



MINTUES  
MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

I. Opening of Meeting

- a. Call to Order 5:00
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. First Roll Call

President Vogl x  
Vice President Johnson x  
Executive Assistant Winterquist x  
Chief Justice Olson x  
RHA Rep Warneke x  
Chair Hwang x  
Chair Krantz x  
Chair Muzzamil x  
Chair Johnson x  
Chair Olson x  
Chair O'Neil-Como x  
Chair Smith x  
Chair Gloe x  
Chair Uecker x  
Chair Schlepp x

Senator Bayandalai x  
Senator Bryson x  
Senator Chebssi x  
Senator Choi o  
Senator Cruzen o  
Senator Dietz x  
Senator Gidey x  
Senator Gross x  
Senator Igale x  
Senator Johnson x  
Senator Kennedy x  
Senator Khadka x  
Senator La Vine x  
Senator McCallson o  
Senator McLeod x  
Senator Mitchell x  
Senator Nagy x  
Senator Palme x  
Senator Park x  
Senator Richter o  
Senator Vieau x

- d. Approval of Today's Agenda  
Senator Igale: Move to approve todays agenda  
Senator Bryson: Seconded  
Motion Carries
- e. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes  
Senator Nagy: Move to approve last meetings minutes  
Senator Dietz: Seconded  
Motion Carries

II. Hearings

- a. Open Gallery I  
Athletics-

Heather Weems came to address the body about the recent athletic cuts of a total of 6 teams. Heather passed around a strategic plan that was outlined as a department that was outlined in October 2013. The cuts that were made were not to hurt anyone and were strictly driven by budget requirements. In this strategic plan, it is outlined that their vision is to improve ticket sales, improve fundraising, have a clear resource expectation for each sport and to have SCSU financial support. This shows the context for the cuts. In the last 18 months they have been looking at all of the athletic programs. In January, the coaches became aware that some cuts were to be made. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the announcement of the cut was announced to the campus. This date was chosen due to ending of the winter sport dates, having upcoming spring break, and to allow students time to look at other opportunities that existed for them. She reiterated that there is truly no good time to announce a cut like this. Many programs that were eliminated were some of the least revenue generating.

Senator Gross: Thank you for coming in, Why was student government not involved or notified with the decision?

Heather Weems: The publicity that would have been involved would have been very negative and they wanted Senator Gross: Are there plans to make further reductions?

Heather Weems: She hopes not, with the stability in enrollment the hope is to not make any further cuts. Right now, they feel that they have 'stopped the bleeding' with the budget.

Senator Bryson: Is there anything else we can do as students and as a community to prevent this to happen?

Heather Weems: The things that are going to help are Alumni engagement. We need to engage our students and alumni in giving back to the university. When it comes to student engagement, attendance at events will bring more connections between students, helping students see this university as a home.

Chair Olson: Would athletics be interested in taking more initiatives like Husky Pride Day to help with student engagement.

Heather Weems: Yes, in any way that they can be involved they would like to. The plan is to give it a more

Senator Bryson: Do you think having a homecoming will increase alumni engagement

Heather Weems: The alumni board in the fall has started an initiative to speak with the president about having homecoming returning.

Senator Bryson: Do you think the celebrates are helpful or do you see no change?

Heather Weems: Getting the word out about what celebrate is

Senator Gross: Did the coaches know in January that there would be 6 reductions?

No, they did not know an exact number

Do you think it would have been better to let the coaches know more than 15 minutes before the athletes were v informed?

Heather Weems: No, I think that it would have been easier maybe doing it 30 minutes earlier, but before that it would not have been an adequate plan. Following the announcement, the coaches meet with her and the coaches said that if they would have found out earlier they would have had to tell their athletes, and that would have led to a large amount of rumors.

Chair Gloe: Did you ever think about involving student government, such as signing a nondisclosure agreement?

Heather Weems: No, we did not at this time. For further use it would be more up to the president.

Senator Gidey: Can you inform us what other universities have had these cuts?

Heather Weems: Last week there was an institute in Oklahoma that drops both golf and tennis. In Arizona, there was a cut of the wrestling program. A few years ago, Mankato dropped a few programs. She would anticipate that in the next few years more reductions are going to be made

Senator McLeod: How does a 250,000 make a difference in a multimillion dollar university

Heather Weems: She agrees, but many reasons came back to Title IX, and there are other scenarios that would have made better budget cuts but cutting some of the most successful programs was not what they wanted to do. Around 80 students will be lost with the cuts that have been made

Senator Bryson: Do you think that we would ever reinstate programs?

Heather Weems: There is changing interest in students. If we were in a better financial state in the future, we would look at what is wanted most by students and what facilities we would have.

Senator Gross: Works in the office of admissions and spoke with a father that had a son that was recruited for one of the teams that got cut. Do you have any programs in place to help these athletes and families?

Heather Weems: Yes, the coaches are the best options for these athletes, they are working with the families to try to look at other opportunities for the athletes. They have started looking at some club sport options for some of the teams that were cut as well.

Senator Gross: Thank you for coming in and talking with us. It allowed for a lot of clarity.

Heather Weems: There is nothing that she feels she could have done to make this less of a hurt to anyone involved.

Connor Martin-

Connor talked with us about running for Vice Chair of MSUSA. The main thing that he wanted to come talk to us about any opinions that us student's leaders had about MSUSA.

Senator Igale: You said that you want to be an advocate for diversity. What do you know about diversity and what are some of your plans?

Connor Martin: He personally has not had the experiences that some students of color have had. Being able to recognize the issues that individuals have had and help with these. He is going to try to be a white advocate for people of color.

Senators McLeod: When people think of diversity they think of color, but that is not always the case, how do you plan to advocate for those of the LGBT community?

Connor Martin: He has been involved in some projects currently, for example at the last delegates they passed a motion to have gender neutral bathrooms in MSUSA universities.

Senator Chebssi: Here at St. Cloud we do have a lot of diversity, but we do not come together on many issues.

Connor Martin: They too have this problem at Mankato, and that is what he is looking for, is how to address these problems in universities throughout MSUSA. Mankato is increasing their diversity requirement from what it previously was.

Chair Hwang: Have you done anything related to this issue on campus?

Connor Martin: Not specifically on campus but he has attended many events that are put on in his university. He has been trying to attend more clubs and attend more events to work through this issue.

Chair Hwang: What would be your first step if you were elected?

Connor Martin: He wants to hear the concerns of everyone in all of the campuses. He wants to help the universities rather than just tell other leaders what to do.

Senator Chebssi: Have you considered having events outside and getting students involved together?

Connor Martin: Would it to promote a group or just to get students engaged?

Senator Chebssi: Mostly to just get students engaged.

Connor Martin: He will talk with other universities about this idea.

Senator Igale: What is a miss conception that many students have about MSUSA?

Connor Martin: Many students believe that MSUSA is just a lobbying group and nothing more. A major this is just to inform students and get students to understand everything that they do.

Senator Bryson: You mentioned that you were wanting to advocate for lower tuition, but do you agree with that even if programs are being cut?

Connor Martin: He does agree that tuition freezes are something that should be put into effect, allowing students to go away with less debt.

Senator McLeod: Here at SCSU, we have a husky pride day, but what are you doing at your own school?

Connor Martin: Currently he is mainly trying to advocate to get more students on campus and more involved.

Senator McLeod: Do you think that this Vice Chair position will also help you go back and help improve things at your school?

Connor Martin: Not in particular, he mostly wants to just improve all 7 schools.

Senator Kennedy: Do you have an action plan to create a more diverse student government?

Connor Martin: He does not have an exact plan in front of him, but he would like to talk with different universities to advocate for more diversity on campuses, including student government

Senator Igale: What were the two issues that we have talked about tonight?

Connor Martin: Diversity and budget cuts.

What makes you eligible in one word for this position?

Connor Martin: Passion.

Senator Johnson: What student organizations have you been involved in and what have you advocated for?

Connor Martin: He is a part of a democrat organization and has strongly advocated for voting.

Senator Mitchell: How do you think we can work as MSUSA to increase enrollment?

Connor Martin: He believes that student senate has a role in this, showing what a student can do on campus will help perspective student and in turn help enrollment. He also thinks that in campus tours, they should show more of what the campus has to offer to better themselves.

Senator Mitchell: Is there any way that you could see getting seniors more involved in a university

Connor Martin: He believes showing students what a campus has to offer before they are campus rather than

Chair Gloe: Have you put any thought into how the relations between schools can be improved?

Connor Martin: Increasing follow up after delegates would help.

Senator Palme: If you were to be elected, how would you go through your term being unbiased?

Connor Martin: Even in his own life, he tries to take a step back and tries not to make a decision without all of the facts.

President Vogl: How do you feel about the name change?

Connor Martin: He has not taken a side on it, he does not believe that we needed to necessarily change the name and that the rebranding funds could have been used differently.

President Vogl: How do you plan on supporting the name change?

Connor Martin: If he was elected, he would make sure that he would be referred to correctly and try to make true of the name Students United.

President Vogl: What's your major and how will you apply it to this position?

Connor Martin: He is majoring in international business, with this he wants

President Vogl: What are three things that you would like to leave us with?

Connor Martin: He is not doing this to get another resume builder, but that is not the case he wants to be an advocate for students, showing that he is committed to students. Also, he wants to make sure that everyone knows that he does not have all the answers. He wants people to know his personal ability, as in this position he will be working with many people.

b. Finance Hearings

JP Network

Requested: 2000

Recommended: 2000

Allocated: 2000

Society of Buddhist Red Lotus

Requested: 2050

Recommended: ?

Allocated: None at this time

Somali Student Association

Requested: 3200

Recommended: ?

Allocated: None at this time

UTVS

Requested: 3000

Recommended: 3000

Allocated: 3000

Husky Bass Fishing Club

Requested: 6159

Recommended: 2780

Allocated: 2780

Society of Human Resource Management

Requested: 800

Recommended: 707

Allocated: 707

Senator Nagy: Move to approve all finance hearings that have a recommend amount.

Senator Gross: Seconded

Vote Taken

Motion Carries

c. Internal Elections

III. Plenary Session I

a. Unfinished Business

b. New Business

Senator Gross: Move to change recess to 5 minutes instead of 10

Senator Bryson: Seconded

Vote Taken

Motion Carries

#### IV. Recess – 5 Minutes

#### V. Officer Reports

##### a. President

President Vogl talked about her trip to DC lobbying for MSUSA. This week is the board meeting in Winona for MSUSA. This week she was placed on the Atwood hiring committee for the Director Position. President Vogl passed out women's center brochures.

##### b. Vice President

Vice President Johnson informed the chapter that the last delegates are April 8-10. She also talked about the meeting that they had about the Lt. governor coming to our campus.

##### c. Chief Justice

No Report

##### d. RHA Rep

At their meeting on Monday they had the director of financial aid attending. They will be having a new program coming out that focuses on getting financial aid in college, money management and interest. They are thinking about having this in the advising days. Tonight Case- Hill event is putting on a What's Hot Event at Chucky Cheese.

#### VI. Committee Reports

##### a. Academic Affairs

No Report

##### b. Campus Affairs

Her committee went over a rough draft of the off campus survey.

##### c. Cultural Diversity

She is planning on emailing all of the student orgs to get the diversity committee started. There is a Malaysian night this Saturday.

##### d. Elections Committee

Campaigns are underway. At Large senator applications are due March 25<sup>th</sup>.

##### e. Executive Council

No Report

##### f. Fee Allocation

This week they started meeting with the directors, this will continue on next week, regarding their budgets and special requests. On the 31<sup>st</sup> they will be presenting to the directors.

##### g. Legislative Affairs

No Report

##### h. Public Relations

Husky pride day will be tabling on Friday from 10-2. The prize this week is two pint glasses. The University Archive project will be looking at past election documents. If you would like anything posted in the Howler about a student organization, please let the committee know. Senator McLeod will be passing around elections tabling; everyone needs to sign up.

##### i. Senate Finance

No Report

##### j. Student Constitution

His committee has been looking at the bylaws and looking at amendments that can be made, he encourages everyone to take a look and find some amendments.

##### k. Technology Fee

The Tech Fee survey is now out; they have already had 472 responses. They will be tabling for it all next week. They are also working on the budget presentation.

I. Urban Affairs

They are currently working on finding out questions for the survey. The next safety walk is 31<sup>st</sup> of March and they will be doing the education building.

m. University Committees

No Report

VII. Plenary Session II

a. Last Call for Business

President Vogl introduced new business of talking about the candidate Connor Martin for Vice Chair.

Senator Gross: Move to scratch open statements

Senator Bryson: Seconded

Vote Taken

Motion Carries

VIII. Closing of Meeting

a. Open Gallery II

Past president Eric Peterson thanked the body for what they do and for the alumni event that they put on.

b. Open Statements

c. Last Roll Call

President Vogl x

Vice President Johnson x

Executive Assistant Winterquist x

Chief Justice Olson x

RHA Rep Warneke x

Chair Hwang x

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Senator Mitchell x

Senator Nagy x

Senator Palme x

Senator Park x  
Senator Richter o  
Senator Vieau x

- d. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.