

81st MSSA Senate
March 26, 2014

I. Call to Order by Madam Speaker

II. Roll Call

III. Presentations

- Homecoming
 - Review of past budgets
 - 2011-47,500; \$62,500, 55,000, 36,000
 - 1x funding ended in 2011;
 - Event review:
 - Expensive: Block Party, speaker, Concert
 - Less expensive: kickoff, movie, parade
 - High attendance: parade, concert; well-attended: kickoff, block party, lip sync
recognizability, fun and easy to attend
 - Goal setting meant looking back over the years and analyzing events
 - What will it take: honesty, transparency, senate collaboration and outreach; want to return to
FY12 funding
 - List of events and attendance goals
 - What \$60K and past attendance represents.
 - Lowering allocation teams and paying students to help. Expecting them to volunteer. In the
past, \$5000 was allocated.
 - Breakdown of expected schedule
 - Working on Sammy Adams; extending parade route, presentation of King & Queen, and
8pm (large) student bonfire and fireworks. Goal of 20' tall bonfire.

Haffield: Can you explain allocation for teams and bonfire precautions?

Schieler: It will include things like security patrolling, snow fencing around bonfire, etc.

Hanson: Could you send a link of presentation to senate to peruse?

Schieler: Yes.

Holmberg: You seem to be omitting Sodexo a lot. Are we able to do that?

Schieler: We're good with the contract as it is outside of campus.

Holmberg: Can you clarify how we went from \$62,000 to \$38,000. Where did the misuse of funds come from?

Schieler: I was MSSA VP when I asked Nick J. to audit this event. Basically, we looked at what essential spending was and what wasn't deemed essential.

Holmberg: Was it a way of being punished and now we're coming out of that punishment?

Schieler: I guess you could look at it that way.

- MSUSA

Katie/Becky: Top Maverick, April 24th, auditions April 10th.

Will be prizes, of \$300 B & N gift card; \$200 Visa, and 3rd will be \$100 Applebees.

Conlon: marketing plan?

Katie: RHA, ISA, and Athletics. There will also be a light poster campaign.

Becky: Would like to go to 100-101 classes to see if extra bonus would be allowed for attending.

Holmberg: Can you describe the pageant?

Katie: It will be half talent and half academic.

Nick Jirik - MSUSA budget overview/breakdown (handouts)

- Operating at deficit
- Biggest change is hiring 7 positions to increase base
- Rebranding planned
- Increase in student awards

Holmberg: you opened up by saying budget shortfall and would dip into reserve. Did we overspend because we knew we had that money?

Jirik: 3 yrs ago planned on buy bldg. but instead chose to rent, therefore, money in our account. So now we have 1/2M and plan on spending in the future.

Conlon: cause of income drop?

Jirik: lower tuition costs

Collins: sit on budget committee and have gone over few times so if questions, bring to delegates.

Vetter: What do on-campus coordinators do?

Jirik: They'd be like a campus coordinator but more dedicated staff.

IV. Open Forum

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointments:

Commission on Ethics & Standards:

Student Allocations Committee:

-- SAC recommends allocating up to \$1,292.98 for non-food related travel expenses (entry fee & hotel) to the competing students only of the Forensics team at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ on April 3-8, 2014

-- SAC recommends allocating up to \$2,544 for non-food related travel expenses (entry fee & bus ticket) to the competing students only of the Forensics team at the National Forensic Association (NFA) Championship Tournament at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI on April 16-22, 2014.

-- SAC recommend allocating up to \$1,000 for non-food related travel expenses to the Marketing Club to assist 30 students travel to St. Louis, MO to tour 3 businesses and participate in a networking event with University alumni April 3-5, 2014.

-- SAC recommend allocating up to \$800 ($\$50/student \times 16\ students$) for non-food related travel expenses to the Women in Aviation to attend aviation training April 24-25, 2014 at University of ND, Grand Forks, ND.

Recognized Student Organizations:

Approval of Minutes: 3/19/14

VI. Vacancies

Allied Health & Nursing (2)

Undeclared (1)

Julia Sears (1)

McElroy (1)

Stadium Heights (1)

College of Education (1)

College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (3) - Fred de Ruiter / Arnold Ogamba

De Ruiter: I felt that this would be a good opportunity for me to learn about senate. I was recently elected as VP to RHA. Next fall I will be a sophomore.

Ogamba: Always wanted to be on senate and get to know about it.

Haffield: how would you be able to benefit the senate with only a short time left?

Fred: I feel like getting the extra three weeks would benefit me for the elections.

Hanson: With the biggest thing left on the agenda being the Student Allocation fees, which are over \$1M, do you feel confident in the ability to vote?

De Ruiter: I'm an eager learner, however, if I didn't feel I had the proper understanding I would abstain from voting. Thank you for the opportunity to let me run. When I want something I'll do well with it.

Ogamba: I'll do my best if elected.

Shakespeare: I think there are two individuals who are trying to improve on what they do. They are awesome guys and brave enough to get up in front of us.

Madsen: Just to remind you, they are not competing for a spot but running for one of three spots.

Holmberg: I won't vote as I'm on Elections Committee.

Hanson: Both have been in the senate office and expressed a lot of eagerness..

Berndt: I like them both but feel that we are just doing something to do it. Think you need to sit down and think about it.

Hanson: With the budget questions, I liked how they didn't answer as they didn't know how to answer. I feel they did well.

Haffield: My point in asking different questions was to see how they would handle pressure. Feel they did well.

Vote: Fred Orgamba and Fred de Ruiters sworn in.

VII. Officer Reports

President Collins

- o Student attorney: Audit/evaluation of performance

Collins: I spoke with him and would like to make an evaluation form for his work.

Holmberg: What should be on the form?

Collins: Basically, questions asking whether there was value to meeting with him.

Conlon: Would this be required of every student?

Collins: That would be tough with sanctity of confidentiality.

Gumbert: I would suggest consulting Chris to see what should be on there and also meeting with other lawyers?

Collins: Plan on meeting with him tomorrow.

Hanson: Would we want to set up a performance review period?

Collins: Yes, that would be the point of putting it into place.

- o Delegates list - April 11-13th.
- o Happy elections. I encourage you to keep it clean.
- o Senate office access - It was brought to my attention that it has been abused. (i.e. for specific purposes of campaigning) Card access has now been limited to only executive leadership, coordinators, and the Elections Commission's chair.
- o MSSA polo shirts sign-up and payment.
- o Elections: Should have senators helping with elections, possibly 1 hr. each.

Bobich: If you are running for an office, then you are excluded from this.

- o SAC presentations next week. Plan to be attentive
- o Thought the Homecoming presentation was impressive. Spring concert should be fun.

Vice President Shakespear

- o Zipcar will go forward if you want it to.

Speaker Madsen

- o Won't be here. Ben will be heading.
- o If want to do senate reports, get to me by noon on Tues.

VIII. Senator Reports

a. Michael Hanson

- o Proposed bus routes for next fall.
- o Proposal to have both north and south routes with Route 1. South route will go every 20 min., other every ½ hour.
- o MSU Environmental standing committee - if free on April 5th, looking for help.
- o Green fee proposing another 5% increase.
- o Const. Comm. Proposed changes: changing undeclared to senators at-large. We will plan on holding next Friday. If concerns, please attend. Changes will be put on spring ballots.

b. Joe Wolf, Karson, Brett

- i. Recent tabling about changes on campus diff. that could be shared with new senators. Biggest one was overall lack of awareness of MSSA. For example, no one knew who we were last week in the Hearth Lounge. Possibly using p.a. for announcements. Parking, keeping free lot free, general ed credits streamlining, and more help for grad students. Also, lack of center for grad students to hang out; CSU food, bully awareness.

Collins: What was most inappropriate or funny you rec'd?

Wolf: To heat the outside.

- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business

M#3.26.14 – Pursuit of Zipcar Collins/Shakespear

Hanson – Sound like proposal is relative.

Shakespear – (*Zipcar program overview*).

Silker: I visited a campus where it was really popular.

Haffield: It sounds like a really good program and I support it.

Conlon: Feel it supports our campus.

Hanson: Service with Hertz has been so poor and I think it is an important program to offer students.

Motion passed.

Announcements

Collins: MSUSA elections – Ben running for state chair, Walking Debt website is interesting.

Shakespear: Sigma Nu Trike event. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity.

Bulcock: Greek/Student Activities events update.

- XI. Roll Call
- XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 5:50 pm.

Upcoming MSSA events:

April 2nd – President/VP Debates

April 8th – Spring Elections

April 9th – MSSA Budget Hearings

April 16th – MSSA Inauguration

April 27th – Student Affairs Banquet