

# 81st MSSA Senate

## September 11th, 2013

### I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

### II. Roll Call

Christian Harris 3-1-0; Na Chum 3-0-1; Ashton Bird 2-0-2; Katelyn Dick 4-0-0; Jessica Gumbert 3-0-1; Sonja Holmberg 4-0-0; Cody Ingenthron 0-0-4; AJ Pitts 3-0-1; Eric Clark 0-2-2; Joe Wolf 4-0-0; Katie Bobich 4-0-0; Zak Silker 4-0-0; Brooklyn Vetter 4-0-0; Josh Erhardt 4-0-0; Mariah Haffield 4-0-0; Matt Eberline 4-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 3-0-1

### III. Open Forum

Tawsif Mahmud, Campus Coordinator

- a. MSUSA Team introductions
  - b. Working toward closer relationships with institutions
  - c. Will be working together on issues to bring to legislature.
  - d. Monthly emails upcoming with updates
  - e. FB & Twitter accts channels for info
  - f. Delegates is coming up in November. I encourage all of you to get involved. The legislative agenda will be set for February and there will be training sessions, and MnSCU updates. There is also an April delegates.
- Cassie, Impact Chair – Outdoor music festival on Friday, 3-11 pm, Crawford lawn. It will also include food.
  - LeAnn, Homecoming Chair – Homecoming is September 23-28<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme will be Maverick Territory - Paint the Town. Events will include: a carnival, food trucks, headphone disco, medallion hunt, prize pkgs. Look on website for updates.
  - John B. – Greek updates; Operation Disorder organization meeting tonight, still looking for volunteers. Dance Marathon is on Tues., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9-2 pm, Klips for Kids. Hair stylists are donating free haircuts and all donations will go toward the Children’s Miracle Network.

### IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

**Appointments:** Policy Consultation and Approval Committee (Matt Eberline), Enrollment Management (Christian Harris, Ben Shakespear, Michael Hanson, Chelsey Masich, Brooklyn Vetter), Tech Fee Advisory (Blake Grotewold, Dylan Fenger), Learning Technology Roundtable (Blake Grotewold, Chris Collins), Library Advisory Committee (Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter, Katie Bobich) Public Relations (Mariah Haffield) Constitution Commission (Katie Bobich); SAC (Ryan Lindquist)

*Commission on Ethics & Standards:*

**Student Allocations Committee:**

- SAC recommended to allocate up to \$315 to the MNSU Ski & Wakeboard club for registration of 9 students @ \$35 per student to attend the Midwest Region 3 Collegiate Competition in Evansdale, Iowa on September 6, 2013.
- SAC recommended to allocate up to \$200 to Cru for food expenses only (hot dogs, burgers, buns, and chips) for tailgate event in lot 20 on Saturday, September 14, 2013 prior to first home football game.

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$900 to Maranatha Christian Fellowship/International Student Outreach to support a speaker of \$800 and advertising of \$100 for a relationship lecture in the CSU on September 19, 2013.

***Recognized Student Organizations:***

Minnesota State Student Association, The Herd, Triathlon Club, Asian Pacific Student Organization, Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society, Pre-Physical/Occupational Therapy Club, Exercise is Medicine Club, Residence Hall Association, National Residence Hall Honorary, Graduate Scholars of English Association, On Par Connections, Sport Management Association

*Approval of Minutes: 9/4/13*

*Approved.*

**V. Vacancies**

*Allied Health & Nursing (1)*  
*College of Business (1)*  
*College of Education (1)*  
*College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (1)*  
*College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1)*  
*Off Campus (1)*  
*McElroy (1)*  
*Julia Sears (1)*  
*Preska (1)*  
*Crawford (1)*  
*Stadium Heights (1)*  
*Undeclared (2)*

Speaker: Elections will be held Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Officer Reports**

President Collins

- (LTR document shared)
- Star ID happening over winter break; replacement for your user name; means only one login.
- MSSA needs to brainstorm on how to communicate this to students.
- Asking senators to communicate this to constituents.
- Invite all to attend Web Redesign meeting on this Friday.
- Brainstorming also needed on Strategic Priorities to take back to the Administration.
- Also looking for recommendations for University Committee on Diversity and the President's Commission on Status of Women.
- Cabinet Meetings include MSSA President, VP, Speaker, & Coordinators. Please call me with times that work. (*most likely will be scheduled between 3 & 5 on Fridays*)
- Involvement – if you know of individuals that you feel would be good involved in our process, please provide me with names.
- Senators' absences – We are ready to remove those not attending or sending a proxy.
- I'm proud of work you are all doing.
- Will email out Star ID & Strategic priority document and list of Univ. committees.

Vice President Shakespear

- Meet & Confer last week - Thanks to Mariah & Katie for presenting their Safety Campaign. The Administration thought it was impressive. President Davenport talked about the Charting the Future and wants students to become familiar with it. It will mean fundamental changes on how we do business. Students will want to know what is happening within the MnSCU system. Pay particular attention to the Shared Services section as it will mean regionalizing of resources and possibly less student services.

Hanson: The link should be in your Inbox from Chancellor on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Library Leadership Meeting last Friday- Met with library leadership. Dean Roca stated that library is now much more than a warehouse for books; approximately 5000 students/day use the library; they will be seeking our continued support for the upgrade of computers. They also expressed great support for our MTRP and would like to see this program grow; The coffee shop possibility was also discussed and they would appreciate MSSA's motion of support for it; Looking at solutions for access to parking lots, esp. late at night, and during the winter months.
- Thanks to the Elections Committee & PR for their work on the MavGuard program.

Bobich – Library leadership has asked that the tunnel be referred to as the Connection and not the tunnel.

Speaker Madsen

- Tallying up office hours after meeting.
- Within the next two weeks Ashley & Steph interested in training MSSA on MavSync. (next week)
- By-Laws – We can either discuss this week or next week.
- Senator reports – three/semester. Strongly encourage three senators report a week.
- Parly Pro rule of the week – “Old Business” means we can just move into discussion.
- Tardiness at meetings – please don't look at people entering late as it is distracting to everyone.

Hanson: Senator of the Week Awards: *Senator Haffield and Senator Bobich.*

## **VII. Senator Reports**

Sonja Holmberg, Graduate Studies

- Met this week with Dean Ries and Chris Mickle. It was very informative. Goal for Graduate Studies is to set up a student advisory board for all graduate programs on campus. Chris Mickle is sending out an email for nominations for committee. Otherwise, we don't know what graduate students needs are. Our goal is to create a link between graduate students and the administration. I've also been working with the Non-Traditional Student Center where there are a kit of grad students and intend to work with some of them. The Academic Affairs Committee will also be helping with the web redesign.

## **VIII. Old Business**

*Tabled Motions*

### **M#9.4.13A - Support of New RSO Requirements/Restructure - VP Shakespear/President Collins**

Whereas: Ashley Strom & Steph Stassen formally presented to Senate the implementation of the new RSO restructure;

Be it resolved: The MSSA formally supports the implementation of the revised RSO requirements.

Shakespear: We talked last week whether this was something we would support and you had all of this past week to review it.

**Motion passes.**

**M#9.4.13B - By-Laws Revisions - Collins/Shakespeare**

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Collins: How many of you have reviewed the by-laws? That is less than 50%. This is embarrassing for us.

**Motion tabled until next week.**

**IX. New Business**

**M#9.11.13A - Posting of Senators' Office Hours - Wolf/ Haffield**

*Whereas:* It is important that Senators are available to meet with their constituents;  
*Be it Resolved:* MSSA recommends that Senators post one hour that they will be in the MSSA office or other campus location. This information will be posted in the MSSA office and also online.

Haffield: I think this would be helpful for students.

Holmberg: As a graduate student, I don't see people seeking me out in the senate office so my recommendation would be to provide an email address.

Gumbert: I have an extremely busy schedule so would suggest it be an email or a text.

Silker: I think it is a good idea and also a way to hold people accountable. This wouldn't necessarily have to be in the MSSA office but wherever else on campus you'd be available.

Dick: As an art student I have an extremely tight schedule so it would be easier for people to reach me at Nelson Hall.

Wolf: I like the idea of posting that hour in a location of your choice.

Collins: I move to amend to: "...will have contact info of time, location, available online." The contact info gives them the ability to reach out and that we have time for them.

Erhardt: I think this is good and addresses the issue of everyone being too busy.

Collins: I also want you to think about how we publish this online as we don't know how many people actually look at the MSSA page.

Shakespeare: I move to use "recommend" instead of "require." We should be doing this based on our own principles.

**Motion passes.**

**X. Announcements**

- Sigma Nu Chicken Feed on Sat., Sept. 28th
- Happy birthday to Senator Gumbert!
- Fall Festival on Friday
- Blake Grotewold - I missed a lot of Academic Affairs faces yesterday and am not pleased about this. Consequently, meetings will be changing to 1:00 pm on Fridays.
- Katie B. - Elections on October 8<sup>th</sup>, campaigning begins Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, application deadline is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hanson - Please review the by-laws before next week's meeting.

**XI. Roll Call**

**Senators Present:**

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

**Senators Absent:**

Eric Clark; Cody Ingenthron; AJ Pitts, Elizabeth Jacobson

**XII. Executive Leadership:**

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

**XIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned @ 5:20 pm.