

81st MSSA Senate
January 15, 2014

Call to Order by Madam Speaker

I. Roll Call

Jessica Gumbert 13-0-1; Sonja Holmberg 12-2-0; AJ Pitts 9-3-1; Joe Wolf 11-1-1; Katie Bobich 13-0-0; Zak Silker 12-0-1; Brooklyn Vetter 14-0-0; Mariah Haffield 14-0-0; Matt Eberline 13-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 12-0-2; Karson Krueger-Grant 9-0-0; Josh Hoekstra 4-3-0; Tyler Conlon 7-0-0; Evan Nagel 7-2-0; Becky Wegscheid 7-0-0; Emily Peterson 5-2-0; Brett Spartz 9-0-0; PJ Piotrowski 6-0-0, Margaret Neeck 5-0-0, Emma Deppa 2-2-0; Mychael Ihnat 3-0-0

II. Open Forum

a. Bryan Schneider – IT, Asst. CIO

- i. Star ID Conversion update – went very well for both students and staff. Still offering ‘help’ locations. Conversions also have been completed with 3rd party providers.
- ii. Wireless network upgrade went fairly well. Some problems with access points exist yet in the CSU. Will be replacing approximately 60 of those and will also be expanding capacity.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Tech Committee (Dylan Fenger), Student Evaluation Feedback commission (Joe Wolf, Taylor Pederson, Margaret Neeck, Emma Deppa, Evan Nagel) President’s Commission on Diversity (Mychael Ihnat)

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$300 (\$50/student x 6 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the School Psychology Society for travel to the 2014 mid-winter conference sponsored by MSPA from January 30-31, 2014 in Minneapolis, MN.

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$1,000 (\$50/student x 20 students) for non-food related travel expenses to St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center for travel to a conference from January 2-8, 2014 in Dallas, TX.

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$300 (\$50/student x 6 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the Alpine Ski Team for travel to the MW Collegiate Ski Association race January 10-12, 2014 at Giants Ridge, Biwabik, MN.

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$2,200 (\$100/student x 22 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the Handball Club for being invited to participate at the US Handball Association’s National Collegiate Tournament from February 18-24, 2014, at NC State, Raleigh, NC.

Approval of Minutes: 12/4/13

IV. Vacancies

Allied Health & Nursing (2)

Arts & Humanities (1)

College of Education (1)

Undeclared (1)

Julia Sears (1)

McElroy (1)

V. Officer Reports

President Collins

- a. Gorilla Fun Run event promotion – seeking interest on putting together MSSA team.**

Vice President Shakespear

- b. Senate brainstorming session on 12.4.13. I will be distributing minutes.**
- c. Partners for Affordable Housing – Pedal for Poverty fundraiser will be held on the first Saturday in March. There is a \$1,000/team requirement. Last year we had an MSSA**

team. If interested, let me know. Great cause with great prizes. There are a lot of local business people who participate so it is a good networking opportunity.

Peterson: Could more MSU teams compete?

Shakespeare: Yes, we could have more MSU teams compete. Just let me know who is interested.

Speaker Madsen

- d. Senator reports –(3) reports are mandatory. Senate reports are due on early Tues. nights.
- e. Please inform other students about senate vacancies.

VI. Senator Reports

VII. Old Business

Motion #1.15.14 – (Consent Agenda item) Open Discussion on SAC’s spring concert recommendation. – Shakespeare/Haffield

--SAC gives their support for a large spring 2014 concert and recommends a guarantee to IMPACT that SAF funds will cover 50% of a potential loss, up to a maximum of \$2,000, for a large spring concert.

Recognized Student Organizations: Minnesota State University - Mankato Subunit of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, MNSU Law Enforcement Club, Phi Delta Theta, American Civil Liberties Union: MSU Chapter, Teachers of Tomorrow, Athletes in Action, Microbiology Club, Student Nurses Organization, Tau Sigma National Honor Society, Panhellenic Council, Delta Chi, Student Ambassadors, Ducks Unlimited, MNSU Finance Club, Sigma Chi

Shakespeare: Senate had not agreed to this recommendation and SAC made a decision on this.

Holmberg: Will discussion change any of this?

Gumbert: As a member of SAC I would add that we talked about this at length and our view is we don’t want them to sacrifice a large concert. There haven’t been any issues in the past with selling tickets. This was discussed thoroughly and extremely thought out.

Collins: I sat in on one of these meetings and there was a lot of discussion. This came down to more about having a fun concert. I think it is important for student activities to have a fun concert and I think this is fair.

Shakespeare: I’m not bashing SAC but just saying this issue deserves more discussion.

Holmberg: I’m concerned we’ve become hostages to Impact and they’ll continue to look to us to bail them out. How is it we ensure that we don’t end up doing this again if they should lose money on this? I feel due diligence was done with the students’ money.

Shakespeare: That is what I’m trying to say...we’ve discussed this and now *due diligence* was done.

Motion passes. (20-0-1)

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Announcements

Jacobson: I would encourage you all to go to Einsteins’ Bagels if haven’t done so yet.

Collins: Create My Tee job opportunity available. Conflict of interest if I continue to do so. If interested, please see me.

X. Roll Call

XI. Senators Present:

Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter, Mariah Haffield, Matthew Eberline, Elizabeth Jacobson, Taylor Conlon, Brett Spartz, Jessica Gumbert, Rebecca Wegscheid, PJ Piotrowski, Emily Peterson, Karson Krueger-Grant, Joe Wolf, Margaret Neeck; Emma Deppa; Mychael Ihnat

Senators Absent:

AJ Pitts, Josh Hoekstra

Executive Leadership Present:

Chris Collins, President; Ben Shakespeare, Vice President; Beth Madsen, Speaker

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 4:32 pm.