

81st MSSA Senate September 18th, 2013

- **Call to Order by Madam Speaker**
- **Roll Call**

Christian Harris 4-1-1; Na Chum 3-3-0; Ashton Bird 3-0-2; Jessica Gumbert 5-0-1; Sonja Holmberg 6-0-0; AJ Pitts 5-0-1; Eric Clark 0-3-2; Joe Wolf 5-0-1; Katie Bobich 6-0-0; Zak Silker 6-0-0; Brooklyn Vetter 6-0-0; Josh Erhardt 6-0-0; Mariah Haffield 6-0-0; Matt Eberline 6-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 5-0-1

- **Open Forum**
 - Denise Billington Just, Community Engagement
 - i. Intros of two student leaders
 - ii. Service Learning Opps for this semester
 - Bill Toureville, Impact update; Stomper, Homecoming, etc.

Shakespear: Do you have any numbers on Stomper Sound?

Toureville: Attendees for Stomper Sound was 878.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Appointments: Ethics and Standards (Kenneth Kovac, Chris Anderson), Athletics Advisory Committee (Brandon Emanuelson, Jill Dotas, Austin Lane, Greg Simmons), Constitution Commission (Lado Jobava, Amanda Lindahl), Technology Committee (Chelsey Masich, Blake Grotewold, Christian Harris, Kelsey Hakes), President's Commission on the Status of Women (Brooklyn Vetter)
Commission on Ethics & Standards: Cody Ingenthron (attendance), EJ Clark (attendance), Ashton Bird (attendance)

Student Allocations Committee:

Recognized Student Organizations: Badminton Club, Delta Sigma Pi, Lutheran Campus Ministry - The Crossroads, Eta Sigma Gamma, Accounting Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Mavericks for Christ, Sport Management Association, Lambda Chi Alpha, Ski and Wakeboard Team, Council for Exceptional Children, Mavs Can

Approval of Minutes: 9/11/13

Approved.

- **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)*
 - Undeclared (2)*
 - Off Campus (1)*
 - McElroy (1)*
 - Julia Sears (1)*
 - Preska (1)*

Crawford (1)
Stadium Heights (1)

- **Officer Reports**

- **President Collins**

- Reminder to keep our eyes on horizon rather than on the prey in the room. Vice President Shakespear
 - Yes, let's keep our minds on Big Ideas, Real World Thinking.
 - SAC - If a committee member, please make sure you're there as we need quorum.
 - If unsure of what committees you're on, please see me.
 - Ethnic & Standards is up and running. Make sure your attending meetings.
 - Budget Meet & Confer - Tuition freeze affected budget. State appropriations helped offset some, however, bargaining agreements came in higher. Greater enrollment numbers will help balance things. A lot of discussion on performance-based funding. The state expects certain performance standards or it affects funding. Also, a reminder to review Charting the Future. Includes collaborative sourcing of services. We will also be reviewing general budget policy as it has not been updated since 2005.
 - Men Against Violence event - Tony Porter, Tues., Sept. 24th, 7 pm.

Holmberg: I'd be interested in the public budget policy meeting.

- **Speaker Madsen**

- Office hours reminder.
 - MavSync training will be next senate meeting (cards on how to join up)
 - Homecoming - if MSSA is interested in participating, bring forward motion to do so.
 - Ethics & Standards - Consent Agenda reflects official notice of those on the list.

- **Senator Reports**

- Joe Wolf, Social & Behavioral Sciences

- i. Working with RSOs who are struggling.
 - ii. Impact would like to partner with MSSA and start an open forum at Jazzman's or Heritage to talk about some hot topics on campus (smoking, diversity, campus improvement updates, etc.); possibly on bi-weekly basis.

Shakespear: Like the idea of it.

Speaker: Have you talked to the Administration about it?

Collins: President Davenport already offered something like this so I think this is something we can spearhead.

- **Old Business**

- **A. MavGuard - (handout)**

- Met today with Campus Security and they were excited about this project.
 - May be adding an add'l week. The timeline will be decided by next week.
 - Possible active-shooter event;
 - Sept. 30th start date; topics will be: personal safety, internet, health, weather, workplace.
 - Meeting will be held after today's senate meeting - please join if interested. We want to make this dynamic.
 - Will also be working with advertising.
 - Project will be a work-in-progress and not set in stone.

Erhardt: Can you tell us more about the active-shooter event?

Bobich: It would include a Security video on a school shooting; discussion, and then some active participation.

Proxy Harris: How will you promote this on campus?

Haffield: Posters, the Reporter, the new Current Student web page, and social media.

Shakespeare: I like that there is no rigidity to it. It wouldn't necessarily have to be seamless but could happen randomly throughout the year.

Bobich: We have a general outline as to how it will go but not a strict structure.

Collins: Have you talked to the marketing department about posters?

Bobich: We're in the process of putting all of that together.

Collins: Could you share this with senate next week? Are you in need of funding? Would you have prepared a budget? This will help us determine how much we can allocate.

Dick: As an art student, I would be willing to give a critique of what you're working on.

Holmberg: Don't forget to look at promotional items when figuring out your budget.

Haffield: We're currently looking at things like our planners and other things we have on hand. We want to be conservative on spending.

Collins: The intent of a budget is not to keep you frugal but to give us a general feel for things. I move to have an adhoc committee. Feel it will be bigger than public relations and marketing so it will be important to have it organized at a larger level.

Bobich: And how should this membership be defined? This was Mariah's and my baby.

Dick: I personally feel this is very well-organized but too large in terms of assistance and time. I'm in favor of an adhoc committee.

Proxy Harris: These senators have worked hard and I think it should be spearheaded by them but if there is a large amount of funds that are needed, it should include a larger amount of people.

Shakespeare: I support this but would specify that Bobich & Haffield be the co- chairs.

Amendment passes. *(for adhoc committee and budget presentation next week)*

Dick: I think this needs a bit more time to take shape, even if it is next semester.

Bobich: This needs to happen now. We've worked hard and see it as an insult to see it pushed back.

Pitts: When did you plan on having it done?

Bobich: Originally, we were thinking a semester long but now am on the fence about it.

Shakespeare: We've already voted in favor of the motion to continue with MavGuard.

Collins: I agree that we already set the fact we're going to continue but I feel it makes sense to give it more time. I don't think we should wait until next semester as we've gained momentum in a short amount of time. However, if more time is added it would allow it more of a chance to grow. I don't want to limit our scope but want to make sure the end result is everything you thought it could be.

Haffield: If this is discontinued after all of the hard work we we've already put into it we'll be very upset. People already think that this is going to happen so now not doing it at all will make us look bad. I feel we're ok with things and what we have done so far.

Motion passes. *(for MavGuard to continue)*

B. By-Laws Revisions as presented by SA Coordinator, Michael Hanson on 9.4.13

Motion passes.

- **New Business**

Open discussion - Homecoming Involvement:

Collins: I feel it important that we be involved but worry that there will be little or no involvement. I'd rather have us motivated to do so.

Madsen: As some of the registration deadlines have already passed, we could go to some of the events together.

Bobich: I'm concerned that a lot of us in senate are Greek and already have so many other commitments so worry about whom would do it.

Haffield: I like the idea of a float as it shows that we are involved.

Pitts: Floats are a lot of work so worry about not enough people helping out.

Erhardt: as deadlines have passed, would be in favor of hanging out with MSSA.

Shakespear: Hertz car will be in the parade so we will have our name out there.

Harris: I feel that a float is a great idea and is as easy as getting a truck and driving it in the parade.

Holmberg: My suggestion would be to combine both the Hertz car with those who want to walk.

Madsen: If you're interested, please let one of the student leaders know.

M#9.18.13A - Open Forum Partnership w/MSSA & Impact - Wolf/Shakespear

Whereas: We feel it would be beneficial to provide students with an open forum by faculty/administration in Jazzman's or other open area on hot topics on campus like construction, smoking, or storytelling from the Multi-Cultural Center or International Center.

Be it resolved: This will be a partnership between MSSA and Impact.

Shakespear: The Administration has already indicated they supported this so I feel we should go with it.

Holmberg: I think it a good idea but caution the use of areas like the Heritage Room and suggest more open areas like Jazzman's.

Erhardt: Perhaps we could find a way to do a podcast, record it, or stream it.

Dick: I like the podcast as it would also mean an automatic archive.

Wolf: And also to point out that this would not be used for campaigning or political purposes.

Collins: I think it looks good.

- **Announcements**
 - Pitts: Sigma Nu Chicken Feed during Homecoming, \$5.
 - Hanson: Thanks to all of you for passing the by-laws. I will make the approved changes and will get copies to each of you.
 - Madsen: I'm on this year's homecoming court so am asking for your vote.
 - Dick: Art show opening on Monday.

Motion passes.

(Unanimously)

- **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, CJ Harris

Senators Absent:

Eric Clark; Cody Ingenthron; Na Chum

Executive Leadership:

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

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned @ 5:19 pm