



Date 3.29.2018

Opening of the Meeting

Call to Order- **5:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

First Roll Call

Approval of Today's Agenda- **Motion** to allow Shahzah Ahmad and Zac Mangas speak first in open gallery –

Approved – New agenda has been **Approved**

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- **Approved**

Hearings

Open Gallery I

- **Shahzah Ahmad- Inter Vice President for MMS**
 - Always seeking ways of creating opportunities for students to see other countries around the world and to get students out of their comfort zone
 - An experience in another world like having international students here on campus at St. Cloud State University
 - At Alnwick, England SCSU has had almost an 30-year relationship with them now where students can live in a castle for one semester.
 - Overall, education abroad has various opportunities from 29 different programs ranging from a variety of lengths from long to short term programs
 - They offer scholarships to help cover some of the cost of these programs to make it affordable to students
 - There are currently 14 students who went to Mongolia and they are reaching out to others about SCSU to make a presence there and around the world.
 - The faculty members overall get to decide what the curriculum will like each semester, so it changes periodically.
 - On some study abroad trips there is the option of having a host family to connect with there to be able to experience more with the time you have there.
 - Possibility to make friendships with other students from the region that could be going to school alongside you.
 - They do offer a work study in some study abroad programs but urges to save money to pay for these trips so any other money you receive you are able to have some spending money

- Education abroad programs are open to everyone including international students
- They are willing to make arrangements to fulfill requirements for international students that must be a part of two organizations.
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- Madie McLeod- Graduate Student who went to South Africa over spring break
- Went to south Africa over spring break
- Spent one-week in Port Elizabeth looking at various places and went to Nelson Mandela University where we have other students
- Visited several museums and Nelson Mandela current house
- Spent another three days in Cape Town and Robin Island where Nelson Mandela was held captive. They got to go inside the prison to see what it was like.
- On the trip she was able to learn so much about the others who were also on the trip. Overall there were students from three different areas so each one was able to go their own way.
- **Zac Mangas Veterans Resource Center**
 - The Veterans Resource Center was established in 2006 and receive a budget through the fees of students allocated by Student Government Association
 - They current help around 680 students a semester
 - It is in the Administration building since it is a quiet place for veterans to hang out and do homework. It also is quick access to other resources for veterans that they may need when coming to SCSU
 - 21 veterans take their lives each day and want to have programs to bring awareness to this
 - The Veterans Resource Center offers many things to students
 - They offer orientation specifically for veterans, so they can connect with other veterans on campus.
 - Meet with them each month to check in with them on how they are doing. If one of the students they oversee are having problems with classes, attendance, finances, they will reach out to them. They will contact them by phone calls, emails, they will talk with professors to find out what is going on to get them help.
 - In Coburn Plaza there is a Veterans Living Community that is not part of Reslife.
 - Looking to see if students can receive credit for the training they have already done form the military.
 - They do exit interviews and talk about their future employment. They also get feedback about the university.
 - They offer free donuts on every Wednesday
 - The week before finals, they offer a free lunch each day for those who stop in.
 - Veterans get have priority registration which is just one of the benefits they receive on campus
 - They get recognition from around the Midwest region on how well they are doing
 - Events they host and or participate in.
 - They host a veteran's picnic on orientation week, the money goes to assist students for emergency situations and usually help 5 to 8 students each semester.
 - Patriot day flag raising to observe 9/11
 - October is Veterans Voices Month –they do several activities to tell stories of veterans
 - Veterans Day Concert in Whitney Center. The SCSU wind ensemble and men's choir participate
 - In the fall they have their fourth annual retreat over fall break where all students can join and ride horses and other activities.
 - USA Job training and suicide prevention collaboration with the VA in March

- They invited a speaker to speak about being trans man in the military, yesterday, and talked about experience and inclusion in the military.
- They received a grant for recruiting to talk with high schools who want to go into the military and go to school at the same time
- 1 in 3 veterans come back from active duty with PTSD and the VRC partner with other organizations on campus to host an event in September and put out 21 boots outside Attwood to make people aware of this issue.
- Lexi Byler- Vice Chair of Students United
 - Delegates are going to be at SCSU next weekend
 - Come once a semester and presents the budget in the spring semester
 - Students United is the official voice for Minnesota State to advocate at various levels campus, state, federal
 - Advocacy day was yesterday and was a chance to meet with their representatives
 - Affirmative Consent passed all universities passed support unanously on all campuses
 - This year we were able to hire an Equality and inclusion director
 - They had had 18+ mentions in various publications
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 - Ben Uecker
 - Several levels of the system like board, committee, students, staff and officers
 - Budget is created by the treasurer and the committee, present it at the second delegates, third one is when the delegates vote them will go to the board
 - Right now, everyone pays 47 cents per credit
 - 14.10 each year per student
 - Fee increase must get approved by delegates then the board and then the MN state
 - Have a reserve to cover unexpected things
 - Building fund to cover excess expenses for outreach
 - Scholarships are separate from the student fees. They come from the interest in accounts so never lose money. The end April 1st due 54,000 in scholarships last year all but one is applicable for all students
 - Decisions are made by the chair but are recommended by a committee
 - A fee increased a little for the director position but nothing major
 - This year has four different budgets and are explained in the packet handed out
 - 1 is matching the revenue to expenses and will have to cut from several areas
 - 2 is maintenance budget to keep on track with what is now
 - 3 is growth budget to increase some programming
 - 4 is expansion budget to gain a full-time position to look at grants, advocacy, professional development
 - Each cent increases 15,000 dollars in the budget
 - Prior to last year no increase for 11 years, goal is to match the revenue and expenses
 - Around 60 students come to delegates, gas expenses are reimbursed
 - Have switched to use universities for delegates and tried to cut cost as much as possible
 - Advocacy vs lobby, cannot lobby – includes getting fees, partisan, advocacy due to non-profit
 - There are many lobbying for students but do not involve students really
 - Wanted to find different items from students for them to trim on their own
 - Want recommendations to focus on instead of going line by line in the budget
 - Think about the long-term plans for SU so they can do the trimming
 - At this rate between 2-3 years till the building fund runs out with the first budget
 - For rent break the lease and find a cheaper way, look at other options to cut from other places
 - Campus organizing would be cut since no funding for the campus

- Able to contact other board members from other campuses to ask what they are going through
- Madie McLeod
 - Running for Treasurer for Students United
 - Have attended a year and half on another campus Century. There she analyzed budgets in the university system
 - Transferred in 2015 and graduated this past May with a bachelor's degree
 - Played a role in LGBT resources center
 - Starting in January 2016 she was an at-large senator and been a chair of Students Services and Sustainability to work on green initiatives, clothing drive
 - Cochiar this semester-organized a meet and greet, the Viking Coke initiative and co-sponsoring for book drive
 - For Students United side of things, she has been to 3 delegates, participated in advocacy days for two years now
 - Passion for all students for all universities
 - In graduate school for College counseling and student development
 - Director for student activities is the dream job
 - Budgeting and finance skills, the budget can be taught and can be learned over time working with it
 - Not afraid to ask questions and know that others are there to help me since not knowing anything off the bat
- Kayla Shelly
 - Running for State Chair which is the lead representative in the Minnesota State system
 - Give the direction to the directors and speak on behalf of SU
 - Gives input and chairs the board meetings
 - Tasked to look at some finances and meet with MN State
 - Third year student going for a Communication Studies major
 - Was a senator and then chair here at SCSU. Served as Vice President but had to resign since an internship and other priorities
 - Has been on many committees throughout the years
 - Personally to do things likes finances and policies
 - Wants to be a team member and listen to what others want
 - Would prioritize for advocacy and community outreach to get students united name out there
 - There are 15 independent like Students United and want to connect with them
 - Finances are not only for the end of the year but each month, so everyone knows what is going on
 - One weakness is that I will take stances on topics and very passionate about things but are aware of this weakness
 - Want to have everyone as an equal and get to know everyone close to. Trust
 - Must trust the board, and give input in the staff meetings not to board if not asked

Finance Hearings

- SCSU Women's Choir **Tabled**
- UTVS **Funded** \$2000 on the basis of travel and lodging contingent upon receiving receipts for flights
- Psychology Graduate Program- Upward Consulting **Tabled**
- All have been **Approved**

Internal Elections

Plenary Session I

Unfinished Business

- Referendum Questions
 - Jerry and Mitch
 - Question they have been working on to see opinions and to make sure the question they are asking is clear
 - Added the chart for students to have more understanding
 - Want to have FAQ so students know more about this question
 - This is a state statute since it is more than a 2% fee increase so it must be passed by the students in a referendum question.
 - The guiding factor for the 9-11 credits is that around 50% used the most resources
 - If not passed services would have to get cut and students would feel the cuts directly
 - Those students who use student services would be affected the most
 - Issues with menstrual products on campus
 - Campus Affairs bill have been approved last year and only has passed by 54%
 - Created a new referendum question different than the old one
 - Would you support of a creation of 10 cents per credit for free and accessible menstrual products on campus? Compared to last year which was 50-cents per credit
 - Revised bill from last year will be brought forth and will be looked by women's center
 - How often do you use campus facilities like campus rec. each week?
 - To know how much students use this resource.
 - How safe to your feel on campus? 1 through 5 ,5 being safe
 - How would you rate the appearance of buildings, grounds and facilities? 1 through 5
 - Recommend having a comment box to receive feedback
 - Will reword to create a sub part of the question
 - Tech Fee Committee
 - Would you like to see SCSU become a 1 to 1 laptop campus?
 - 1 to 1 laptop campus means every student has access to a computer
 - Wide range of computers but looking to see if students want this
 - Many high schools have already implemented this with loaning students their own laptops
 - Have a pro and con list what it could potentially entail
 - How effective do your academic advisor is to you?
 - Would like to see why the rating was given
 - Would you use a textbook reserve to use a textbook but only for two hours?
 - Parking on campus
 - Feel for where senate wants to go with this like free parking in a lot, an app to pay for parking, or meters on campus like downtown
 - Have a place on campus where students can park for free or pay a 50-cent fee?
 - Must consider students leaving their car on campus the whole time
 - Parking was free after 3pm a couple years ago now has changed to never free parking on campus
- Email any referendum questions to sg-cc@stcloudstate.edu by next weeks meeting

New Business

- Student Services Fund Request

- **Motion** to move to last call for business- **Approved**
- Student Services Bill
 - This bill will change the name for student services to student services and sustainability in the future constitution (next time it is amended), agenda and other places the committee name is shown.

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Officer Reports

President

- Civil Discourse Forum was yesterday and had a great turn out. Next one put one will be changed so it is more specific about our community. Hopefully continue events like this in the future
- Next Generation Committee needs 1 to 3 students to help plan conferences for the future meeting will be based on who is on the committee
 - Opportunity to talk to staff and faculty along with others to talk about future after college
- Next week referendum questions need to be finalized and passed by the senate
- Nepal night is on Saturday. Tickets are \$8 now and will be \$9 at the door for students. Tickets are \$10 at the door for non-students
- Plan to do a social after the meeting to hang out with fellow members of SGA in a casual setting
- Next meetings will be the longest so stay motivated and informed

Vice President

- Send questions to sg-cc@stcloudstate.edu
- Long meetings coming up so will be doing some stretch brakes and bathroom brakes
- Follow the dress code sent out each week
- Keep going strong but Student Government Association is here for the students

Chief Justice

- Follow all meeting rules and will decorum if need be.

Students United

- Next weekend is delegates

RHA Rep

- Monday, we looked at the budget and have 1 million deficits
- Elections were proponed since only 2 candidates for president and 1 candidate for vice president
- Saturday meet at Stearns at 10:30 for the twin's game if you signed up
- Monday meeting held in the cascade room at 3pm
- Donate don't ditch will come up shortly

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

- Putting out a donation box for textbooks for the library next year's textbook reserve
- Volunteering at the Husky Showcase

Campus Affairs

- Finished chalk talk survey and will be sending it out soon
- Hollenbeck and miller center safety walks have been done
- ECC and Wick safety walks will be next week

Cultural Diversity

Constitution

- Sent referendum questions to me
- Will be creating a bill to describe what is going on in elections currently

Elections Committee

- No one has applied for President or Vice President
 - o President and Vice President run separately
 - o Intern President and Vice President so during summer will be acting in these roles, The President makes connections and potentially get elected in the fall
- Senator at large applications is the last day they will be accepted so write in or speak again

Executive Council

Fee Allocation

- Finally meet with the directors to get their budgets with final approval
- Next week will be bringing the budget to senate
 - o Take notes and ask questions
- Budget process is confidential to prevent outside influence

Legislative Affairs

Public Relations

- Finalized the social media poster
- Sweatshirts for next fall
- Merchandise is finalized

Senate Finance

Student Services

- Next week April forth in Attwood's main lounge
 - o Chartwell's for catering
- Finalizing book drive
- Finalizing the water bottles

Technology Fee

- Take the survey you could win a gift card
- Looking at the tech fee budget for next year and future plans
- Tech fee budget will be presented soon

Urban Affairs

- Communication with the city and cannot put up signs
 - o Looking to see if the mayor could give some recognition from doing that
 - o No expenses and can sign off on volunteer
- North and south junior highs
- Walk around campus

University Committees

- Wednesday academic policy meeting meets the board members

Plenary Session II

Last Call for Business

- Student Service fund request
 - o Request 150 for catering from Chartwell's
 - Chex mix, Pretzels, brownies, cupcakes, husky chow
 - No drinks since unable to bring it in from an outside source
 - o **Approved**

Closing of Meeting

Open Gallery II

Open Statements

Last Roll Call

Adjournment **9:06pm**