

81th MSSA Senate

October 16th, 2013

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

Christian Harris 5-0-3; Jessica Gumbert 7-0-1; Sonja Holmberg 7-1-0; AJ Pitts 6-1-1; Joe Wolf 7-0-1; Katie Bobich 8-0-0; Zak Silker 8-0-0; Brooklyn Vetter 8-0-0; Josh Erhardt 7-0-1; Mariah Haffield 8-0-0; Matt Eberline 8-0-0; Elizabeth Jacobson 7-0-1

III. Open Forum

Presentations:

--Cindy Janney, RHA Consultation Process Presentation (PPT handouts)

- Overview of Consultation process / timeline for 2014
- Fees that students pay for student housing
- Room rates cover room, furnishings, utilities, cable, water, amenities, staff
- Board rates = meal plans
- Based on current and projected expenses, reinvestment, new amenities
- Tuition freeze doesn't apply to room & board rates as no one is required to stay with us. Are part of the revenue fund – operate like individual businesses.
- Timeline: This process is done in the fall instead of the spring as this is when students are making all of their decisions.
- Past changes
- Program budget is about \$20M
- Budget Committee presentation – leave your name if interested in attending

Shakespeare: Does this committee make decisions?

Janney: This is more of an informational session as MnSCU will make the final decision.

Silker: Where are the actual numbers and will these be brought to us next time?

Janney: Yes, numbers will be brought to the next meeting. The feedback last year was that it was too much at once.

Silker: Would you be willing to bring past numbers?

Janney: Yes, and you also have those in your office.

Bobich: Are all RHA reps required to attend the informational sessions?

Janney: No, it is their choice.

Bobich: Then I'm concerned about that as they'll be voting on things they're uninformed about.

Peterson: How do we compare to other institutions?

Janney: I'll also bring that the next time.

Jacobson: As a past member of RHA, I think they do a really good job of informing everyone.

Kovac: With the loss of Gage and a dining hall, is there a plan for another?

Janney: Yes there is and will be presenting this next time.

--IMPACT Homecoming Chair Leanne Walterson

- Breakdown of event (*handout*)
- There were 3088 students this past yr

Peterson: Was the parade attendance down because of weather?

Leanne: Yes, it was due to weather. However, we didn't want to cancel.

Peterson: Is there a reason why Sat. event was 4x larger?

Leanne: I don't have the exact reason for the change but it may have been because there were two events at same time.

Shakespear: How many students were at the carnival?

Leanne: We don't have exact numbers for that.

Shakespear: How do you calculate kickoff attendance?

Leanne: Basically, we approximate based on how many t-shirts and cake were given away.

Silker: Was there any cost for community members at the Sat. event?

Leanne: There was a \$5 donation that Alumni Association collected.

Bobich: Can you tell us what the \$685 was for?

Leanne: I get a \$600 stipend. The remainder is spent on office supplies.

Shakespear: Will you have the carnival again?

Leanne: With it being later and the increased weather risk, we're not sure. We also rec'd \$5,000 from Alumni Association to help fund it. If you're interested in being involved in the planning for next year, please attend our Impact mtgs. Our next one is Thursday, November. 13th.

Silker: Do you feel Impact was fiscally responsible?

Leanne: We worked with Impact on this and feel we did a good job targeting.

Silkder: Who did allocations for this?

Leanne: The Homecoming Committee and RSOs based on their rankings.

Silker: You didn't personally have a big part?

Leanne: We based it off past expenses and other data.

Haffield: There was a lot spent on the Block Party and there wasn't as much attendance. Is this being looked at?

Leanne: Yes it is. In the future we would probably look at a DJ as it wouldn't be such a big expense.

Toureville: The block party in past was \$12,000 for a large cover band, fireworks, and security.

Fireworks accounted for half.

Holmberg: As a former president of an RSO we were tasked to be fiscally responsible. Therefore, suggest that those events be looked at and determined whether they were successful and if so, how to improve them.

Pitts: Was the community charged for the carnival?

Leanne: No.

Toureville: We just launched a survey for spring concert. Once gathered, we'll bring back to you to help us make a decision. It is on MavSync.

Chris: Would you like us to include this information in an all-student email? I can include a link in our email informing students of President Davenport's day in the senate office.

Toureville: Yes, if you'd like to do so.

Peterson: Have you considered any Twin Cities bands like Atmosphere?

Toureville: Yes, they have actually already been here.

Brett: What's your estimated budget?

Toureville: There is currently \$12,500 remaining in the budget.

Kovac: What would the high end be to a student?

Toureville: Probably around \$33.

Pitts: What was last year?

Toureville: Phil Phillips at a cost of \$15,000.

Peterson: What makes Myer better than Bresnan?

Wilkins: We can't use Bresnan as they can't deal with the capacity and it is offline for booking.

Nagel: What is the survey deadline?

Tourvville: We haven't sent it out yet. You can contact Cassie with your questions.

--Introduction of Mark Constantine, CSU Director

- Appreciate you having me in. I originally come from Jamestown, NY. My goal is to be a resource and collaborate with you. I'm not here to grandstand. I have an open door and encourage you to come in and talk to me. I'm looking forward to my time here.

Peterson: Are there things you've done at other Universities that you want to do here?

Mark: I want to learn from you and the staff. Over time, maybe I can bring some ideas forward.

IV. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Appointments: Campus Coordinator (~~Tawsif Mahmud~~, John Mandebvu), Diversity Specialist (Tawsif Mahmud), Legislative specialist (Cody Nickel), Priority Registration Committee (Amanda Lindahl); PR & Marketing (Brett Spartz, Karson Krueger-Grant, Janell Chrobak); Budget Committee (Brett Spartz, Karson Krueger-Grant)

Commission on Ethics & Standards: Remove Mariah Haffield as chair and add Kenny Kovac.

Student Allocations Committee:

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$256 to NAFME for travel (registration and transportation) of 11 students to attend 3rd Annual Music Education Symposium in Decorah, IA on October 12, 2013.

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$500 to Delta Sigma Pi for travel (transportation and lodging) of 15 students to attend LEAD conference in Indianapolis, IN on October 25, 2013.

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$60 to Philosophy Club - MSU for travel (registration and transportation) of 4 students to attend Philosophy Conference in St. Paul, MN on October 19, 2013.

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$1,000 to the National Student Speech Language & Hearing Association (NSSLHA) for travel (registration, transportation, and lodging) of 27 students to attend ASHA 2013 convention in Chicago, IL on November 14, 2013.

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$300 to Alpha Sigma Alpha for travel (registration and lodging) of 11 students to attend Alpha Sigma Alpha District Day in Milwaukee, WI on November 16, 2013.

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$200 to Mavericks for SHRM for registration of 4 students @ \$50 each to attend Minnesota SHRM State Conference in Duluth, MN on October 14, 2013.

--SAC recommended to allocate up to \$1,000 to The Law Enforcement Club for the registration fee of \$35/student member of Law Enforcement Club to attend "Winning the Battle" presentation in Ostrander Auditorium on October 14, 2013.

Recognized Student Organizations: Psi Chi International Honor Society, Psychology Club, Students for Education Reform, American Society of Mechanical Engineering, Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, Club Baseball, Athletic Training Student Association, Ethiopian Student Association at MNSU, Elementary Education Club, Women in Aviation - Northern Lights Chapter, International Business Organization, MSU Drag Race Team, The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Undergraduate Affiliate Network, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi, MSU Shotokan Karate Club, The Attic, Aviation Club, Society of Women Engineers, United Nations/International Relations Club, Sigma Tau Delta Honors Society, Okinawan Karate and Kobudo Club, Graduate Scholars of English Association, Voice & Vision, Corrections Club, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Liberian Student Association, Sigma Sigma

Approval of Minutes: 10/9/13

Shakespeare: remove Haffield and appt. Kovac; add Brett & Karson to PR and budget.

Bobich: add Janell to PR

Approved.

V. **Vacancies**

Crawford Election: Becky Wegscheid sworn in.

Jackson Zemke: I feel I'd be good as I am a CSET student and have the opportunity to talk to a lot of students.

Collins: Who will you be serving if elected?

Zemke: The students.

Kovac: What is your grade level?

Zemke: I'm a freshman.

Kovac: Can you make the 4:00 meetings on Weds?

Zemke: Yes.

Madsen: Do you have any ideas for improvement in CSET?

Zemke: Maybe the budget.

Bobich: What made you interested in senate?

Zemke: I feel I'd be good representation for the students.

Eberline: I do know Jackson. He is a little awkward at speaking but he does have good ideas.

Erhardt: Remember he is a freshman, he wants to be here. Even if he was a little awkward with questions, I think we should give him the opportunity. I think we should encourage eager minds to be part of senate.

Haffield: We don't have to fill it right away. He said himself he wasn't qualified.

Holmberg: I'd just point out that none of us had to stand up in front of us and list off our qualifications when we were elected. Can any of you as freshmen have done that? I agree with Josh.

Pitts: He has already said that he's talked to people and I think he is qualified.

Silker: I realize he is a freshman but I'm not ready to shoot down his self-esteem. We should encourage him and help him to develop some of those skills.

Vote (hand):

Jackson Zemke - Elected as CSET senator.

Graduate Studies (1)

Undeclared (2)

Julia Sears (1)

VI. Officer Reports

President Collins

- Welcome new senators. It's great to see the table filled up.
- You'll each be appt'd to two committees so after senate please see me and I'll share openings. I think you'll like
- Website Redesign update
- StarID Rollout
- MSUSA Delegates conference in Nov. 15-17th – election of both Treasurer (*Jirik*) and Vice Chair (*Ramirez*). We should show them our support. Let me know if you are interested in attending. (*Show of hands: Shakespear, Jacobson, Bobich, Chrobak, Spartz, Pitts, Silker, Wegscheid, Harris, Vetter*)
- I suggest more politeness around the table and not so much aggressiveness.

Vice President Shakespear

- RHA consultation process
 - The rate is going up (7-9%). We have no say in this. BOT has a requirement that they get a letter from us as it is legally and morally required. However, the sole purpose

of this process is so we write a letter saying we agree. Who as students want to pay more? Looking back on history, we always approve it. When the consultation process ends, I'll move to not approve this. I believe as a student that we don't want them to go up and we have an ethical responsibility to see that they don't. I strongly encourage new senators to attend these meetings.

- We desperately need 7 senators to serve on Health Advisory Committee. Please let me know if you're interested.
- Reminder of the email invite to join Josh and I for the football game in Marshall this weekend.
- Meetings and interest: Library Advisory Meeting on Friday; Budget Sub-Meet & Confer next Tuesday, 1:30 pm.
- Students - I apologize to new senators for the anger and frustration you are going to put up with right now. Students. We're here to represent them. There are no exceptions to this. The Maverick Herd - Mavpride. Neither of these campaign groups exists any longer. They ended the day elections were over. Hypothetically, there are no parties in our student government and if these groups are still acting like they are, then according to the constitution and by-laws, the next election that comes along or you are associated with one of them, you will be found for election violations for 12-months of campaigning. Typically, if you start a few days early there are sanctions. If you are here and are identifying yourself with a party, are engaging in partisanship, please leave as you are not representing the students here.

Holmberg: Will somebody here try to get me off those FB posts? I've tried and they keep coming back.

Silker: Going way back to the RHA thing...what happens if we don't send the letter?

Shakespeare: We have to send it as we've been consulted.

Collins: This is something done at a state level and I will write it. Also, it would reflect poorly on us if we didn't do it at all.

Zemke: What impact would this have putting it into the letter?

Shakespeare: It probably would do nothing, however, its' intention would say that student government doesn't agree and will make a powerful statement to Residential Life and to future student governments.

Shakespeare: I'm also working with The Maverick Herd on a collaboration with them and helping them get their branding approved with Integrated Marketing.

Peterson: Are all MnSCU schools room & board rates going up?

Shakespeare: No, probably not all.

Gallery - (*Schieler*): I have done room and board rates for 4 years now with RHA and perhaps you don't understand the strategic plan but am suggesting that such a political motion be held as you haven't been presented with any of this yet. The point is that you haven't heard that presentation and don't know the fundraising planned for a new building or the budgetary impacts of this. It appears short-sided when we take such a political stance in front of Administrators in this room. And, as long as we're talking about taking apolitical stances, what is a political party? Is one person considered a political party? If so, I'd suggest that anyone running for election shut off their Facebook. So long as only one person is running a FB page, which I, David Schieler, am running MavPride. I sponsored it in the election and am running it now. We post 30x more than the Student Association does. I sponsored it in the last election and am doing it now. If you want to be part of an organization with pride and worth its' weight, MavPride is probably a lot more efficient than this student government. You're taking a political stance, Ben Shakespeare, before you've even heard it. That's a political party. I hope you don't run in the next election because I'd say you're campaigning now as much as you will be then.

Shakespeare: I've been working a lot lately with John, Cindy, and other brilliant people in this school on more constructive criticism and behavior so I will leave it at that.

Conlon: When working with room & board rates you are also dealing with programming and other things that you will want to consider.

Kovac: I don't think it is fair that students pay for something they aren't using. Also, I think it absurd that there is only one dining hall here as other Universities this size have 3-4 dining halls.

Holmberg: I don't think Ben is telling us not to approve but to keep an open mind and to vote on it as you believe. We need to function and serve what our constituents want. You can't make a decision until you see the whole plan.

Speaker Madsen

- Congrats to Becky & Jackson
- The best way to contact me is via my cell phone if you need something. My cell # is: 507-219-2254
- Campus Committee Meeting this Friday @ 3:00 in the senate conference room.
- Delegates' Parly pro is more formal than senate. Those who are selected to go should come see me as I'd like you to be more prepared for it.
- When people walk in during our meeting please don't look at them as it is distracting to the group.

VII. Senator Reports

- Kenny Kovac, College of Education
 - I'm a Sr. in the Aviation program.
 - Working on: Strategic Funding Program for a possible simulation lab in Wiecking Center for research development.
 - I've talked to many students and some of the issues brought up were:
 - MavGuard - A suggestion was to have just one presentation and then have remainder on a website;
 - Some feedback from students as to lack of green space on campus. Possibly include workout equipment.
 - Students are saying that they are more willing to attend events at the beginning of the semester. For example, a spring concert. Most are willing to pay for the cover charge if necessary.
 - Students would like a free shuttle program within certain radius of campus; (i.e. Summit to College Town). This would also serve as a safety element.
 - Unlimited black & white printing.
 - I will be meeting with the Dean on this Friday.
- Matt Eberline, Off Campus
 - One of my projects is to repave the pathways around Ostrander Bell Tower and pave the gravel road by the ropes course and observatories. However, it has hit a snag as it is too expensive and doesn't serve enough students.
 - I will contact the city on Thursday to ask about the feasibility of getting a bike lane paved on Maywood Ave.
 - The Policy Consultation and Approval Committee have started the policy review process. I will bring a discussion on the Graduate Enrollment policy to Academic Affairs on Friday.
 - Library Advisory Committee has its first meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday - I'll be there.

Peterson: As far as the bike lane, what are you planning?

Eberline: We haven't gotten that far and would have to talk to the City and see what feasibility and costs are.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

- Shakespear: We will be holding a meeting during Dead Week but planning on it being in the senate office. It will not be formal, however, you're still required to attend. We'll order in pizza. All committee coordinators will be required to give a report. This will also be an agenda-setting event for spring semester.
- Pitts: Violence Awareness Committee looking for donations of diapers, personal products, etc.
- Wolf: Speaker, Dr. Glenn Gasser - 7:00 p.m. next Tues., CSU Ballroom
- Haffield: The MavGuard adhoc committee will have a quick meeting tonight after senate. Also, suggesting a costume theme for our Oct. 30 senate meeting. We'll vote on it next week.
- Jacobson: We've prepared a bus questionnaire for feedback; CSU Board on Friday. Dining Services is coming in. How do you feel about having senator pictures in the CSU by the double doors? Lenny will take the photos.
- John: The Housing Fair is on next Tues., Hockey night on Sat. night; coordinating Student Affairs/MSSA challenge, possibly a kickball competition; nat'l alcohol awareness week.
- Cowan: I've brought my camera and need pictures of the new senators for the website.

XI. 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, Jackson Zemke, Rebecca Wegscheid

Senators Absent:

Katelyn Royce

Executive Leadership Present:

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

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 6:11 pm.