

81st MSSA Senate
January 29, 2014

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

Jessica Gumbert 13-1-1; Sonja Holmberg 13-2-0; AJ Pitts 9-4-1; Joe Wolf 12-1-1; Katie Bobich 14-0-0; Zak Silker 13-0-1; Brooklyn Vetter 15-0-0; Mariah Haffield 15-0-0; Matt Eberline 14-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 13-0-2; Karson Krueger-Grant 10-0-0; Tyler Conlon 8-0-0; Evan Nagel 8-2-0; Becky Wegscheid 8-0-0; Emily Peterson 6-2-0; Brett Spartz 10-0-0; PJ Piotrowski 7-0-0, Margaret Neeck 6-0-0, Emma Deppa 3-2-0; Mychael Ihnat 4-0-0

III. Open Forum

- a. Dillon Petrowitz: Community Engagement
 - i. Approximately 200 students provided over 700 hrs. of service
 - ii. Campus Kitchens is shipping out over 150 meals a week.
 - iii. Campus Food Shelf now at Crossroads church
 - iv. Development of an Advisory Committee is currently underway.
 - v. Events update.

IV. Presentations

- a. Marilyn Wells, Provost – Academic Planning (*handouts*)
 - i. Accreditation process requires a strategic plan and direction.
 - ii. Academic planning has been left out of this integrated process.
 - iii. Process will take approximately a year and will be launched the following year.
 - iv. Taskforces will be created and MSSA will have a part in them.
 - v. Need to define a plan on our direction.
 - vi. Presently in the process of getting feedback.
 - vii. Campus-wide vision sessions are being planned and will be open to everyone on campus.
- b. Workshops and focus on Academic mapping.
 - i. Critical for students' mapping their career field.
 - ii. Requirements and putting into an eight- semester map.
 - iii. Will also look at whether offering enough of certain classes.
 - iv. This will include milestones to help students complete their degree in a certain timeframe.
 - v. Looking to create maps for every major.
 - vi. Website available to see entire process.

Conlon: To what extent are students' involved?

Wells: There will be an MSSA rep on every taskforce. Depts. will help with providing the framework for them and encouraging feedback from their students.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Student Allocations Committee (*Jeremy Serreyn, Skeeter Rogers*);

Environmental Committee (*Brett Spartz*)

Commission on Ethics & Standards: Attendance: *AJ Pitts, Jackson Zemke, Emily Peterson* (*Student Affairs Committee*);

Student Allocations Committee:

--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 February 8, 2014 at Spirit Mountain, Duluth, MN

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$1,000 (\$40/student x 25 students) for non-food related expenses to Delta Chi for registration at the Regional Leadership Conference, February 21, 2014 in Mankato, MN

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$1,000 (\$50/student x 20 students) for non-food related travel expenses to American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for travel to the concrete canoe competition April 25, 2014 in Iowa City, IA

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$400 (\$50/student x 8 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the Information Security Student Organization (ISSO) for travel to the annual collegiate cyber defense completion on February 22, 2014 at MCTC, Minneapolis, MN

--SAC recommends to allocated up to \$334 to Cru to partner with CAs to package meals for those in need with students in the resident halls on February 4, 2014. The allocated funding may be used to purchase the food used to package the meals or for advertising

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$750 (\$50/student x 15 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the International Business Organization for travel to the MBAA International Conference, March 26, 2014 at The Palmer House, in Chicago, IL

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$850 (\$50/student x 17 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the Dental Hygiene Club for travel to San Pedro, Belize to provide free dental care to children, March 1-8, 2014

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$50 (*\$50/student x 1 student*) for non-food related travel expenses to Phi Kappa Psi for travel to the Presidents Leadership Academy, February 7, 2014 in Indianapolis, IN.

--SAC recommend to allocate up to \$250 (*\$50/student x 5 students*) for non-food related travel expenses to Phi Kappa Theta Colony for travel to Phi Kappa Theta conference, January 31, 2014 in Linwood, KS.

Recognized Student Organizations: Pre-Medical Club, Marketing Club, Field Ecology Club, International Business Organization, Sport and Exercise Psychology, Semper Fi Society, Saudi Arabian Association at the MNSU, Mankato Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club

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Approval of Minutes: 1/15/14

VI. Vacancies

Allied Health & Nursing (2)

Arts & Humanities (2)

College of Education (1)

Undeclared (1)

Julia Sears (1)

McElroy (1)

Off-Campus (1)

Off-Campus: James Stanford

I'm currently the President of the Non-Traditional Student Advisory Board. I was on the MSSA Election Committee last year and helped with the revision of the MSSA Election Rules. I believe I can bring a lot of perspective from the non-traditional side to senate.

Meeck: Are you free on Wednesdays?

Stanford: Yes.

Conlon: Can you describe your leadership style?

Standord: I'm adaptable and can take the lead or be part of a group. I also live off-campus so can be a voice for that group as well.

Hand vote: James Stanford elected.

Arts & Humanities – Ryan Berndt

Someone needs to fulfill this position and I want to do that.

Deppa: What are your qualifications?

Berndt: I was head of my dorm floor and had a leadership role in my fraternity. I feel this would also help me gain new leadership skills.

Conlon: Are you available on Weds.?

Berndt: Yes.

Peterson: Would you still hold your newspaper position?

Berndt: No, I would not.

Wegscheid: He's already been involved in senate and I think he would be great.

Shakespeare: Ryan already comes to senate a lot and sometimes does more than many senate members. I think he would be great.

Hand vote: Ryan Berndt elected.

Officer Reports

President Collins

- Please encourage people to consider running for spring elections.
- MSSA polo shirt size sign-up sheet.

Vice President Shakespeare

- Bonding and Governor's visit

Collins: Would it be helpful for Health Science students be available for asking tough questions on this

Shakespeare: Yes, I believe it would.

Holmberg: This doesn't mean that we won't get our clinical sciences building but will just have to work harder to get it. If we can pack a room with people who understand bonding and have them come forward and say that this is important to us. I think it is critical that we be involved.

Shakespeare: They already gave \$2M to plan the building so it is unlikely that they won't give it.

However, we just need to work a little harder to get the money.

Bulcock: Dr. Stewart Ross is putting a project together on effectiveness of faculty evaluation process on campus. He is interested in obtaining student feedback on this process. This is a research project he is working on and not a taskforce. He is looking to different focus groups for feedback. Currently, 8-10 focus groups are planned. He will need eight MSSA reps. He plans to wrap this up by April.

Collins: Ad-hoc committee appointments were already made for this group. (*Joe Wolf, Margaret Meeck, Evan Nagel.*)

Bulcock: Then I would suggest that anyone who has been appointed but not sure if they are really interested, to communicate this to President Collins.

Shakespeare: Please make sure you want to do this and can show up as he drives down from the Twin Cities for these meetings. Those who don't attend will be sent to Ethic & Standards as this happens too frequently with this senate.

Speaker Madsen

- Senators are required to be on two committees.
- Do your job and don't just sit in the office.
- I need senator report requests by Tues. noon.

Shakespeare: committee chairs are now submitting names of those who are not attending and you will be sent to E & S.

Senator Reports

Margaret Neeck, Undeclared

- I've talked to many students in the Students & Family Program. I feel that most students are so apathetic.

Mariah Haffield & Katie Bobich, Off Campus

- Distribution of the MavGuard posters and handouts has begun.

- It's implementation officially starts next week
- There will be a crash car in the CSU mall on Thurs.
- Our first big event will be the active shooter event the following week.
- Things are going very well. I encourage all of you to promote this to everyone you know.
- If you see anything unsafe, please let us know at: #MavGuard)
- Lenny Koupal has also helped us make a YouTube video.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Announcements

Wolf: There will be free tubing tomorrow at Mt Kato, 5-9 pm. with bus rides every ½ hour. Also, I'm having a Super Bowl party on Sunday @ 5 pm and you are all invited.

Wegscheid: I just created a MSUSA Mankato group page on Facebook.

Vetter: Looking for nominees for Women of Courage event.

Todd Pfingsten: Student Affairs/MSSA Bowling Challenge is scheduled for Weds, Feb. 26th. April 30th is our tentative date for the softball challenge.

Bulcock: Dance Marathon event, For the Kids, - Goal of \$15,000 - right now at \$10,000-11,000.

Shakespeare: Pedal Past Poverty event on March 1st, 9-3 pm. I could use your participation on our student leaders' team. If you sign up, it's important that you show up.

X. Roll Call

XI. 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, James Stanford, Ryan Berndt

XII. Senators Absent:

AJ Pitts, Jessica Gumbert

Executive Leadership Present:

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

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.