

81st MSSA Senate
September 25, 2013

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

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

III. Open Forum

a. John Mandebvu – MSUSA Campus Comm., Leg. Specialist

- Marshall, MN this weekend for training; will report back next week.

Presentation: Ashley Strom & Steph Stassen, MavSync 101

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Jessica Gonnering, President's Commission for Status of Women; Josh Erhardt, Parking Advisory Committee (Lance Selvig, Zak Silker); USCB (Amy Anderson, Ben Shakespear)

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$450 to the MNSU Ski & Wakeboard Club for travel of 9 students @ \$50/student to attend the Midwest Region 3 Collegiate Competition in Chicago, IL on September 20, 2013.

Recognized Student Organizations: Spanish Club, International Student Association, Alpha Phi Sigma, NeStCom, Habitat for Humanity at MSU, MNSU Law Enforcement Club, Regional and National Geographic Explorers, Muslim Students Association, Child Development and Family Studies Club

Approval of Minutes: 9/18/13

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)

College of Arts & Humanities (2)

Undeclared (2)

Off Campus (1)

McElroy (1)

Julia Sears (1)

Preska (1)

Crawford (1)

Stadium Heights (1)

VI. Officer Reports

President Collins

- a. Website Redesign – Getting feedback from Scott Boyd-Jeff Iseminger; Christian Harris-Ted Johnson
- b. Meet & Confer next Thursday – Let us know if interested in attending.

- c. Homecoming Parade – We are registered for the parade and will be right behind President Davenport.
- d. Committee appointments – Were down senators so need some of you to step up and take on extra. (i.e. Parking Appeals, Health Advisory)
- e. MSUSA this weekend will cover budget audit of 2013. If interested in knowing more, see me.
- f. Family Weekend: Oct. 11-13th, both Ben and me will be bringing our family members and encourage you to do the same.
- g. Promotional item idea – Purple bandanna w/Stomper’s face for use at student events.
- h. Apathy – We assume that people don’t care but should look at it more of a marketing effort. I’m asking that you find at least three constituents and probe them and what drives them or their apathy. There will be a prize for each senator who does this.

Hanson: I’d like to suggest a senate get-together for Family Weekend.

Vice President Shakespear

- Ask that you start thinking about what you want for this University and will be asked to make decisions for the future (student fees/budgets) and what students value.
- Reporter’s article on Homecoming budget/process and decrease of \$19,000; thought it was a bad impression of us; an article in response will be in next week’s paper.
- Decisions like this you will be asked to make. As to what you value (i.e. Women’s Center events and their high attendance)
- RHA Consultation process has begun for next year. You won’t be asked to vote for a few months but I want to get this conversation rolling (doc cam of timeline).
- MSSA is expected to write a letter at the end as part of the Consultation process.
- It is the same conversation every year and our involvement ends up being writing the letter and it doesn’t matter what we have to say. Our vote is meaningless.
- Looking at a 5% increase to base rate.
- Janney says Residence Hall is an “auxillary” to the University. Or, they are run as a business.
- Strongly encourage your attendance at RHA meetings and help facilitate these discussions.
- We have resp. to students who are coming here.

Speaker Madsen

- Will be doing office hours on MavSync now; senator reports will also be on MavSync To-Do list, deadlines included.

Silker: Can we continue to use office sign-in sheet?

Madsen: You can but I prefer you use MavSync

Hanson: With the amount of vacancies and a later election, my suggestion would be to cut reports down to two.

Madsen: Yes, had thought to do that.

VII. Senator Reports

- a. Josh Erhardt – Off-Campus

- Working on the community outreach project to increase attendance at on-campus events. Considering use of bulletin boards, monthly emails, and improving overall communications. The goal is helping off-campus students retain the college experience.
 - b. Senator Silker, Off-Campus – I have info on Sport-Tek polos for MSSA. Price point: \$35/30; \$33/40
 - c. Senator Vetter, Off-Campus: Talked to Jessica Flatequal about designating two LGBT bathrooms outside of their conference room. Unclear yet as to whether we can do this or not.

Proxy Harris: Would you be interested in speaking to me as a writer for the Reporter?

Madsen: suggest we postpone MavGuard budget until next week.

Bobich: I agree, as this may warrant a lot of discussion.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

- Operation Disorder thanks; Neighborhood Assoc. – please remind ppl to be courteous.
- Haffield – We would like to speak to everyone on the MavGuard adhoc committee.
- Shakespear – Senator Erhardt and I are hosting some tailgating prior to the football game. Come over to Colonial Manor if you are interested.

XI. Roll Call

Senators Present:

Sonja Holmberg, Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter, Josh Erhardt, Mariah Haffield, Matthew Eberline, Elizabeth Jacobson, CJ Harris

Senators Absent:

Eric Clark; Na Chum, Jessica Gumbert, AJ Pitts, Josh Erhardt

Executive Leadership:

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

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 5:50 pm.