings info be communicated to SAC?

Strom: We will be only offering recommendations to other bodies based on ratings we have. Therefore, that is info that we can share with MSSA.

Gumbert: Would you work individually with senators of that college?

Strom: That is a really good idea and something we could work on with you.

Collins: Are ratings made public?

Stassen: All info is internal and not public.

Shakespear: Being this restructured seeks endorsement from MSSA, should this be a formal motion?

Strom: Yes, that is our goal.

Michael Hanson – SA Coordinator, review of by-laws and proposed changes (*majority clerical in nature*)

Some By-Law highlights:

- Last week’s discussion of oral reports – by-laws state that they are mandatory.
- Student Affairs Coordinator’s role includes oversight of the Parking Advisory Board.
- Need for Edina senator/representation on our senate.
- Current expiration of senate appointments are on commencement date. Propose extending until fall semester to accommodate summer meetings.
- Fall elections are to be held 2nd week in Oct.,(8th) not in Sept.

Collins: Thanks for taking the time to do this as it is a lot of work.

Dick: I feel there may be confusion on eliminating ‘satellite’ campus and referral to MSU.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Appointments: Commission on Diversity (Ashton Bird, Pratakshy Bhandari), Website Redesign Fun-time Committee (Ben Shakespear, Joe Wolf, Chris Collins, Chelsea Masich, Sonja Holmberg, Becky Wagscheid, Zachary Zoet), Environmental Committee (Renee Pieschke), Constitution Commission (Michael Hanson)

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

Recognized Student Organizations:

Approval of Minutes: 8/28/13

Approved.

- **Vacancies**

Allied Health & Nursing (1)

College of Business (1)

College of Education (1)

CSET (1)

Off Campus (1)

McElroy (1)

Julia Sears (1)

Preska (1)

Crawford (1)

Stadium Heights (1)

Undeclared (2)

Speaker: Elections will be held Oct. 8th, 2nd Tues.

- **Officer Reports**

- *President Collins – No report as prefer to wait until I can provide one with more substance.*

- *Vice President Shakespear – 3 committees up & running: SAC, Elections, PR).*

- a. Poor response from senators on committee meetings. It is mandatory that I have them all by next week so please come see me.

- b. Meet & Confer tomorrow @ 11:30; need 2-3 more students to attend. Please see me.

- c. Mtg. w/library admin. On Fri.;

- d. Friday 11:00 CSU Dir. Search; your attendance is strongly encouraged.

- e. Thanks to Katie & Mariah for working on the new safety campaign.

- f. SAC meeting members need to be there this Friday to elect a chair.

- g. Committees scheduled: Elections – 4 pm, Monday; PR, Mon. 12:30.

- h. Thanks to Michael for all your hard work on the by-laws.

- *Speaker Madsen*

- Office hrs – The sign-up sheet is not looking good. You need to notify me in one way or another of your office hours. Committee meetings count as long as they are relevant to senate.

- RSO recognition – not yet gotten through the list but they will be on next week's agenda for approval. Also, I can't approve them until your advisors have approved them.

- Robert's Rules – We need a little work on them.

Hanson: Would office hours count for tabling at the RSO resource fair on Sunday?

Madsen: Yes.

- **Senator Reports**
- **Old Business**

M#9.4.13A - Public Safety Campaign - Collins/Shakespear

Whereas: There has been enlightening discussions on a safety campaign;
Whereas: We are testing the interest of a Safety Campaign to campus;
Whereas: This could be an excellent public relations opportunity;
Be it resolved: It is the task of the PR and Marketing Committee to gauge value and a plan of action timeline.
Be it resolved: We give Mariah, Katie and the PR and Marketing Committee until the September 18th meeting for a presentation and report on their findings.
Be it further resolved; The topic of the report and findings be about dates, length, events, and other details.
Be it even further resolved: The Senate will vote on the Safety Campaign at the 9/18/13 meeting.

Motion passes.

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- **New Business**

M#9.4.13B - By-Laws Revisions - Collins/Shakespear

Whereas: We have need to up-date by-laws to conform to our Constitutional changes;
Whereas: We should have a week to digest and interpret changes and potential changes;
Be it resolved: We approve proposed by-laws;
Be it further resolved: the voting, discussion, and amendments will occur on or after the September 11th senate meeting.
Be it even further resolved: the Speaker or Student Affairs Coordinator Hanson will email out the proposed changes no later than 5 pm on Sept. 5th.

Motion passes.

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M#9.4.13C - RSO Restructure - Shakespear/Collins

Whereas: Ashley Strom & Steph Stassen formally presented to Senate the implementation of the RSO restructure;
Be it resolved: The MSSA formally supports the implementation of the revised RSO requirements.

MSSA formally support the implementation of RSO requirement just presented by Ashley & Steph.

Gumbert: as an RSO president, I strongly support this.

Dick: As VP of an RSO, I think there is a lot of info that needs to be digested before approval.

Haffield: Perhaps we could table it until next week.

Hanson: As long as changes don't affect the By-laws, I see no reason to have to wait.

Shakespear: This just legitimizes what they're doing.

Collins: I move to postpone until Sept. 11th

Tabled until 9/11.

- **Announcements**

Pitts: Weds., are open kitchen in the Mult-cultural center. 11-2.

John: Fraternity meet & greet; Operation Disorder, Sunday, sept 15th.

- **Roll Call**

Senators Present:

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

Senators Absent:

Eric Clark; Paige Sparkman; Cody Ingenthron, Na Chum

Executive Leadership:

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

- **Adjournment**

Mtg. adjourned @ 5:20 pm