

81th MSSA Senate

February 5th, 2014

I. Call to Order by VP Ben Shakespear

II. Roll Call

Jessica Gumbert 14-1-1; Sonja Holmberg 14-2-0; AJ Pitts 9-5-1; Joe Wolf 13-1-1; Katie Bobich 15-0-0; Zak Silker 14-0-1; Brooklyn Vetter 16-0-0; Mariah Haffield 16-0-0; Matt Eberline 15-0-1; Elizabeth Jacobson 14-0-2; Karson Krueger-Grant 11-0-0; Tyler Conlon 9-0-0; Evan Nagel 9-2-0; Becky Wegscheid 9-0-0; Emily Peterson 7-2-0; Brett Spartz 11-0-0; PJ Piotrowski 8-0-0, Margaret Neeck 7-0-0, Emma Deppa 4-2-0; Mychael Ihnat 5-0-0, James Stanford 2-0-0; Ryan Berndt 2-0-0

III. Open Forum

- a. Jen Myers, Interim Director, Alumni Relations
 - i. Benefits of being a member of the Alumni Association: Can continue to utilize resources such as: job fairs, attend events, can help you stay connected with other alum. No membership dues.
 - ii. All who graduate are members.
 - iii. Provide current students with mentors.

IV. Presentations

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$3,600 (\$400/student x 9 qualifying students) for non-food travel expenses only to the Triathlon Club to compete at the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championship, April 5, 2014 in Tempe, AZ. (SAC approved funding may not be used to purchase uniforms for team members.)

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$500 (\$50/student x 10 students) for non-food related travel expenses to Delta Sigma Pi to travel to the LEAD conference, February 21, 2014 in Rosemont, IL.

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$650 (\$50/student x 13 students) for non-food related travel expenses to NAFME for travel to MMEA Midwinter Clinic, February 13, 2014 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN.

--SAC recommends to allocate up to \$500 to Sport & Exercise Psychology to be used for speaker(s) stipend at AASP North Central Research Conference to be held on campus on February 21, 2014.

Recognized Student Organizations: IEEE, Chemistry Club, American Indian Student Association, Pakistan Student Association, Society for the Appreciation of Japanese Animation and Culture

Meeting Minutes 1/29/14

Approved.

Vacancies

Allied Health & Nursing (2)

Arts & Humanities (1)

College of Education (1)

Undeclared (1)
Julia Sears (1)
McElroy (1)

Shakespeare: Please let people know about vacancies.

VI. Officer Reports

President Collins

- a. Shirt sign up – Are senators okay with charging you each \$5 for your shirt? If not interested in one, please cross your name out.

Vice President Shakespeare

- b. Ethic & Standards meeting after Senate meeting. If on the list, be there.
- c. Hockey tickets for Feb. 14th against Alabama - Huntsville. If more people are interested than we have tickets, people referred to E & S probably won't get one. If you decide you can't go, please give the ticket back.
- d. Hertz: Holmberg suggested parking it on the mall with a sign, "rent me."

Holmberg: I would suggest a lottery method for picking people for the tickets. This seems like a fairer way to go about it.

Speaker Madsen

Absent.

VII. Senator Reports

Jessica Gumbert, College of Business:

- Current ideas we've got going: starting a student ambassador program for COB to get students involved; a survey about resources available and who is using.

Joe Wolf, Social & Behavioral Sciences:

- Attended RSO meeting for Corrections and idea of a fundraising competition brought up.
- Town hall meetings on campus to inform students of things going on.

Brooklyn Vetter, Off Campus:

- Library Adv. Board Committee update – a lot of students want longer hours in library. Generally, there are around 20 people or so in the library at 2:00 a.m., therefore, it probably is not worthwhile to keep it open. Most students in the library at that time are on their laptops, therefore, using a computer lab may be an alternative option.

Bobich: Couldn't the ACC lab hours be extended?

Vetter: Yes, I think there are several other areas that could be utilized. The CSU is also open 24/7.

JT: Has there been talk about extending the hours during finals week?

Vetter: Data shows that this still doesn't support having the library open 24/7.

Becky Wegscheid, Crawford:

- Ethic & Standards meeting is tonight. Check your email to see if you've been asked to attend.
- MSUSA will be tabling in the next couple of weeks.
- Beginning to plan our event for this.
- MSUSA Delegates on Feb. 21-23.
- Crawford getting printers and ice machines.
- Parking Advisory Committee – Free lot is staying free for another year.
- The Green Fee will see a 5-6% increase.

Matt Eberline, Off Campus:

- The Library Advising Committee met on Thursday last week
 - We discussed the Maverick Textbook Reserve program. Science & math seem to be doing the best.
 - The library suggested we create committee to recommend books for this.
 - We also discussed the possibility of a future coffee shop in the library.
 - Staff at the library are very supportive of this idea, however, there is no funding currently available.
 - The Policy Consultation and Approval Committee met on Wednesday last week
 - Revisions are underway for policies under review
 - They will be finished and ready for formal review
 - Formal review period begins February 10th
 - I will pass out a list of policies under review. Feel free to read policies and suggest modifications during the formal review period

Emily Peterson, Stadium Heights:

- Haven't yet met with them but am planning to do so.
- Extended Red Eye Shuttle need has been expressed.
- Student Health Services Committee – There are currently two open positions. There is also discussion of redesigning the area.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

Motion #2.5.14A – Library Coffee Shop Idea – Silker/Eberline

Whereas: There is student and administrative support to explore the idea of a coffee shop in the library.

Be it Resolved: The student senate formally supports the continued exploration of this option.

Silker: Committee has asked for our formal support in going through the formal process. All those talked to support it.

Eberline: everyone I've talked to support this too.

Shakespeare: Apparently, there used to be one back in the day called The Bookworm. However, it failed. It would be managed by Sodexo and their contract will be up in the next two years. Generally, when an RFP is done we get money back from it for improvement funds and that is when something like this could happen.

DJ Jones: This year those funds went to Carkoskis' and Einstein's.

Collins: The problem isn't for lack of interest but who is going to pay for it.

Peterson: Would competition be a concern with Jazzmen's or Einstein's ?

Silker: That is one of the things that would need to be explored but don't think so.

Peterson: couldn't students be charged a \$1?

DJ Jones: Given the history of the tea tax, I don't know if that would apply.

Jacobson: I've heard others mentioned other than Sodexo.

Constantine: That doesn't mean Sodexo couldn't partner with other outside people.

Silker: Joan Roca is in full support of it and ready to spend some money to invest in it. They want more than just a stand in the corner that isn't well-maintained and are thinking more of a quiet study-session atmosphere.

Vetter: They've actually have had two in the past that haven't been real successful. Maybe it is better to wait to have this discussion when the contract is up.

Karson: Is there a possibility of a sort of commission or percentage coming back to the library?

Constantine: If it is in the library, then those commissions come back to the CSU budget. Some dollars also come back to the school. Discussions should be had on that.

Conlon: Just to clarify, this motion is just to support the exploration of the idea?

Shakespear: Yes, it is saying that senate would keep working towards that. Essentially, we like the idea of it.

Motion passes. (21-1-0)

M#2.5.14B- Senate Meeting in the Hearth Lounge, March 19th, 2014 - Silker/Haffield

Whereas: MSSA would like to increase senate visibility on campus;

Be it Resolved: The senate meeting on March 19th will be held in the Hearth Lounge if that space is available.

Be it Further Resolved: One-half hour will be dedicated to Student Affairs & Academic Affairs caucuses;

Be it Even Further Resolved: Business casual dress is required.

Open Discussion:

Berndt: If we can't even come up with ideas, I'd suggest we set up a day in the CSU or something to talk to our constituents.

Jacobson: I like the idea of this as I think we should be more public.

Bobich: Some of our constituents are not found in the CSU so otherwise, should be in the areas of their constituency's.

Shakespear: As office hours are not happening anyway, I think this is a good idea. Go talk to people. A lot of students have problems we don't know about.

Wolf: I think we should have people write things down.

Haffield: I would like to do a Hearth Lounge meeting. Can we actually do it instead of talking about it?

Holmberg: We could do something similar to our strategic planning, however, ask, 'what is your complaint?' That may be more effective.

Ihnat: What happened with the senator pictures for the CSU? That is what we are missing. We aren't being seen. I talk to many students who don't even know we exist.

Haffield: They are being edited right now and then will be hung.

Collins: Examples of past where we say we are going to do something but don't have included, Dunk your Senator event where four people showed up. I've heard complaints about both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs coordinators who aren't doing their jobs. If this is the case, they should be sent to Ethic & Standards.

Ihnat: Who is the chair of Diversity Committee?

Shakespear: Tawsif Mahmoud.

Motion #2.5.14C - The March 19th Senate Meeting to be held in Hearth Lounge (if space is available) - Silker/Haffield

Wegscheid: I think this is a good idea.

Holmberg: I think it is important for us to dress appropriately for this.

Peterson: What are you thinking as far as a meeting format? Will people be just watching?

Deppa: We should also advertise in CAN besides Facebook. Ryan and I can also write it up in the Reporter.

Shakespear: Please pass any public relations ideas along to Katie.

Collins: I think we can shape this meeting if wanting to do focus groups, etc.

Conlon: Like that idea and think we should have Academic Affairs and Student Affairs groups.

Bulcock: I suggest you stack your senator reports for that meeting.

Collins: Last year the free lot was the big topic and drew a lot of students. Therefore, now would be the time to bring a debatable topic to it.

Shakespear: I'll bring our strategic planning sheets as well.

Motion passes.

Meeck: I'm currently working on a campaign to get rid of the stigma of being an undeclared student. I'm wondering if any of you would have any ideas? I want people to know it is okay and try and not hop from one major to the next.

Bulcock: I'd encourage you talk to Sara Granberg.

Vetter: I'd suggest making resources known as I think that would be more effective.

Berndt: I'd also suggest considering an RSO if there is not already one in place.

Meeck: We already have a learning committee, however, students aren't sticking with it.

Collins: To give you an example, our Microbiology Club is currently working on a dodge ball competition and it has given us the opportunity to network and share our ideas on things. I'd suggest you find those peers you like hanging out with and share issues you are interested in. Begin with more of a networking opportunity and then satellite around it.

Holmberg: I feel it would best be done at freshmen orientation.

Conlon: I agree that Undeclared students are often put in the category of, "Other." I feel it could be put more positively.

X. Announcements

Wolf: How & Why to Travel the World next Monday, 7:00 pm, CSU Ballroom.

Bobich: MavGuards' Jaws of Life is at noon tomorrow on the CSU Mall.

Bulcock: Steward Ross focus groups. We still need to know who is interested in being involved in this project. The Dance Marathon was able to raise over \$14,000 for the kids. This isn't just a Greek event, so if others are interested in uniting depts., this is one of those events.

Conlon: Middle Eastern night is this weekend.

Haffield: MavGuards' Active Shooter event is next Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 6:00 pm, Armstrong Hall

Vetter: Women of Vision & Courage are looking for nominations.

Shakespeare: Pedal Past Poverty event. I have one full team and the funding required. It is Saturday, March 1st, from 9:00 - 3:00 pm. Barnes & Noble has already funded a good portion of this. I'm looking to put together another team. Partners in Affordable Housing have approximately 15 houses in the community with everyday family needs. So, if you can't donate money, please consider donating items as families can use everything from diapers to household items. MSSA is looking forward to getting a trophy at the Student Affairs/MSSA bowling challenge on Weds., February 26th, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Please RSVP your intention to either Cindy or Marla.

VP Jones: Next Wednesday, in CSU #201, 8:30, 10:30, and 1 pm. there will be a new software company doing demos on career mapping. We are looking for your feedback before moving ahead and make a commitment with it.

XI. Roll Call

Katie Bobich, Zak Silker, Brooklyn Vetter, Mariah Haffield, Matthew Eberline, Elizabeth Jacobson, Taylor Conlon, Brett Spartz, Jessica Gumbert, Rebecca Wegscheid, PJ Piotrowski, Emily Peterson, Karson Krueger-Grant, Joe Wolf, Margaret Neeck; Emma Deppa; Mychael Ihnat, James Stanford, Ryan Berndt

XII. Senators Absent:

AJ Pitts

Executive Leadership Present:

Chris Collins, President; Ben Shakespeare, Vice President

Executive Leadership Absent:

Beth Madsen, Speaker

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @: 5:25 pm