

81st MSSA Senate
April 9, 2014

BUDGET HEARING

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

III. Presentations

- City of Mankato Bus Route Proposal - Mark Anderson (*handouts*)
 - *Proposed Rt 1 Realignment*
 - *Rt. 1 North; Rt 1 South; split; North = 20 minu.; Rt. South 30 min.*
 - *Rt 1- Southridge/Briargate; Rt 2, Southtown/Tanager*
 - *Campus express- 30 minute - Opt 1 - not provide service to Tanager path and parking lots; if including tanager rd., not provide service to parking lots.*
 - *Thanks for MSU for support. Continued support will cost only \$20,000; Res Life is giving \$10,000 of this cost; also adding a \$450,000 vehicle*

Gallery: With the slack time on opt 1, why not run north on Monks? It is very dangerous spot.

Anderson: I didn't look at that.

Cowan: We did try the Monks with Rt 9 & 12, although it is not an all-day thing. Route 8 will continue.

Shakespeare: How many routes do we have going through the parking lots?

Anderson: Rt 8 is the only one. We're also upgrading three of our vehicles.

Haffield: How many students live on Tanager Rd?

Anderson: I don't know but can tell you that we operate the late-night express and provide a large amount of service over there.

- SAF Requests - Clarifications:
 - Tech Fee Proposal - Bryan Schneider (*handouts*)
 - Overview of graph and tech fee process
 - Priority list from students
 - Recommendation of 8.75% - no increase
 - Looking for feedback, recommendation and approval from MSSA.

Holmberg: As far as the servicing of computers around campus, I know of someone still out since Jan. and has only gotten the run-around of service. Is there a goal to improve that?

Schneider: Yes, our goal is to repair issues within a few hours. I can meet with you on that if you'd like.

Berndt: Is there a place where I can send students to work on MAC computers?

Schneider: I'd point you to the Art dept. labs which are open for student-use after hours. There are 4-5 available there. And, also in AH 224.

Berndt: There are issues with some of the Adobe programs on them.

Hanson: As far as improving your marketing initiatives, how do we promote use of Smart Boards as I've never seen one being used.

Schneider: We've just created a communication hub to work on this and working on better communication to students and faculty informing them what is available to them. We're trying to get that message out to faculty as students expect that technology.

Haffield: Are you getting rid of computer farms?

Schneider: We are looking for more of a collaborative environment instead of shoulder to shoulder. There are a lot of ideas floating around and we will be looking for feedback from students in fall.

Haffield: A lot of students are saying that there is not enough computers in the basement of library. Is there any thought to adding down there?

Schneider: I can bring that back to the library as they provide that technology.

Silker: Commentaries heard is that students are not necessarily looking for new services but improved services. Also hear that a lot of times students end up helping the faculty out with technology as they don't know it.

Conlon: Where does residential life fall into this? I don't see it but always have internet.

Schneider: That generally falls under Res Life's Tech Depot. Charter also provides services to that. We will also be providing some training to them to resolve some of those issues.

Bulcock: If there was anything that this group may want to pay attention to, what would you say to them?

Schneider: This is the process that we really look for and rely on your feedback. We encourage you to have the consultation process a priority.

- Theatre- Dr. Paul Hustoles
- The past several years have not asked for an increase and feel we have an exquisite program.

Shakespeare: The concern is the line between academics and non-academics. Should a student fee go towards a program that should go towards tuition dollars?

Hustoles: Some productions are required by certain classes. In the fall term, there were just under 200 students enrolled in theatre production. While certain students will purchase, it represents only 20% of total audience.

FORENSICS:

FY14 Subsidy: \$27,890 FY15 Subsidy: \$22,312 Decrease: \$5,578 Percentage Decrease: 20%

SAC recommends decreasing Forensics funding by 20% because the amount allocated to this department during FY14 was \$27,890 base + \$3,800 for their end of the year tournaments. This amount is allocated to a group of around 20 students that compete in tournaments on weekends with no financial commitment from students. There are also no try outs for this team.

Leah White: I'm here to appeal this recommendation. According to the narrative, it seems like there was concern with leftover allocations from last year. However, I notice a huge increase in homecoming versus my program where students compete an entire year. We also have programming throughout the year. Had concern about asking for more dollars for nat'l tournament and was under the impression that we didn't have to do that. I don't like the uncertainty. Didn't realize I could ask for the full year. I will now do that. Also comment in narrative that students didn't pay to participate. I found this confusing. We are in a weird role as like athletics, we travel to compete.

Shakespeare: Do students receive academic credit?

White: They can but not required. Usually 8-12 enrolled every semester.

Shakespeare: What is the \$27,000 spent on?

White: 100% travel expenses.

Berndt: Do members pay?

White: They do have to cover some supplies such as nice professional attire and visual aids.

Hanson: Was MSU the first program to offer forensics?

White: Yes, and we are recognized as one of the few mentoring groups in the nation.

Berndt: I get where you're coming from as far as nice suits, etc., but what other things can you justify spending student dollars for?

White: We do try to serve the needs of students outside of the classroom. This money covers about 17 different travel opportunities throughout the year. It also helps other students in other classes as we

teach public speaking skills, etc. I've a lot of students who wouldn't participate if they had to pay as many can't. Many come from low-income backgrounds.

Silker: Can you speak as to how many meets in the past year?

White: It can change a lot but is about 17 a year. Academics come first and students are not allowed to travel if they do not have a GPA of 3.00.

Silker: Would you willing to place a charge on a club commitment?

White: Possibly, if it was no more than \$50. We have no scholarships. We have talent grants. A lot stay in school because they can compete.

Jacobson: How do you advertise?

Student: Talk to people both one on one and in classes. Also have high schools on campus .

Haffield: Doing the calculation towards food it is \$65/person/ trip. SAC is \$50. Could you have it more equal to that allocation?

White: I would have students who couldn't go. It is that added expense. That is usually 1 meal per day and very minimal.

Haffield: I suggest \$415/tournament to stay equal with the \$50 SAC guidelines.

White: Are we asking our athletes to pay this way too? We compete in the same way. Don't know where best we fit to be funded. If you're not making all students do that then I don't want my students paying for that.

Conlon: Can you justify the \$28,000 for 20 students?

Student: That goes toward students who are traveling and covering those expenses. It is also giving enhancement to students and their public speaking. Yes, we are a group of about 20 students but it doesn't mean other students don't benefit from it. It is an investment into our future leaders. We survive on the bare minimum.

Shakespeare: I get this from a fraternity and I get leadership skills, etc., but I pay. I can't do things unless I have the money.

White: I feel it is the way it is funded. Not sure how to solve. Others are completely student run, so feel that analogy doesn't work. If compared to athletes, they raise millions. In terms of numbers and trophies we typically rank 11th - 15th in the nation (last 6 years).

Gumbert: I'm president of marketing club and we travel all the time. We have 180 students who are active. What kind of fundraising do you do yourselves?

White: People do pay to come to our tournaments. On average, we're pulling \$1500-\$2000. We're competing for the university. It is not a conference but a competition.

Gumbert: Do you use alumni opportunities for fundraising?

White: Yes, we've done some of that and put some money in the foundation account. Right now any donations would go into scholarships as we don't have any.

Theresa: What would a 20% cut mean to you?

White: It would take out at least one tournament.

Theresa: If it were cut back to three tournaments, could students advance to go to nat'l tournament?

White: Students have to place 1,2,3rd to place in national. This is rare. They have very strict qualifications.

Shakespeare: I hear a lot of screaming about students having to pay for things and understand that this is difficult, however, this is true for all students.

Holmberg: If they pay for their own food at these conferences it is cutting them back and forces them to budget.

Schwartz: SAC guidelines don't specifically say they can't buy food.

Shakespeare: Why not operate as an RSO?

Schwartz: It just isn't clear where they fit.

Berndt: I'm very offended when they tell me they need a good suit. I think they need to be investigated for what they're spending.

JT: SAC considered cutting more but didn't want to cut all in one year

Haffield: I think they should be cut as we all have to pay for our meals.

Silker: They haven't had a cut in 11 years. She likes to compare to athletics but they are more like academia. Not a spectator sport. They also pay for their advisors to go on these trips. When asked, she thought it better to limit programming. Think it is an important program as they go to approximately twenty meets and also take personal awards home.

Schieler: Why don't they come and ask for requests?

Schwartz: During the academic year they have a schedule but not all students go. It ends up being what students qualify for at nat'l events.

Schieler: I don't agree with this when they can come and ask SAC for it. Then we will fund for those tournaments that they go to.

Collins: I move to approve line item as \$22,312, as recommended or close to it, as it is a decrease.

Bobich: I think it should reflect \$50/student /event as that is what everyone gets.

Haffield: That is the only thing they are using their money for.

Silker: Their budget compares with schools who have a lot more funding than we do. GAC gets \$80,000. She did mention that three qualifications are required to come to SAC.

Wolf: We shouldn't cut it back so far so quickly.

Conlon: I don't want this to become a sports vs arts thing.

Schieler: As an A & H senator and her as my advisor, I feel that they are a spectator sport. If you do the \$50/head, which heads?? I think we need to take all money and not give it to them. Move to take \$27,890 and move it to SAC and make them come ask for it.

Shakespeare: I move to \$22,312 as recommended. SAC has done everything they needed to on this.

Silker: We took \$3300 off food so they are more accountable for what they are buying.

Schieler: I move to have oversight for them from SAC. They didn't tell us they're not buying food. This would make sure that they aren't spending too much on these conferences. Taking away funding doesn't teach anything. If needed, SAC would be able to do this.

Berndt: I support this.

Collins: If this was a child, I could micro-manage or give them less for them to get by with.

JT: I think the actual issue is SAC guidelines.

Vote passes.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACT - As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$51,400 FY15 Subsidy: \$51,400 Increase: \$0 Percentage Increase: 0%

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for International Center Activities. No increase was requested.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE: As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$79,500 FY15 Subsidy: \$79,500 Increase: \$0 Percentage Increase: 0%

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for Music Ensembles. No increase was requested.

Shakespeare: to register for this you are getting class credit for it. They were invited to be here but didn't respond. Don't like paying for other people to take this class.

Schwartz: They are using SAF funds to pay accompaniments, stipend for GA, and work study students.

Schieler: As an A & H senator, I have concerns with my college. Why aren't they paying for these things?? Why isn't Academic Affairs having this conversation? We should continue support of them and start changing this culture.

Shakespeare: I don't want to blindside people by cutting them but think going forward we need to address this.

Holmberg: Why can't we cut their budget? They were invited to be here.

Shakespeare: Because it is the wrong thing to do. I said this at the start of my term here. I told you all of this and no one took it up.

Berndt: It is a tough position as no one showed up here to defend themselves.

Move to recommend SAC recommendation.

Motion passes.

IV. Open Forum

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee: None

Recognized Student Organizations: Anthropology Student Society, Field Ecology Club, Minnesota State University, Mankato Subunit of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Approval of Minutes: 4/2/14

VI. Officer Reports

President Collins – Research and Scholarly Creative Activity, Master Planning (Provost Wells) meets April 15, 3-5. Would like students there.

Vice President Shakespear

\$440M tax cut approved. One of them is the tuition deduction and ability to write it off on taxes. Up to \$4000 on both federal and state. Governor Dayton is doing a story on this so looking for two students to do this article. If you're paying your own tuition or the bulk of it, let me know.

Speaker Madsen

If you know anyone interested in Speaker send them my way. They will be elected on the 23rd.
Vacancies:

Stadium Heights – Kyler Schoner

Served on RHA board as Tech Design Chair; am an Economics major, a sophomore. I was involved with student government in high school as president; also president of Honors Program.

Shakespear: If our amendments pass, res hall senators will be res hall senators. A suggestion for the 82nd would be to reopen the vacancies and have people re-run.

Conlon: Let's vote him in because he's very good.

Hanson: I feel like he could do a good job

Bobich: He ran for election and lost but came in right afterwards and wanted to run.

Vote: Kyler sworn in.

CAMPUS REC:

FY14 Subsidy: \$406,845 FY15 Subsidy: \$450,881 Increase: \$44,036 Percentage Increase: 10.8%

SAC recommends an increase of \$44,036 to cover contractual salary and fringe benefits, a graduate assistant position, with the remaining balance going to the general operating expenses of the department.

Adventure Education

FY14 Subsidy: \$111,263 FY15 Subsidy: \$126,806 Increase: \$15,543 Percentage Increase: 14.0%

SAC recommends an increase of \$15,543 to cover contractual salary and fringe benefits and a graduate assistant position.

Campus Rec Equipment R&R Fund – As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$20,000 FY15 Subsidy: \$20,000 Increase: \$0 Percentage Increase: 0%

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for the Campus Recreation Equipment R&R Fund. No increase was requested.

Todd Pfingsten: What would be impact of not getting this increase? We requested two GAs but would only get one. Gives us the ability to recruit nationally and maintain good quality. We have hired pretty good internal people. Intramural sports club staff is leaving. Wondering how to fill that and take it to the next level. Our officials program has changed dramatically. The experience that you have is definitely dictated by great quality of staff. I was approached by someone of the top officials program and told that we were a model for the state. The money a person can make at this is unbelievable and great supplemental income.

Haffield: What is GA going to get?

Pfingsten: \$15,000 + \$6200 for tuition.

Haffield: How many students will this support?

Todd: I don't have that number but program continues to grow.

Holmberg: Does this money go towards travel?

Todd: A very small travel budget for intramural tournaments (Lincoln, NE).

Holmberg: Does any funding go towards food when traveling?

Todd: No, just tournament fees, lodging.

Shakespear: I move to recommend Campus Rec \$471,381,00.

CAMPUS REC ADVENTURE:

Shakespear: You want to add a GA. Why not student worker?

Sam: That is a good question. GAs allow us to reach out into the nat'l and int'l audience. We have a reputation going back 30 years of the majority presenting have their masters. There is notoriety about the MSU program. It simply gives us more hands-on to do more things.

Shakespear: I worked at a summer camp and got trained...can a student do that?

Sam: I actually hire 20-30 hourly students to work the rock wall. Also take a lot with no skills and teach them those skills.

Todd: We had 3 GAs and Sam 3 years ago. Now, we've only one GA. My fear is that we may lose him as he is overworked.

Shakespear: What's impact of cut?

Sam: GA in the spring. Summer is also an opportunity to bring youth in and work with them.

Shakespear: How much do you make over summer?

Sam: We would probably serve 10 groups @ \$450.

Todd: We also hope to generate our own revenue.

Hanson: The largest concern heard is indoor rock wall and risk to those outside and athletes using it from 1-6 pm.

Sam: Your constituents are able to sign up for academic classes so could use the rock wall.

Bubble space would potentially alleviate this schedule crunch.

Hanson: So then my constituents basically pay double for that?

Todd: That's essentially correct. But I think there are some things we could do with that. It is also an agreement that was reached back in 2005.

Wegscheid: You mention a lot of things to use this money. Would this mean asking for less money down the road?

Sam: I hope to do a lot of activities that teach team and leadership skills necessary to be successful. Having extra person-power allows me to train and help provide great programming and new collaboration. Shocked by the amount of students we served in the past couple of years. Want to provide the programs students are asking for. We're now looking at things like bikes, canoes, kayaks, etc.

Collins: Dr. Davenport came to senate executives last year about a sports bubble. We didn't want it. I feel like future years we're going to have an extra strain on athletes to bridge a gap. They really helped us in our leadership training. It was exceptionally fun. While visiting Oregon State University, they heavily emphasized a better camp rec program.

Shakespeare: They currently have a big plan and a big strategy. Some don't do that. This is what students want.

Silker: As a SAC member, our reasoning was to wait and let them come back next year and not invest right now as there were so many other increases.

Motion passes. 19-2-1

Increase Campus Rec (Adventure Ed Program/Climbing Walls) from \$126,806 to \$131,306

Rationale: Campus Rec's proposal included a Summer Graduate Assistant. The SAC Committee did not want to fund this portion of the request. Senate felt that the work being done by the department and the increased usage warranted the increase.

REPETORY DANCE: As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$5,000 FY15 Subsidy: \$5,000 Increase: \$0 Percentage Increase: 0%

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for Repertory Dance. No increase was requested

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

FY14 Subsidy: \$9,797 FY15 Subsidy: \$11,797 Increase: \$2,000 Percentage Increase: 20.4%

Although community engagement asked for funds to hire a Graduate Assistant, SAC decided the work of the GA did not match the \$15,000+ investment. We did allocate them an increase of \$2,000 to increase programming, specifically the alternative spring break.

Silker: The main request was for GA for alternative spring break trip. We couldn't justify the large amount. We wanted to invest but not to that extent.

Shakespeare: Has any one on SAC been on that program? How can SAC make that judgement?

Silker: SAC spoke to a lot of friends and did see value in it, but didn't see the level of investment.

Holmberg: So the GA would be planning just that one trip? It can be a lot of work, so would support hiring a GA. This campus lacks them.

Berndt: I don't think we should invest in a GA. I know people who went on it and had a great time but not worth the investment.

Shakespeare: If SAC didn't approve GA, why are we giving them \$2000?

Bobich: The \$2000 seems like a very arbitrary number. I think it is an investment into a Maverick and will be a huge project.

Bulcock: There were concerns about travel regarding this trip from Risk Management as we didn't have a full time staff person able to accompany.

Shakespeare: I went on a similar trip with all students, not a staff person.

Bulcock: I'd recommend one or the other as it is putting a lot on the rest of the staff.

Shakespeare: I recommend \$9797.

Motion passes.

Decrease Community Engagement from \$11,797 to \$9,797.

Rationale: Community Engagement's proposal included funding for a Graduate Assistant. SAC did not feel the need to fund this, but wanted to provide additional support to the Alternative Spring Break program. Senate did not feel the need to support that initiative at this time.

MAVERICKS AFTER DARK:

FY14 Subsidy: \$10,000 FY15 Subsidy: \$20,000 Increase: \$10,000 Percentage Increase: 100%

When compared to a similar program offered at SCSU, the SAC decided that a serious investment was needed to improve the programming of MAD. This increase of \$10,000 will improve quality and frequency of events.

Jacobson: Can you provide us an overview?

MD: We are trying to plan 4 alternative mavs. Test four traditional and four alternative (cosmic bingo, tubing, laser,) all in an attempt to attract a broader range.

Bobich: Has a chair been elected yet?

MD: They will be elected by Friday.

Bobich: What is your basic turnout rate?

MD: Jan.- 130; Feb.- 300; March- 100.

Bobich: I feel it premature to ask for increase when the chair hasn't been chosen.

Berndt: Will there be food provided at these events??

MD: Yes, for traditional and no, for alternative.

Shakespeare: I heard the comparison to St Cloud. They have a very different culture there.

They are more res hall focused. I don't think you can change this no matter how hard you work with it.

Haffield: What are you thinking as far as increase attendance?

Bulcock: We're thinking it would double.

Silker: Why would we invest something that hasn't been tested yet?

MD: The goal is to have what we want to do done by the time we leave this campus. The chair should have a say on how to plan it.

Shakespeare: I move to recommend \$13,000. It is all about increasing attendance and getting students there. If you have success, then request more money.

Berndt: I want you to be successful. You're working hard for us but can't justify \$20,000.

Silker: It is hard to give a small amount of dollars and see turnaround.

Collins: They were knocked down to \$10,000 last year so you're moving ahead.

Wolf: I didn't see quality events out of \$12,500 so don't see adequate with \$13,000.

JT: SAC looked at it as it serving all students on campus. Recommend \$15,000.

Bulcock: This is #1 priority for next year.

Shakespeare: I move to recommend \$15,000.

Vote passes.

Decrease Mavericks After Dark from \$20,000 to \$15,000

Rationale: The Mavericks After Dark proposal included a significant increase in the number and scope of events. SAC supported the notion. Senate was leery of this and is concerned that the programs still do not reach the number of off-campus residents the programs should. They commented that, if MAD can show success with a couple big programs, additional funding in the future may be warranted. They did not want to double the budget right away.

IMPACT:

FY14 Subsidy: \$84,970 FY15 Subsidy: \$97,970 Increase: \$13,000 Percentage Increase: 15.3%

IMPACT requested Student Activity Fees to rebrand IMPACT and emphasize the fact that IMPACT is run by students. We also hope they will use this money for higher quality speakers and events. Lastly, the increase in IMPACT's budget will go to fund students attending conferences. Requests for unallocated supplemental funding will not be awarded during FY15 for student travel to conferences.

Shakespear: I feel that the brand has been destroyed.

Schieler: I agree that Impact has fallen. There was a hire three years ago that has impacted that.

Holmberg: So they will no longer come to SAC for travel funds and this increase covers that cost?

Bulcock: It reflects previous level of funding

Wegscheid: If the negative impact is due to the hire, how will this be turned around?

Silker: The increase is to alleviate them from coming to SAC for travel and conference.

Haffield: How much for rebranding?

Student: It would be to replace posters, banners.

Haffield: I want the concert but think it should be decreased a bit.

Collins: I don't feel confident to where the money goes. Sometimes it gives me something neat and other times nothing. If you put better spinners on an awful car, is it a better car?

Shakespear: I move to recommend \$95,670. Same as '13. See if they can use it well this time.

Schieler: I think that the student government body needs to become involved so why not take an active role in what they do. Want it to become a unified group to change this campus.

JT: SAC's point was so they don't come back to us for travel.

Schwartz: In 2013 it was decided they could not come back for travel.

Motion passes.

Decrease IMPACT (Subset of Student Activities) from \$97,900 to \$95,670

Rationale: Similar to the Greeks line, the Senate felt that the reduced increase was sufficient and wanted to treat the line like other lines receiving significant increases by meeting somewhere in the middle. This level of funding restores the level of funding received in FY13.

HOMECOMING:

FY14 Subsidy: \$36,000 FY15 Subsidy: \$60,000 Increase: \$24,000 Percentage Increase: 66.7%

To try and increase school spirit, SAC decided to increase the Homecoming subsidy to \$60,000 from \$36,000 the year before. The \$24,000 increase was supported by SAC because of the exceptional quality of programs and presentation delivered.

Haffield: If anyone can pull this off it is David.

Bobich: I heard this all around campus. It's a big deal.

JT: I think we should invest in homecoming

Silker: I think this is a great way to invest in students.

Collins: I think it is the coolest plan yet. Would more money benefit programming? If so, what number would you like to see?

Schieler: We've started to look at this. We couldn't get that kind of comedian for that \$60,000. It probably would be more like \$80,000.

Shakespear: If you were to get that, what is the likelihood of getting the bigger names?

Schieler: Looking at combining events to save money. The chances of us getting Sammy Adams is quite high trying to push this contract by the end of the month. Not paying him until we get the funds. If not, maybe Woody Allen, Hughey Mac, and others. Looking in the same genre.

JT: Roughly, how much more to secure some of these comedians?

Schieler: Maybe for \$70,000 but that would also be tied to performance and students attending.

Collins: Move to approve @ \$60,000

ETHNIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES: - As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$41,524 FY15 Subsidy: \$41,524 Increase: \$0 Percentage Increase: 0%

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for Ethnic Student Activities. No increase was requested.

Shakespeare: Personally, I think they do too much with all of the food and everything.

Schwartz: They rely on this for programming money. In 2014 carried forward a \$1,000 deficit.

Shakespeare: I move to recommend @ \$40,524. I agree that food is important, but don't know how much everyone else is getting out of it.

JT: I think they are trying to teach others about different cultures.

Silker: I think it is a fair amount that they asked.

Shakespeare: I move to recommend \$41,524.

Jessica Flatequal: I'm here for clarification if needed.

Motion passes.

REPORTER – As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$61,000 FY15 Subsidy: \$64,200 Increase: \$3,200 Percentage Increase: 5.3%

The increase in the Reporter's subsidy is due to the increase in printing costs, salaries, and benefits.

Reporter Equipment R&R Fund

FY14 Subsidy: \$0 FY15 Subsidy: \$0 Increase: \$0 Percentage Increase: \$0

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for the Reporter Equipment R&R Fund. No increase was requested.

GENDER & SEXUALITY PROGRAMS – As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$264,350 FY15 Subsidy: \$279,350 Increase: \$15,000 Percentage Increase: 5.7%

We allocated the GTF \$15,000 so the busses can start running a half hour earlier to meet the demand of early riders trying to get to campus.

GREEN FEE – As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$264,350 FY15 Subsidy: \$279,350 Increase: \$15,000 Percentage Increase: 5.7%

We allocated the GTF \$15,000 so the buses can start running a half hour earlier to meet the demand of early riders trying to get to campus.

THEATRE: As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$85,616 FY15 Subsidy: \$85,616 Increase: \$85,616 Percentage Increase: 0%

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for the Theatre. No increase was requested.

Schieler: I think we should take a more aggressive stance and recommend that the 82nd take this on next year.

Motion passes.

STUDENT SENATE:

FY14 Subsidy: \$98,995 FY15 Subsidy: \$97,856 Decrease: \$1,139 Percentage Decrease: 1.2%

The decrease in funding is the net result of the increase in the office assistant's salary and benefits and a recommended decrease of \$5,000 in the student attorney's pay.

Increase the Student Senate Line from \$97,856 to \$102,856

Rationale: Cumulatively, the SAC recommendation covers the increase in salary and fringe, a cut in marketing expenditures, and a cut in funding for the Student Attorney program. Senate chose to fully fund the request.

Motion passes.

SAF ADMINISTRATION: As recommended.

FY14 Subsidy: \$213,670 FY15 Subsidy: \$227,696 Increase: \$14,026 Percentage Increase: 6.6%

The increase recommended is contracted salary and fringe benefits based.

Schieler: This is a very top-down run organization. I think with contracts like that, we need to be consulted on those. MSSA should be involved in the contract process and be on the search committee.

Bulcock: From a university perspective, that is an HR issue and those decisions are made by them. It is a sensitive matter and the bargaining units are involved.

Madsen: Davenport would have to approve any recommended cuts.

Motion passes.

GREEK:

FY14 Subsidy: \$11,000 FY15 Subsidy: \$16,500 Increase: \$5,500 Percentage Increase: 50%

The Greeks requested an increase of \$8,651 from their FY14 base of \$11,000. SAC gave them a total of \$16,500 to allocate amongst themselves. Requests for unallocated supplemental funding will not be awarded during FY15 for student travel to conferences.

Collins: Who is represented by this line item?

Bulcock: It consists mainly of speakers, travel, and other programming needs.

Schieler: This money goes to the council but doesn't really go to it. I'd like to see more student oversight. Whereas, we run budgets, the council doesn't necessarily run their budget. John, it's not that you don't do a good job and I think you do more than many others.

Shakespeare: I don't support an increase of this size as we're telling everyone else to cut.

Collins: I'm concerned that it is not fair as it is targeted to only social Greeks and not academics.

Bulcock: We are looking at including the academic Greeks.

Holmberg: I really appreciate that we're coming back and looking back at this.

Schieler: The core of our budget comes from our own pocket. Dues are doubled if grades aren't met. The Greek Community represents only 3% and also includes some of our best leaders.

There are so many things we can't afford to do for them and they are taxed so much already. In order to expand, they need money. The request is for their bare necessities.

Shakespeare: You're getting \$4000 still. You're being held to the exact same standard as the rest on this sheet.

Haffield: They already pay a lot for dues so I recommend \$14,000. It should not be disproportionate.

Vote passes.

Decrease Greeks (Subset of Student Activities) from \$16,500 to \$15,000

Rationale: Senate felt that the reduced increase was sufficient and wanted to treat the line more like other lines receiving significant increases by meeting somewhere in the middle.

RSOs – As recommended.

Non-Budgeted Request Fund (RSO Travel/Programming)

FY14 Subsidy: \$50,000 FY15 Subsidy: \$50,000 Increase: \$0 Percentage Increase: 0%

SAC recommends maintaining the current level of funding for Non-Budgeted Request Fund.

Holmberg: MavSync is growing and useful and is the best working tool we have on campus.

Wolf: I've talked to another student body president, and they've been using for 5 years and it has been very successful.

Senator Reports

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- Ratification of Election Results

IX. Added: Taylor Pederson, David Schieler, Marchall

X. Announcements

XI. Roll Call

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 8:50 pm.

***Please see summary of senate budget results below:*

Student Senate Modifications to Student Allocations Committee FY15 Recommendations

All of these modifications were passed by at least a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate

Increase Campus Rec (Adventure Ed Program/Climbing Walls) from \$126,806 to \$131,306

Rationale: Campus Rec's proposal included a Summer Graduate Assistant. The SAC Committee did not want to fund this portion of the request. Senate felt that the work being done by the department and the increased usage warranted the increase.

Decrease Community Engagement from \$11,797 to \$9,797.

Rationale: Community Engagement's proposal included funding for a Graduate Assistant. SAC did not feel the need to fund this, but wanted to provide additional support to the Alternative Spring Break program. Senate did not feel the need to support that initiative at this time.

Decrease Mavericks After Dark from \$20,000 to \$15,000

Rationale: The Mavericks After Dark proposal included a significant increase in the number and scope of events. SAC supported the notion. Senate was leery of this and is concerned that the programs still do not reach the number of off-campus residents the programs should. They commented that, if MAD can show success with a couple big programs, additional funding in the future may be warranted. They did not want to double the budget right away.

Increase the Student Senate Line from \$97,856 to \$102,856

Rationale: Cumulatively, the SAC recommendation covers the increase in salary and fringe, a cut in marketing expenditures, and a cut in funding for the Student Attorney program. Senate chose to fully fund the request.

Decrease Greeks (Subset of Student Activities) from \$16,500 to \$15,000

Rationale: Senate felt that the reduced increase was sufficient and wanted to treat the line more like other lines receiving significant increases by meeting somewhere in the middle.

Decrease IMPACT (Subset of Student Activities) from \$97,900 to \$95,670

Rationale: Similar to the Greeks line, the Senate felt that the reduced increase was sufficient and wanted to treat the line like other lines receiving significant increases by meeting somewhere in the middle. This level of funding restores the level of funding received in FY13.

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