



MINUTES
APRIL 7TH, 2016

I. Opening of Meeting

- a. Call to Order**
- b. Pledge of Allegiance**
- c. First Roll Call**
 - i. Absent: Winterquist, Igale, Khadka, McCallson, Nagy,
- d. Approval of Today's Agenda**
 - i. Senator Cruzen moves to wait until Overland arrives to announce election results
 1. LaVine Seconds
 2. Passes, but Wanda walks in and is rescinded
 - ii. Senator Gidey approves to approve today's agenda
 1. Senator Palme seconds
 2. Voted unanimously
- e. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**
 - i. Laura King Letter discussion
 - ii. Senator Mitchell approves
 1. Senator Kennedy seconds
 2. Approved unanimously

II. Hearings

- a. Open Gallery I**

Election Results

 - Presentation for elections
 - New president and vice president
 - * Mikaela Johnson and Randy Olson 361
 - * Brandon Mitchell and Jordan Kennedy 237

-5 minute recess

Joe Wolf

- MSUSA speaking on budgets and candidacy for state chair
 - Budget: Going to see an increase in fee
 - When will preliminary discussion occur?
 - Discussed at staff meeting two (?) weeks ago
 - Running for state chair
 - Senior at Mankato, major in geography, minor political science
 - Led, coordinated and facilitated walk to capital, walked to St. Paul from Mankato raising funds for tuition freeze
 - As Vice Chair—Traveled to each campus each semester and did that
 - This coming year for MSUSA it is being renamed "Student's United" and it's going to be a very tough year, also going to be a budget year talking about tuition prices
 - Going to strategic planning and coming up on 50th anniversary
 - Questions:
 - Chair Glee: How do you feel about the name change?
 - I couldn't vote but I like the name change... I don't know that Student's United was the best choice but I have grown to like it. I am excited for it.
 - Chair Muzammil: What is your position on the increase of fee/credit?
 - I don't want to see an increase but depending on how we can manipulate the budget to fit, then yes.
 - Senator Johnson: Once you are elected, are there any changes you would like to see?
 - This past year, our current state chair has done great things with Diversity and equity, I don't want to get rid of that.
 - Strategic planning, name change, issue campaigns
 - Senator Kennedy: How have you worked at creating a diverse body at Mankato and across the 7 schools?

- This past year I increased the diversity on the senate and this year (though I am not on it) it is close to half
 - Continuing progress we made last year
- Senator Kennedy: How did you get more diverse people to apply to your senate?
 - I don't know... maybe it was the push to make our association more known, my connection to the international student association from the year prior
- President Vogl: What is your weakness and how do you plan on improving it should you be elected?
 - Communication between campuses... this year has been better, and I think this coming year it can be even better. I would like to have a campus committee conference
- Senator Kennedy: Describe your leadership style in 3 words
 - Adaptability, responsibility, ideation
- Senator Palme: Why do you want to run?
 - This year I have built connections with the school and MnSCU. For someone to step in without those connections is difficult and I think that's why I am doing it
- President Vogl: What is one thing you wish you had done differently this year in role as vice chair?
 - Don't have an answer right now
- President Vogl: what was the most impactful thing you learned in DC
 - Intro to lobbying on federal level, got a taste on what to lobby on, nice to have support on parts of our legislative agenda
- Senator Kennedy: How will you remain unbiased
 - This past year as vice chair I have run meetings, used Robert's rules.
 - I like to stay neutral in all decision. Each school has its own culture and that makes them stand out
- Chair Hwang: What is your first goal as state chair, if elected?
 - I would like the campus intern be chosen sooner, rather than later to build a relationship sooner
- President Vogl: Can you tell us how you will work with our newly elected president?
 - I have known her for a year, and she has built connections with everyone
- President Vogl: You noted you were more harsh on Mankato, why? How will you not do that next year?
 - Following Robert's Rules to a T, making sure board members are following that so I don't have to call them out.
- Chair Schlepp: What is one thing you like about SCSU?
 - Music program
 - Kick ass mascot
- Senator LaVine: What you believe your personality trait will add to your position should you be elected?
 - Number one on strengths quest is adaptability, I truly believe that is my top strength
- President Vogl: How do you feel about me opening nominations tomorrow night?
 - Opening gives other people chance to run
 - Not opening: I feel like there was a set deadline, and I did that. It was announced in February, due in March.
- President Vogl (Followup): What if we were waiting to be accepted into program before running, could that person run?
 - If that person wants to run and be nominated and/or have questioning, then I think you need five people to open it up. I am not saying it will happen or not but if they are truly interested, talk to the other board members.

- Chair Uecker: Should you be elected, if you face a serious problem, what is your general method or procedure to solving that?
 - I want to know both sides, get all facts straight, have both sides of the issue. If it's a short timeline, I will have to be rash. I will consult with vice chair, treasurer and executive director.
- Chair Uecker: Have you ever had a problem in MSUSA and how did you deal with it.
 - When I was running a meeting, I didn't know the next step and it was pretty deep in delegates. I had to take a step back

FAC and SFC Budget

- Presented a powerpoint
- Senate Finance Questions
 - Chair Gloe: Will student legal service increase be going to a salary?
 - Yes, they can't service as many as they need to now, so it is for more hours.
- Fee Allocation Questions
 - Senator Bryson: How are funds going to be redistributed amongst athletics
 - We don't have a say, they just wanted more funds.
 - President Vogl: Where will the .8 go if Tech-Fee gets their increase?
 - Back into reserve to allocate if needed
 - Senator Johnson: What percentage of the allocation comes back as revenue for Atwood, since it has the largest allocation and also brings in revenue
 - Senator Bryson: The recommendations, are they permanent or a one time thing
 - Both
 - Senator Cruzen approves both budget for FY16
 - LaVine Seconds
 - Approves unanimously

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- Running for Chair for MSUSA, did turn in an application late, I fight with a illness every day. If you want more information talk to president Vogl
- How many have student debt, how many people want to get into middle class? How many are scared to get into middle class?
 - SCSU has lowest tuition but highest debt rate
 - Elements are cutting parts of biology, sports, parking, and through this, this freeze rates, then increase by 3% and get put on US.
 - Divide us by groups, SG, Sports, Majors, so we see ourselves as separate entities
 - Shared personal stories and statistics about other universities and schools.
 - There is a system to keep us separated so we keep fighting and never come together.
 - This is a call to action: We need to get together as students.
- Lobbied in state congress, testified at state hearings
- I am here because I care about every single one of you and fight. So our next generation doesn't have to worry.
- Questions:
 - Chair Muzammil: Do you have any plans to help with student debt if elected?
 - Working with coalition groups at a national level (looking for local issues, and state issues to pass legislation)
 - Chair Schlepp: If there is a conflict within MSUSA, how do you remain unbiased in resolving the problem?
 - Organizing: is what people do to change the narrative happening
 - Actually listen to the people and care where they are coming from and making sure their voices are heard. Resolving with a neutral stance.
 - Chair Gloe: What is your relationship with the other 6 schools
 - Connections still exist. Also have some with state level and federal level
 - Want 1:1 personal engagement with those that are interested
 - Senator Kennedy: Leadership style in 3 words
 - Compassion, objective, leadership
 - Chair Schlepp: If the majority of the student body agrees on one issue but your view is different, how will you deal with that?
 - I deal with that every day, my job isn't to instill my views but to make sure other people's voices are amplified

- Senator Richter: The more debt we have the weaker our dollar is, I think we need to start there and get out of debt as a country before the other way down
 - Let's talk 1:1
- Senator Cruzen: Anything you haven't mentioned that makes you qualified for this position?
 - I think I pretty much laid it all on the table. I have the best interest from everyone that everyone will be okay.
 - I am here because this is greater than me... bigger than all of us
- Chair O'Neil-Como: What's your favorite part about SCSU?
 - When I was first here, I was very naïve about the world (18yrs)
 - SCSU gave me tools, resource, people and power to grow and give me the ability to be up here talking to you all
- Chair Uecker: What is MSUSA's biggest weakness and biggest strength and if elected, how would you use those?
 - MSUSA doesn't allow students to voice your opinions and make a change, don't have enough spaces for the most marginalized... I think we could be like that but that comes from sharing my experience and knowledge not just from me. Implement change in narrative system
 - Strength: We are unified as students, we have to be a state union regardless of funding
- Senator Palme: Biggest weakness and how will you use it?
 - When I get committed to an idea, I go all out.
- Senator LaVine: How will you manage to focus on setting in MN Schools with your passion of EVERYTHING
 - We go INTO the national conversation, I want us to be examples.
- Chair Schlepp: What do you think of the name change?
 - I think it's Great, this is what I am trying to do. It's a great change
- Senator Gidey: Past leadership
 - Can provide resume
 - Started as an OL, UPB, Won excellence and leadership award at SCSU in 2013
- Senator Palme: What is your current relationship with SG and MSUSA
 - Spent lobbying days with MSUSA, some we have known for a long time.
 - 6095532839 call me, text me, facebook me, whatever
 - MSUSA: Great relationship developed over the years with current staff.
- Senator Khadka: Did you go to any other schools besides SCSU?
 - Yes. I talked to board members and talked to a couple students from other schools
- President Vogl: How do you feel about the fee increase?
 - I despise the fee increase. I cannot see all of us paying more just to make sure our university keeps functioning
 - Our students are already hurting
- Senator Gross: Would you consider the public institutions and colleges for profit institutions
 - We are a STATE school
- President Vogl: If you had to pick between the two: program cut, or fee increase to keep program
 - Fee increase, cause either way we pay for it, cutting programs actually hurt students.
- President Vogl: If delegation decides to do a fee increase for all schools and want to go to MSUSA
 - I will put my different ideas on the table, but I will of course support the delegation
- I am running because of all of you. I want you to have a stake in this. My personal investment is in you.

Drag Show!! Please come support us!

b. Finance Hearings

c. Internal Elections

III. Plenary Session I

a. Unfinished Business

b. New Business

- i. Senator Gross change recess to 5 min
 - 1. Senator Cruzen seconds
 - 2. Passed with majority

IV. Recess – 10 Minutes

V. Officer Reports

- a. **President**
 - a. Congrats to all those elected!
 - b. Thank you for everyone who tabled... those who didn't have to make it up
 - c. Search committee training
 - d. Finished last fee allocation meeting
 - e. Wed: Had to give the diploma to a student's family who had passed away earlier this year
 - f. President Potter meeting
 - g. Eastman run through
 - h. Leutinant governor visit 11am Thursday
 - i. Sign the signs before you leave!
 - j. Tues: Muzammil and I will present Fee Al budget to president potter
- b. **Vice President**
 - a. Sitting on Holes Celebration committee
 - i. Sat April 16th 11-1pm
- c. **Chief Justice**
- d. **RHA Rep**
 - a. RHA is holding elections for executive board
 - b. Drag Show Benton/Stateview What's HOT
 - c. Huskypalooza in 2 weeks

VI. Committee Reports

- a. **Academic Affairs**
 - a. Discussing ideas for elections next year
 - b. Transition documents
 - c. Student Success Advisory council Friday 10-1130
 - a. How to set students up for success as soon as they enroll
- b. **Campus Affairs**
 - a. Nothing
- c. **Cultural Diversity**
 - a. Present before semester ends
 - b. Splash of cultures on the Sat. 23rd 5pm
 - c. Japan Night this Saturday at 5pm
 - d. Pow wow starts at 1pm/ Grand march is 1pm and 7pm goes till 10pm
- d. **Elections Committee**
 - a. Press Release tomorrow
- e. **Executive Council**
- f. **Fee Allocation**
 - a. Thank you for support on budget... presenting on Tuesday to president and administration
- g. **Legislative Affairs**
 - a.
- h. **Public Relations**
 - a. Photos (if questions, contact personally)
 - b. Live tweeting from MSUSA
 - c. Archives get as much done before semester ends
- i. **Senate Finance**
 - a.
- j. **Student Constitution**
 - a. Transitions document
 - b. Cleaning out binder so no decoys.
 - c. Putting in new bylaws
- k. **Technology Fee**
 - a. Going through survey results
 - b. Presenting to President's council
- l. **Urban Affairs**
 - a. Safety walk next week! Building 51 and Hallenbek
 - b. April 21st last social—White Horse, Red Robin, or Hunt for Food
- m. **University Committees**

- a. NUCC
- b. Diversity Advisory Council
 - a. Islamophobia discussion from last week
 - b. Color recruitment and retention

VII. **Plenary Session II**

a. **Last Call for Business**

- i. Senator Gross Scratch open statements
 - 1. Senator Palme seconds
- ii. Senator Gross scratch open statements with hand vote
 - 1. Senator Bryson seconds
- iii. Senator Gross rescinds motion and re motions for open statements after final roll call
 - 1. Tie. Summer Vogl breaks the tie. Moved to after roll call
- iv. Can look at consultation letters if interested

VIII. **Closing of Meeting**

a. **Open Gallery II**

b. **Open Statements**

c. **Last Roll Call**

- i. **Absent:** Winterquist, Warneke, Bayandalai, Deitz, Igale, McCleod, Nagy

d. **Adjournment**

- i. **7:25pm**