

81st MSSA Senate
April 2, 2014

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

III. Presentations

- SAF Subsidy Recommendations – 4:45pm – Matt Lindquist
 - Budget recommendation overview (*Budget Narrative handout attached*)
- Areas highlighted:
 - Campus Rec –
 - Forensics –
 - Mavericks After Dark – In order to have a good program, we n
 - Music Ensembles –

Shakespear: Students get credit for taking for this, therefore, isn't this academics?

- Reporter – \$1000 of the increase is for printing costs and for the printing stands.
- Greeks – This group regularly comes to SAC for regional conferences, however, now those dollars are included in the increase.
- Student Senate – Don't feel that the attorney needs to be paid that much.
 - Also have heard negative feedback from students.
 - Feel that this needs to be looked at.

Jirik: (constitution and student attorney)

Holmberg: Other than us, I don't see you telling people how to spend their money.

Lindquist: You have \$97,000 to spend so now you take it elsewhere.

Haffield: Then why not the \$772 for marketing?

Lindquist: Didn't know that it was in there.

Bobich: Speaking as both MavGuard chair and PR chair, it has been difficult to market ourselves as people don't know about us. I think it important that we be allowed to do that.

Hanson: I'd like to remind everyone that these are only SAC recommendations and senate can supersede it.

Bulcock: (*overview of SAC /Senate process*).

- Theatre –

Shakespear: When we sign up for things, this is subsidizing an academic class. No one has ever questioned that before and I think it is time someone did.

IV. Open Forum

a. David Schieler – Homecoming Event Chair

- i.* Thanks to senate for the conversations that have been had on this matter. Thanks for supporting us in this process so far and your reach to your constituencies.

- b. Bryan Schneider – Finishing up Tech Fee recommendation – will keep the same. Also includes a list of goals for next year. Will be sent out next week by email. That same recommend. Goes to roundtable for vote. Hopefully, can then vote on next week.
- c. Greek Week update – Taylor Bergstrom - Clothes drive, coin drive,

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

--Recommend allocating up to \$350 (\$50/student x 7 students) for non-food related travel expenses to the American Society of Mechanical Engineering to travel to student professional development conference at UW Madison, WI on March 28-30, 2014.

--Recommend allocating up to \$200 for non-food related travel expenses to the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS) to assist 15 students travel to an information session about medical school and science programs at the U of M campus in Minneapolis, MN on April 9, 2014.

--Recommend allocating up to \$200 (\$50/student x 4 students) for non-food related travel expenses to Lambda Chi Alpha to travel to regional fraternity conference at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA on April 4-6, 2014.

Recognized Student Organizations: Consulting Group

Approval of Minutes: 3/26/14

Approved.

VI. Vacancies

Allied Health & Nursing (2)

College of Education (1)

College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (1)

Undeclared (1)

Julia Sears (1)

McElroy (1)

Stadium Heights (1)

VII. Officer Reports

President Collins - Absent

Vice President Shakespear -

Haffield: Any update on the Zipcar contract?

Shakespear: We're still waiting on the contract review.

Holmberg: Has there been any progress on the attorney issue?

Shakespear: We are currently looking at doing an RFP as typically done every 4 years. Going forward, there won't be attorney service over the summer and only during the academic year.

Speaker Madsen - Absent

VIII. Senator Reports

Michael Hanson/Ryan Berndt – Arts & Humanities:

- Working on Student Advisory Board for A & H – still in it's inception but hope to channel comm. To MSSA.

- There are eight departments and degrees vary greatly within the college so the goal is to unite the community.
- Would like to set up monthly meetings and have Arts &H senators chair it.
- Goal is to have those coming on board a platform to follow through on.

Bobich: If new senators aren't interested, will you two continue to foster?

Berndt: Yes, I'll continue to foster the development of this.

Hanson: If I'm accepted into graduate school here, I'll also continue to help.

Holmberg: Have you met with your Dean yet?

Hanson: Not yet but am working on it.

Holmberg: I have some ideas for you as far as structure as we're working on something similar.

- Tyler Conlon - Preska
 - Working on getting problems resolved with the printer issue in our area.
 - Posting signs for sign-out for those students preparing to leave campus.
- Karson Krueger - Social & Behavioral Sciences
 - Retention survey progress - Even though I'm not serving next year I'll continue to work on this.

Joe Wolf - Issue came up with an Islamic woman and prayer area. IN their culture, they aren't supposed to pray in front of men. So, she suggested an area in the CSU where they can do that. She suggested a meditation room that could be used for that use.

Shakespear: This has come up in the 80th at length and it being looked at as favoritism to one religion.

Holmberg:

Conlon: There is a similar issue with food and it not being suitable for their culture. So, you may want to take that to ISA as well.

Berndt: Have you looked at what other Universities are doing?

Wolf: I have not.

- PJ Piotrowski- Allied Health & Nursing
 - Clinical science building is now on the bonding list.
 - Some are going up to capitol on Thursday.

Conlon: I had a question on an academic planning issue and managed to make progress with it as I managed to speak to the top person. However, what can others do if in that situation?

Jones: We have policies that are currently under review. You have until April 7th, so you can contact Lynn Akey before that time.

Eberline: I'm also on the Policy Review committee so I am happy to take any feedback back to them.

Shakespear: I'd suggest you all review them and bring any back to us that you have concerns with. Write them on the whiteboard in the senate office.

Berndt: I've a concern with the Media Scape machines on campus. They are unusable by many students on campus. I find it very frustrating, and have voiced my concerns about all of the technical issues and service.

Schneider: I'm aware of the problem and it's is on my list of issues to look at.

Berndt: Also, it is very frustrating that many instructors don't know how to use it. So much of the technology in the classroom is not being used, however, we use it as a recruitment tool.

Wegschied: They are integrating that into the KSP curriculum.

Holmberg: You also have to realize that many of our professors are older. When your generation gets to that age, you'll know how to use.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

Shakespeare: April 26th, Sigma Nu Trikathon. Food, DJ, need 25 teams, we currently have 3.

Wegschied: MSUSA event, Top Maverick, April 24th;

Piotrowski: Dodgeball tournament, proceeds go to Children's Miracle Network.

Bulcock: Greek Week lipsync; Those senators who are leaving may want to jot things down thoughts and pertinent information for those new coming in.

Shakespeare: please leave pertinent info in your binders for next year.

XII. Roll Call

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 6:04 p.m.