

# 81st MSSA Senate

## October 9th, 2013

### I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

### II. Roll Call

Christian Harris 4-0-3; Jessica Gumbert 6-0-1; Sonja Holmberg 6-1-0; AJ Pitts 5-1-1; Eric Clark 0-4-3; Joe Wolf 6-0-1; Katie Bobich 7-0-0; Zak Silker 7-0-0; Brooklyn Vetter 7-0-0; Josh Erhardt 6-0-1; Mariah Haffield 7-0-0; Matt Eberline 7-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 6-0-1

### III. Open Forum

- Student Health Services – Mock House Party event next Weds., Phi Delta Beta, 8:50-10:30, shuttle buses available.
- Greg Wilkins – Family Weekend this weekend. Six Appeal event this Friday, Ballroom, 6:00 pm. Sat., Maverick After Dark. Please register family/friends. Invite MSSA to attend IMPACT meetings each week.

### IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

*Appointments:* PR and Marketing Specialist (Katie Bobich), Ethics and standards (Ryan Berndt), Priority Registration Request (Justin Birch)

*Commission on Ethics & Standards: Removal of EJ Clark (CSET)*

*Student Allocations Committee:*

*Recognized Student Organizations:* Phi Sigma Pi, NeStCom, Pivot Hosanna Highland Campus Ministry, OROMIA Student Union, Programming & Gaming Club, Marketing Club, Sociology Club, B.I.G. (Black Intelligent Gentlemen), Pan African Student Organization, MSU Creative Writing Society, USITT MSU Student Chapter

*Approval of Minutes:* 10/2/13

*Approved.*

### V. Inauguration of newly elected Senators.(9)

- *Arts & Humanities- Janell Chrobak & Josh Hoekstra; College of Business-Brett Spartz; College of Education-Kenneth Kovac; CSET-Evan Nagel; Social & Behavioral Sciences- Karson Krueger-Grant; Stadium Heights-Emily Peterson; Preska-Tyler Conlon; Newspaper Board-David Schieler, Ryan Berndt.*

### VI. Vacancies

#### *Run-off Elections:*

*Newspaper Board Run-Off – Ryan Berndt*

- *I've been to senate a few times as a proxy. I also work for the Reporter so will be covering meetings as well. Someone wrote in my name and I'm interested in being on the board.*

#### *Vacancies remaining:*

*Allied Health & Nursing (1)*

*Graduate Studies (1)*

*Undeclared (2)*

*Julia Sears (1)*

Bobich: Being an employee of the Reporter, do you feel you can be impartial and step out as unbiased?

Berndt: Yes, I hold my editors to a very high standard and am willing to put my foot down if needed.

Shakespear: The Newspaper Board has oversight, but not in day-to-day operations. They essentially select an Editor-in-Chief.

*Ryan Berndt elected.*

### **Officer Reports**

President Collins *(written)*

- Happy birthday Ben! (please sing to Ben if you have not already), I'd prefer the embarrassment to turn him red, a photo would be appreciated.
- Mavcard bank partner RFP is in progress. We have had applicants. I am not allowed to disclose what banks applied. I am sure John Bulcock can guess it right. We do not rank the banks by name and prestige, but the importance and details of the agreement between the university and the bank partner.
  - A question has been posed pertaining your mavcard.
    1. Take out your mavcard
    2. Notice the pin-debit (black/brown) bar on the back.
      - You may know that it can be linked to a wells Fargo account. This card can only be used at pin debit machines (the things you swipe your card in and put your pin number in).
    3. Understand the difference between pin-debit and visa card (much like credit card)
  - Do students want their mavcards to have the capability to link to the new (undecided) bank partner's bank account via visa and pin-debit, OR keep it the same with pin-debit?
    1. Due to dinning services and other card readers on campus either way there will be a pin-debit strip.
    2. If you choose visa and pin-debit, there will be two black strips on the back along with a place for your signature (look at a credit card)
  - There are many pro's and con's to this. Please talk to constituents and have an answer by next week. I would strongly advise creating a motion or discussion in new business.
- Congrats on being newly elected senators, I will be appointing you to committees next week.
- Website redesign is still in progress, feel free to email me input you have received from constituents.
- Mavguard budget may run into some issues, as our budget is going to be tighter than anticipated. I am sure we may be able to do posters and flyers, uncertain on how elaborate we can afford. We can talk about this next week.
- October 29<sup>th</sup> President Davenport will be using my office to meet with students. You will see an all student email pertaining to it in the next couple of weeks.
- I have more information to disseminate to you all (be excited for next week). My recent injury has made transportation and every normal-living-day activities a mountain to climb.
- Please do not ask questions because I am not here. (do feel free to make a motion/discussion item of mavcard items.)

Peterson: Would the new MavCard cost students anything?

John: I'm not sure but when Wells Fargo came in it didn't cost us anything.

**Vice President Shakespear**

- I'm happy because it is my birthday.
- Congratulations. It's great to see so many elected.
- You have a real opportunity to make a difference. If you don't show up, you'll be removed.
- Last week's discussion of projects and low morale. Our role is to facilitate what you want to do. Bring those to this table and we'll point you in the right direction. There are still opportunities to get things done.
- Met with Davenport and he gave Senate some things to focus on.
  - MSU's Heritage Foundation has been looking at developing 13 acres into more dedicated housing. Possibilities may include: Greek Row, International, graduate, and/or married students. This is land owned by the University and funding would come from a private developer. This wouldn't cost the university but we would be receiving revenue from private developers. This is in the very early stages of planning. We've been tasked to give feedback on what we want to see. So think of what you, as a student representative, is in the best interest of your constituency.
  - He's also asked that we keep monitoring the buses and offer feedback on how can we improve.
- Hertz Program overview. We now have two cars. President Davenport would like to improve upon its' promotion by possibly utilizing the University's marketing group.
- Bonding and capital projects process. We would like to see a presentation on this to better understand what is involved.
- Make sure you're focusing your role in senate on, 'What can I do for students?'

Kovac: Will there be more discussion on the land development idea?

Shakespear: Yes, this is in its' infancy yet so there will be much more discussion.

Vetter: I've heard several students have problems with Hertz. Is this something we can improve upon?

Shakespear: We've been working on some of those problems. We do have a new rep who seems slightly more responsive to us.

Gumbert: Why was Hertz selected?

Shakespear: They are one of the very few providers that provide this service to college campuses.

Kovac: What are you doing to advertise? I know I never heard of Hertz on this campus until you said something.

Shakespear: We've been hesitant to advertise given the lack of confidence lately with the program.

Hertz does, however, do a good job with furnishing us with a lot of free promotional materials.

**Speaker Madsen**

- Congrats new senators.
- If you're not already on MavSync, I want you all to join MSSA on MavSync.
- Senator responsibilities: Two senate reports are required; according to by-laws we are doing 3 hours of week. However, as long as you are doing your job it doesn't matter to me.
- Vacancies yet: Allied Health (2), Graduate Studies (1) & Undeclared (2).
- Cell phone # for reaching me.
- Parly- pro tip.

Krueger-Grant: How do I find out the sub-committee times?

Madsen: Talk to Ben.

**VII. Senator Reports**

**VIII. Old Business**

*None*

**IX. New Business**

**X. *None***

**XI. Announcements**

- Ben's birthday celebration tonight – you're all invited to our house.
- Student Affairs coordinator – Movember testicular cancer event coming up in November
- MavGuard – Anyone interested in being involved in this please see us. This will be an exciting campaign.
- Jacobson – Haunted House still looking for participation.
- John B. - MSSA Liaison role overview; finding senate issues suggestions; Mark Constantine, new CSU Director starting on Monday and he will be attending some of these meetings; Movember, MSU Dance Marathon fundraiser.

**XII. Roll Call**

**Senators Present:**

Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter, Josh Erhardt, Mariah Haffield, Matthew Eberline, Elizabeth Jacobson, AJ Pitts, Taylor Conlon, Janell Chrobak, Josh Hoekstra, Brett Spartz, Jessica Gumbert, Kenneth Kovac, Evan Nagel, Karson Krueger-Grant

**Senators Absent:**

Christian Harris, Sonja Holmberg

**Executive Leadership Present:**

Ben Shakespear, Vice President; Beth Madsen, Speaker.

**Executive Leadership Absent:**

Chris Collins, President

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned @ 5:05 pm.**