

# 81<sup>th</sup> MSSA Senate

## October 30th, 2013

### I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

### II. Roll Call

Christian Harris 4-2-3; Jessica Gumbert 8-0-1; Sonja Holmberg 8-1-0; AJ Pitts 7-1-1; Joe Wolf 8-0-1; Katie Bobich 9-0-0; Zak Silker 8-0-1; Brooklyn Vetter 9-0-0; Josh Erhardt 8-0-1; Mariah Haffield 9-0-0; Matt Eberline 8-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 8-0-1; Jackson Zemke 2-0-0; Karson Krueger-Grant 4-0-0; Josh Hoekstra 1-1-0; Kenneth Kovac 4-0-0; Tyler Conlon 2-0-0; Becky Wegscheid 2-0-0; Emily Peterson 2-0-0; Brett Spartz 4-0-0; PJ Piotrowski 1-0-0

### III. Open Forum

#### Cindy Janney – RHA Base Rate Proposal Presentation (*handouts*)

- Expenses
- Phase 2B Dining \$34.8M – summer 2014 work
- Phase 2C – 330 beds, new Crawford commons, retail food service
- D Hall – Erosion mitigation necessary. Also foundations needed under lounges that poke out.
- (*Room rate document*) Highlighted portions are room types; etc. On average, a 3.65% rate adjustment.
- Promotional item chosen this year will be a water bottle.
- Request to extend lunch hours until 3:00 pm. This is expensive as it adds labor hours. Calculated cost of \$32/hr per student.
- Extended dinner – Sunday-Thursday – go from 4:00 up to 9:00. (Three proposals \$19., \$26. Or remain same=\$0).
- Add flex \$ to meal plans (*cost per meal plan*). This was suggested from Dining as they see that most students use up their flex \$s by the end of the first semester.
- Redbox – There are more applications for them than they have machines. We can apply, however, any response would be several months. St Cloud has similar movie program and we're in the process of inquiring.
- Door openers on existing card access doors - \$4000/door x 33 doors ( would add \$49 on base rate)
- A/C in the laundry rooms of Crawford and F Hall. This is very expensive so it is not costed out.
- A clock in each lounge = \$125/ea
- Add 1 bike racks requested.
- Ice machines – We need to develop locations first to then determine costs
- Add 1 print stations - \$5,900/location
- Voting scheduled for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> this year
- Fee comparison with competitor institutions (handout)
- Friday, Nov. 1, 2:30 pm. is a meeting opportunity for students to dig into the numbers presented today.

Holmberg: What happens to any carry over from previous year?

Janney: It goes back into facility renewal. This year we have encumbered \$2M.

Holmberg: Utilities are going up 10%? I've been hearing that natural gas is dropping?

Janney: I'm not sure about that. Finance & Administration gives us this information.

Holmberg: What is the total % of increase in expenditure?

Janney: Overall, I'm looking for a 1% increase over expenses.

Holmberg: As far as the dining hall issue, with Carkoski going away don't we then create overcrowding in a new facility?

Janney: Study done on dining halls and future planning. According to this study, when serving 3000 students it puts us on the cusp of both one or two dining halls. With only one, we are only paying labor, utilities, etc. on one. The study done also looked at renovating or replacing. Many dollars have been spent on renovations. The study says build one and get to best practice. New dining hall would amount to more square footage than Gage and Carkoski together.

Holmberg: Is this viable considering our growth rate?

Janney: Yes, as it means 330 beds. We can't predict super long range. This one would be ready in 2017. Carkoski would be gone in 2020.

Hanson: Are improvement options factored into increased rates?

Janney: No, that will be a ballot option and voted on.

Bobich: Referring to the graph, how many months is this based on? Nine or twelve?

Janney: This is a 9-mo. rate. We use diff. Univ. to come to those rates....

Bobich: I did the math and it is actually double the cost of residence rooms versus an apartment.

Janney: The residence halls include public areas, restrooms, and staff. They are also kept to a higher standard than others. We package in the cost of utilities, cable, etc.

Bobich: Does this add'l dining hall mean more rooms?

Janney: Yes, 330 more rooms come later in Phase 2C.

Bobich: Then this would mean one less parking lot. How will that be handled?

Janney: The new parking lot space in Gage location. Current parking there now means 385 spots. The University is focusing on a more pedestrian experience versus convenience for 385 people. Those were the factors that were weighed.

Spartz: Are you requesting bonding for the new dining hall?

Janney: Yes, if we don't get it we won't build it. Legislative funding gives us an amount of funding that we can ask for. Historically, if not rec'd this year it would be next year. However, I do feel confident that we will see it this year.

Spartz: What would go where Carkoski was?

Shakespeare: According to your charts, do you actually consider U of M comparable to us when they pay double the tuition?

Janney: I didn't pick them. The students did and put them on the survey. (*Admissions Office shares this info gathered from survey done.*)

Shakespeare: Security personnel and students not being serviced at Stadium Heights. There was a situation where a student saw another student being beat up. He called Security to let them know of the situation. He was then told by Security that he should alert Stadium Heights about this. Stadium Heights, in turn, told him to notify Security.

Janney: I didn't know about this and would love to have feedback in real-time when things like this happen. We meet with them weekly and can then bring things like this up.

Shakespeare: St Cloud is very similar to our campus but they offer more amenities than ours like game rooms, facility rooms, computer labs, etc. Therefore, the graph appears similar but is misleading as it is not the same price when it comes to extras that are offered.

Janney: More freshmen chose to come here. Amenities do differ from place to place.

Haffield: What is the plan for the renovation of existing halls?

Janney: One third of our spaces are not renovated. This basically means fewer amenities at a lower price. A/C is not in the plan right now as the cost is \$1M to do so. Therefore, we use our demand to balance this. There are students who want lower rate so accept lower amenities. I can't say what will happen in 2020 or that far ahead.

Wolf: Are salaries for Res. Life and Student Family Programs in this?

Janney: Yes to Res Life but no to Family Programs.

Pfingsten: Where does Student Health Services Fit into this renovation?

Janney: I don't know, however, you can talk to the Student Affairs VP.

Bulcock: There was a study done 2 years ago on this and costs are relatively close. I'd encourage you to go out on the website and see what students had to say.

- Comm. Engagement office – Handout) on key initiatives; events update.

#### **IV. Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Appointments:* Delegates (David Bassey, Matthew Lindquist, Beth Madsen, Elizabeth Jacobson, Ben Shakespear, Lado Jobava, Zak Silker, Becky Wegscheid, Chelsey Masich, Joe Wolf, Mary Bibeau, Danielle Barr and Amanda Edberg)

*Commission on Ethics & Standards:*

*Student Allocations Committee:*

*Recognized Student Organizations:* Handball Club, Latino Student Wellness, Information Security Student Organization, MSU Street Singers, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Newman Center, MSU Creative Writing Society, Mavericks for SHRM, Bangladesh Student Organization, Dental Hygiene Club, Gambella Student Culture Club, [Philosophy, Politics and Economics Club], Men's Club Soccer, Sigma Chi, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Bible Fellowship, Engineers Without Borders, Alpha Lambda Delta, Panhellenic Council, Gamma Phi Beta, Handball Club, CRU, Reproductive Justice Coalition, PRSSA, South Sudanese Student Association; Korean Student Assoc., Hmong Student Assoc.

*Approval of Minutes:* 10/23/13

#### **V. Vacancies**

*Allied Health & Nursing (1)*

*Graduate Studies (1)*

*Undeclared (2)*

- Maggie Neeck
  - I live in Preska Hall. I am undecided as I have so many ideas about what I want to do.

Bobich: What makes you qualified?

Neeck : I am involved in the Honors Society and other organizations and want to take on a leadership role.

Jackson: What major are you leaning towards?

Neeck: I'd be interested Philosophy, Social Work, Music, or Theatre.

Pitts: Are you comfortable approaching strangers?

Neeck: Yes.

Haffield: How are you planning on helping undecided students and giving my own insight

Spartz: What plans to you have to represent your constituents?

Neeck: I'm part of the New Family Student Center and know a lot of people who are undecided

Holmberg: Can you make it to meetings on Weds?

Neeck: Yes.

Madsen: Are you aware of the other responsibilities?

Neeck: Yes, to represent other undecided students. Thank you for the questions and I'm excited to be part of this.

Hanson: I like the idea that she came in and she obviously wants to be here.

**Vote** – Maggie Neeck elected as Undeclared.

*Off Campus (1)*

*Julia Sears (1)*

*McElroy (1)*

## **VI. Officer Reports**

### **President Collins**

- a. No report.

### **Vice President Shakespear**

- What you just did in the way of questions to Cindy Janney is more important than any project you could've done because you asked critical questions. Good job. I'm very impressed with what happened here today.
- You've been given a lot of info so I'm sure you'll look through it. Please gather the opinions of your constituents and explain all of this to them.
- The presentation was the same as last year. This process is used year after year as a justification.
- Enrollment Management Steering Committee – Found out some interesting information at this meeting today. For instance, our student population went up by one. This doesn't sound very notable, however, compared to other institutions, this is actually very good as others have seen decreases. Some as much as 15%.
- PSEO students – St. Cloud has (3000) PSEO students, whereas MSU has (500) However, St. Cloud has less undergraduate students.
- First time we've had 13,000 students apply. Up 500 from last year. We have 900 Int'l students which is larger than we've ever had.
- Grad student enrollment is up 21% from 2011. Applications increased by 400%

### **Speaker Madsen**

- Thanks for all of your contact info.
- MavSync – Some have not yet joined. If this is you, please do so.
- November will be very busy for me, therefore, I'm requesting motions be sent to me before meeting or we won't talk about it.
- Reminder to be respectful to people here. If not, you should not be here.

## **VII. Senator Reports**

- Holmberg – Graduate Studies
  - Met today with new Graduate Advisory Board
  - Grad student increase – currently make up 15% of students.
  - Charting the Future was discussed and the Dean said he found it interesting that there was no mention of graduate research mentioned in it.
  - When mentioned to MnSCU, Chancellor said it was meant to look at today and now.
  - There is a work group that will look at revising graduate assistant policies. For instance, GA's are presently paid \$9,000 and get 9 credits/semester. They are looking at possibly modifying that. They are also looking at how they are awarded.
  - The Dean only has control of 50 students and doesn't know about the other 450 or how the money is spent.
  - There will be 3 new masters in next 1 ½ years.
  - Looking at scaffolding credits. Possibly for j-terms or credits in the summer.
  - They are interested in meeting with the parking board.
  - Next goal is to visit with other dept. chairs

## **VIII. Old Business**

## **IX. New Business**

## **X. Announcements**

Jacobson: A proxy is needed for CSU Board on Friday. There will also be a pizza tasting.

Hanson: Star ID meeting today. Blake and myself will be part of a pilot group testing this before implementation over winter break.

Shakespeare: The Women's Center program has made an offer for MavsAgainstViolence and offering programming to other groups and orgs. Please see me if you are interested in being involved.

Bulcock: Dance Marathon, CSU Haunted House tonight; Student Affairs/MSSA kickball challenge is set for Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 4:30 pm. Food will be provided.

## **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, Jackson Zemke, Rebecca Wegscheid, PJ Piotrowski, Maggie Neeck

### **Senators Absent:**

Emily Peterson, CJ Harris, Evan Nagel

### **Executive Leadership Present:**

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

## **XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 6:04 pm.