

81th MSSA Senate

October 2, 2013

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

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

III. Open Forum

John Bulcock: If you're looking for issues to work on, you'll need to seek those out, yourselves. Many of the Senate's legacy projects have come from Administration (i.e. Green Fee, Internships) and right now there are none. I want to share the real-world way you can go about this. One way to do that is to actually go meet with students. Introduce yourself to people sitting in common areas around campus, in dining halls, in the library, or on the bus, and talk to them about their student experiences. What can you do to help them feel more comfortable or to help them be more successful? If you expect students to come to you with concerns, you'll be waiting, or what is brought to you will be obvious. (Senator role-playing with constituents.) If you're actually visiting with students, you'll have a good deal to contribute to your committee meetings and to the Senate when you give reports.

Michael Hanson: We're looking at a few different dates to go up to 7700 France and hold a senate meeting. Tentative dates being considered are: 10/30, 11/6, and 11/13. We'd also be able to utilize and showcase the telepresence system. We wanted to wait until elections are over. Please look over your schedules. Another idea from Student Affairs was to consider making this a senate-bonding opportunity and go out for dinner or ice cream afterwards. The visit will also give us the opportunity to visit with students up there and understand what some of their issues are.

Shakespeare: Those are the same times of RHA Consultation meetings are taking place and feel it is important that students attend these as this will be a consultation process.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

--Removal of Senators Ingenthron (Graduate Studies) and Bird (Arts & Humanities).

Student Allocations Committee:

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$150 to the Honors Student Council for travel of 3 students @ \$50 each to attend the National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA to be held November 6-10, 2013.

--SAC Recommended to allocate up to \$1,000 to The Navigators for conference registration of 20 students @ \$50 each to attend the Regional Fall Conference in Osceola, WI on Oct. 18, 2013.

Recognized Student Organizations: Vietnamese American Student Association, Fashion & Commercial Photography Club, Honors Student Council, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Black Graduate Student Association Affiliate Chapter, School Psychology Society, Works on Paper, Gender Blur, East European Student Association, Black Student Union, Life to Live Mankato Chapter, The Attic, Phi Upsilon Omicron, Police Women of MNSU, Student Dietetic and Nutrition Organization, Entrepreneurship Club, American Sign Language Club, Women's Lacrosse, Information Security Student Organization, Secondary Education Club

Approval of Minutes: 9/25/13

V. Vacancies

Arts & Humanities (2)

Allied Health & Nursing (2)

College of Business (1)

College of Education (1)

College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (1)

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (1)

Graduate Studies (1)

Undeclared (2)

Off Campus (1)

McElroy (1)

Julia Sears (1)

Preska (1)

Crawford (1)

Stadium Heights (1)

VI. Officer Reports

President Collins

- I'm angry right now as I've been hearing a lot of things about my apathy and the low presidential approval ratings. I come to you every other week with things that you can be working on. I spend a full time job going to meetings and bringing them to you and you guys aren't doing anything. You say I'm not doing anything, you guys aren't doing anything. It is my job to motivate you and get you to do things.

Vice President Shakespear: There are issues that need to be addressed. This sums up so well what I wanted to say but in a more tempered down way. Students. What is your role here? I'm so sad that we've reached this stage and this conversation has to take place. Our job isn't to bring issues to you. It's your role to bring issues of the students here. I love the job some of you are doing. I love MavGuard, I love what Senators Bobich, Haffield, Erhardt, and Holmberg are doing. If you are expecting the executive team to deliver some huge project that has already been implemented because you want to leave some type of huge legacy and say, 'I did this', then here is my email address. Send me your resignation. We have the honor sometimes of being part of these massive projects like the Green Fee, but they come down from Administration. Otherwise, we have to generate these smaller ideas ourselves. Chris and my job is to see that your ideas go to the Administration. Chris has tried so hard at handing issues to you, like the website redesign. Where was your feedback on this? You've done nothing with them. Chris also represented us four months over summer without anyone else here. Chris and I are meeting with President Davenport, Dr. Jones, Rick Straka, and all of them and bringing your ideas to them. That is Chris's and my job. We are doing the things that we need to. If you're unhappy with what we're doing, that is not our fault. You are to make it happen. I've got people over there who have started a body of graduate students. I've got two senators who've started one of the biggest safety campaigns on campus. We've changed our constitution (*later fall elections*) and have shot ourselves in the foot. If we don't like this, then someone get this on the agenda so we can change it.

Speaker Madsen

- Thank you to those who've started to use MavSync for their senator reports and office hours.
- Parly Pro tip: Always address the Speaker.
- I may have a motion next week about office hours. Don't really care so much about office hours but more about you doing your job.

VII. Senator Reports

- Elizabeth Jacobson, Off Campus
- I've been elected as CSU Board Chair. Some updates are: Myers Marketplace is being turned into an Einstein Bagels. Construction will begin a week after Thanksgiving and worked on throughout winter break. The pizza place is no longer going to be a Papa John's but will be a Sodexo brand. CSU Board looking for your feedback on this. (*handout*). Dining Services will be presenting to CSU Board in two weeks. Requesting a projector for Ostrander. Working on getting more parking spots for Summit. Haunted House is looking for more RSOs to be part of it. Spread the word.

Gallery: Are they adding more booths downstairs on MavAve?

Holmberg: Suggest changing the plugs that have USB ports in them.

John B.: Any update on the new CSU Director?

Jacobson: Yes, Mark Constantine, who will be beginning Oct. 14th.

Shakespeare: Last year we had the best Haunted House booth in the CSU. So would like to see this happen again. Also, please introduce yourself to Mark Constantine. He is amazing.

- Jessica Gumbert, College of Business
- COB's student meet and greet had a huge turnout (126). Currently, working on project of getting word out to students on availability of scholarships, portal, study abroad and other COB offerings. There are not enough students taking advantage of these opportunities or signing up for things. I actually rec'd two scholarships because there were not enough students applying for them. We are also working with a group of students on our website redesign. In addition, we are planning a ceremony for the new Crossroads renovation.

Madsen: With so many students not signing up for scholarships, how are they going to be promoting them?

Gumbert: We're working with the Marketing Club on new ideas. We also plan on more one-on-one with students to get the word out.

Collins: I really like the perks that COB offers their students. Would they be willing to team up with others?

Gumbert: Yes, we're already talking to Blake about that.

VIII. Old Business

MavGuard Budget Presentation, Senators Hafffield and Bobich (*handout*)

- Budget levels 1-3. Number 3 being the most elaborate, 2, middle of the road, etc.
- Promotional items - ideas/pricing of key chains. Suggestion that it be switched up with each topic.
- Posters/table tents - Pricing breakdown (*based on University pricing*)

Madsen: This is only a discussion and we will have to wait for formal vote on it.

Holmberg: As far as advertising, have you looked at the new CAN option? Have you thought of looking at just doing a bandanna and not the key chains and wristbands? Or maybe look at the key chains with a little button flashlight instead of just a regular keychain to stay in line with a safety campaign?

Bobich: It is just my personal opinion that I wouldn't know what to do with a bandanna. I don't wear them around my wrist. I thought the others would be easier to use.

Holmberg: I've been to four events in Ostrander and all were filled up. One was a safety campaign where an officer had been shot. There were a lot of people that attended that night.

Hafffield: It wouldn't be just a random key chain but a safety topic that would go with that.

Collins: Going back to Kenney's point and the community's interest in working with this program. I speak to my own experience when taken into the ER last Friday and staff there saying that their worst night is Saturday of Homecoming in terms of traffic of patients. They suggested that it would be a great idea to team up and try to bring awareness of hazards that go with that. And also from Mariah's investigation, Mankato Public Safety is interested in working with us on increasing campus security with walking at night. Our own campus security is always thrilled to work on something like this with us. When it comes to a funding thing, maybe some of it does come out of our budget but there may be many others willing to sponsor different parts of this. Secondly, to Sonja's point that often times trinket items are just thrown into a drawer, maybe we think about t-shirts, sunglasses, hats, etc., that feeds and drives these events.

Bobich: Our budget reflects us paying for all of the promotional items and no programming. Public Safety would provide all of the programming. So maybe we take out all of the refreshments as that would also be part of programming and we do the legwork and promote these events.

Hafffield: For instance one of the events we are considering is a simulated car-wreck and how they utilize the jaws of life. They would fund this event.

Wolf: I didn't know about the Civility Campaign and wonder how well that went.

Hafffield: From what I understand it wasn't promoted as well as they hoped and it was primarily a poster campaign.

Wolf: I agree with Sonja's statement about wristbands probably being thrown into a drawer unless I had a real connection with it.

Madsen: Also, just for everyone's information, the Civility Campaign is still ongoing.

Hanson: Have you had any consideration to promotional materials happening also at 7700 France or Normandale sites?

Haffield: We haven't as all events would be held here on our campus and we don't think many students would drive down to see a simulated car crash. If they would, then yes, we'd consider advertising that.

Bobich: We will be going there next semester and can ask them about this. If there is interest, then we can plan an event.

Hanson: As far as pricing per unit, does that vary based on amounts?

Haffield: Yes, it does.

Bobich: Also, you'll see that prices get lower with larger volume.

Hanson: Also, my final comment is that you may want to make sure you get prices without taxes.

John B.: We have some excellent staff in our video publications IT Dept. (MavTube) and they work closely with us on live-streaming and/or recording) events like this with distanced people.

Shakespeare: Do you know where the CSU got the bandannas?

Wilkins: Lenny Koupal worked on getting those. I do know that if off-campus vendors beat campus prices our campus will work to match that price.

Bobich: This idea came from Mariah and not from Ben, Chris, or the Administration. We want this campaign to be different and are hearing that even the Administration is talking and promoting this already.

Madsen: The budget, as is, will be sent out to all of you electronically to review over the next week.

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

- Madsen: I attended the preview of Les Mis last night and it was amazing.
- CJ Harris: looking for a little help on a logo for the MavGuard campaign. If anyone has any design knowledge, let me know. It just needs a little polish.
- Bobich: Elections are this Tuesday. If anyone is available to help cover polling stations, let me know.
- Ryan Berndt: Are you taking late applications as they haven't heard about it. They also said that they've tried the online application and it didn't work.
- Gallery (*Schieler*): The Constitution that is apparently being used is out-of-date. It has been years since we've done an October vacancy election. It also reads that there is a May general election which should've been that first light bulb that went off. So, in light of using an out-of-date constitution, I think it would be in the spirit of this organization to extend the application deadline.
- Madsen: I think it should be up to Katie and the Executive leadership to decide this.
- Bobich: We are going off the revised By-laws from 2013-2014 and it says there will be an October election. I'm not sure if I have the power to go outside of this and extend the application deadline but am willing to do it. (*Application deadline was extended to Friday, Oct. 4th @ noon*)
- Collins: No one took my talk-to-your-constituent challenge so no one gets the prize, therefore, I am extending the challenge for an even bigger prize.
- Shakespeare: Meet & Confer tomorrow and we're looking for two more students to go.
- John: Remember your one-constituent/day and meet that challenge; Red Cross Bloodmobile, Dance Marathon, Off-Campus Housing Fair, Oct. 22nd. Lincoln Park Neighborhood Assoc. looking for volunteer opportunities; MSUs 145th Founders Day on Monday, Lincoln Lounge.

XI. Roll Call

Senators Present:

Sonja Holmberg, Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter(*Proxy*), Josh Erhardt(*Proxy*), Mariah Haffield, Matthew Eberline, Elizabeth Jacobson, CJ Harris, AJ Pitts

Senators Absent:

Executive Leadership:

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

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.