

81th MSSA Senate February 12th, 2014

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

Jessica Gumbert 15-1-1; Sonja Holmberg 15-2-0; Joe Wolf 14-1-1; Katie Bobich 16-0-0; Zak Silker 15-0-1; Brooklyn Vetter 17-0-0; Mariah Haffield 17-0-0; Matt Eberline 16-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 15-0-2; Karson Krueger-Grant 12-0-0; Tyler Conlon 10-0-0; Evan Nagel 10-2-0; Becky Wegscheid 10-0-0; Emily Peterson 8-2-0; Brett Spartz 12-0-0; PJ Piotrowski 9-0-0, Margaret Neeck 8-0-0, Emma Deppa 5-2-0; Mychael Ihnat 6-0-0, James Stanford 3-0-0; Ryan Berndt 3-0-0

III. Open Forum

IV. Presentations

Matt Lindquist, SAC Chair

- Student Health Services Budget Presentation (*handout*)
- Requesting 2.61% increase which will cover mandatory health insurance and an increase in hours for the part-time pharmacy tech.
- Part-time psychiatric nurse: the classification was shifted and put into a different line item.
- In addition, they'll be raising more revenue by offering things that they've offered in the past but they won't be charging more.
- Recommended fee would be banded at \$56.64 – similar to what St. Cloud State pays.

Shakespeare: If paying student fees, why do I have to pay for your services?

Wendy: We are a mix of fee-service and fee-funded.

Berndt: Is there statistical info on the students that are seen?

Wendy: Yes, we have that with budget info and you can review that.

Conlon: Are there any new healthcare developments?

Wendy: We do have a healthy reserve. Our original plan was to be on 2nd level of the new dining facility, however, that increase would put us over fee cap. It is certainly a daily consideration of what shape that would put us in.

Shakespeare: If you have a reserve, why are fees going up?

Wendy: We are required to keep 5-7% reserve.

Silker: I'm on SAC and it is my understanding that the majority of the increase is due to salary and fringe increases.

Shakespeare: You all need to recognize that it is your job to communicate this to your constituents. I think it would be more appropriate to approve this once you've had time to share this information with your constituents.

Motion postponed until 2/19/14. (Vote: 21-0-1)

JT Mandebvu, MSUSA & ISA

- MSUSA Scholarship tabling going very well.
- More tabling on Tues. for The Walking Debt Campaign. We're looking for senators to volunteer.
- This is a competition with other schools.

- This is a new financial literacy campaign and its' over- arching goal is to educate students about their debt and how to manage it. It also informs students on what loans are available for them.
- There is a link on the website to take a survey (www.MSUSA./Mankato). Anyone who takes it will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.
- This campaign will run until April and is open to everyone.
- Delegates Assembly next Fri, Sat., Sun. There will be a mandatory code of conduct meeting next week after senate meeting. A consent form is required to be signed by you.
- The conference is being paid for with student dollars so we need to make our time there worthwhile.
- Attended an ISA Meeting last week and am hearing a lot of Int'l students are worried about internships. The main issue is that employers are uninformed on immigration issues.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments: Dining Hall Service Redesign – Tyler Conlon; Tech Fee Advisory Committee – James Stanford

February Delegates List – Zak Silker, Mariah Haffield, Elizabeth Anderson, Elizabeth Jacobson, Ben Shakespear, Joe Wolf, Chelsey Masich, Brett Spartz, Sonja Holmberg, PJ Piotrowski, Morgan O'Hara, Nicole Marella, Tyler Conlon

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

- SAC recommends to allocate up to \$1,000 for non-food related travel expense to USITT MSU Student Chapter to assist 21 students attend the United States Institute for Theatre Technology national conference, March 23-30, 2014 in Fort Worth, TX.
- If funding from the Alpha Phi Sigma's affiliated department or college is less than \$500, SAC recommends to allocate up to \$100 ($\$50/student \times 2 \text{ students}$) for non-food related travel expenses to Alpha Phi Sigma to travel to National Criminal Justice Honor Society annual conference, February 17-23, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA.
- SAC recommends to allocate \$106 for vehicle rental, garbage bags and advertisement as specified in the programming request to assist the Fisheries Society host a community wide street clean-up on March 15, 2014 in the Mankato area. SAC approved funding may not be used to purchase shovels, rakes or any other permanent equipment.

Recognized Student Organizations: Maverick Running Club, NafME – Mankato, Public Relations Student Society of America, Minnesota State University, Mankato Subunit of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Approval of Minutes: 2/5/14

V. Vacancies

Allied Health & Nursing (2)

Arts & Humanities (1)

College of Education (1)

Undeclared (1)

Julia Sears (1)

McElroy (1)

VI. Officer Reports

President Collins

a. *None*

Vice President Shakespear

b. Hockey Night Friday – Suite capacity limits ticket holders from bringing in guests.

Speaker Madsen

c. Sorry for absence last week but was attending AFLV Conference.

d. Senator reports reminder –If you can't meet senator commitments than it is better to resign.

VII. Senator Reports

Tyler Conlon, Preska

- Working on printer problems and looking for a replacement
- Attending weekly staff meetings and discussing issues like heating, lighting.
- Would like to have MSSA at RHA's WoW Weds.

Karson Krueger-Grant, Social & Behavioral Sciences

- Recently spoke with Dean regarding areas where help is needed. She brought up retention. We would like to create a large-scale survey throughout the University to see what students want more of. Still in process of creating that survey.

Emma Deppa, Off Campus

- Inviting all to attend MavGuard's Sumo Fight tomorrow night @ 7 pm, Myers Fieldhouse.

VIII. Old Business

- *None*

IX. New Business

- *Recessed until 4:45 pm. (Matt Lindquist's presentation)*

X. Announcements

Conlon: I attended the Agile Graduate software preview and it looked like a useful tool.

Holmberg: Academic Affairs Committee will be meeting Tuesday at noon in the Senate conference room.

Bulcock: AFLV conference update; we're also looking to pull all Greek-letter organizations together on Fri., Feb 28th in Nickerson Room.

XI. Roll Call

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XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 5:02 pm