



MINUTES  
APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

I. Opening of Meeting

- a. Call to Order 5:01
- 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 o  
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 x  
Senator Cruzen o  
Senator Dietz x  
Senator Gidey x  
Senator Gross x  
Senator Igale x  
Senator Johnson o  
Senator Kennedy o  
Senator Khadka x  
Senator La Vine o  
Senator McCallson x  
Senator McLeod x  
Senator Mitchell o  
Senator Nagy x  
Senator Palme x  
Senator Park o  
Senator Richter x  
Senator Vieau o

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

II. Hearings

- a. Open Gallery I  
**VP's**

Vice President McGee talked to the senate about the University budget. She would like to thank the committee members that serve on the Fee Allocation committee and the Technology Fee Committee. We are hoping to find out in the next week to ten days as to what was accepted and denied from the Vice Chancellors regarding budgets. Last year, we were over budget, spending more than we had money. Right now, we are in a ten-million-dollar budget deficit. Revenue will take about one to two million dollars off of this deficit. They are concerned with how this is going to affect our students, and keeping what is best for the students in mind. The lease with Coborn's has played a role in this deficit. They have signed a five-year lease, and after that lease they will decide if they want to move forward with having Coborn's as an option. As of May, they believe that the enrollment will be up 1% to 1.5%. At this time, they are looking at where they are going to cut expenses and where to make reductions. They are looking at reductions of faculty members, around five to five and a half million dollars. Also, a new food service will be coming to campus starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. For the changes that are made with this new food service, the vendors money will be used to make the changes in Atwood Memorial Center. Holes Hall will be demolished, starting this summer. This was in the comprehensive facilities plan that one residence hall would be taken down. Next week, the president of the university and vice presidents will be coming in to talk more about the University Budget.

Chair Uecker: Thank you for coming, for holes' hall have we accepted a bid to deconstruction?

Vice President McGee: Yes, we have accepted a bid and are now in the process

Chair Uecker: How much will we be saving by taking this building down?

Vice President McGee: They have already been seeing the savings with not having to have advisors inside it. From going to an empty building to no building we will save close to 50,000 to 100,000 dollars. To make that building livable again, it is in the millions of dollars.

Chair Schlepp: What is the plan for Stearns Hall and the plot where Holes is?

Vice President McGee: In the comprehensive plan, Stearns hall will be taken down at one time.

Chair Schlepp: Are maintenance costs the same to make it livable?

Vice President McGee: Yes.

Chair Gloe: What are the changes that are going to be happening in Atwood?

Vice President McGee: The changes would be more focused on the vendors and the spaces that they are doing.

Senator McLeod: Has heard that there has been an increase in class size

Vice President McGee: When the provosts are here next week, they will be able to talk about this in more detail. The student to faculty ratio has changed, and the university is just trying to get back to where they were.

Chair Hwang: If we are changing the food services, will catering be changed?

Vice President McGee: This will be a question that will be able to be answered next week. The changes will not be large because the vendors are here to meet our needs.

### **Lee Etta LaDue**

Lee is here to talk about gender violence. In 1992, we were the first university to require students to attend a violence prevention training. Now it is federal law that schools have this in place. All of the new students are required to do an online training, like the one that was first implemented. She is going to show some videos of programs that students have to go through. She would like our feedback, to make any changes and to make sure that this is a viable online program for our first year students. She would like us to think about the following questions, if the programs are too long, in what ways we can get students to comply with watching the follow-up videos, do you think these videos are effective in teaching our students ways to intervene in situations that may lead to sexual assault or dating violence.

President Vogl: Likes the video and thinks that it is well equipped for what we need on our campus.

Senator Palme: Some of the suggestions seemed dangerous.

Senator McCallson: In the intervention section, it was mainly focused on guys

Chair O'Neil Como: Agrees that it aims many things on men as being the perpetrators.

Chair Gloe: For a few of the intervention section, some of the situations were unrealistic and could cause problems.

Senator Bryson: She thinks that each year it should be a different video. Also, having the 4<sup>th</sup> year video to have something involving work place violence

Chair Schlepp: In some of the situations that were heated, she likes how they made them not so serious, but this can take away from how serious the issue actually is.

Senator McLeod: Regarding time, students are going to complain either way. With the videos, it would be nice to see some interactive parts

Senator Gross: She likes this program, but agrees that the in person connection is more effective.

Lee LaDue: She would like to see it in the classroom, but it is difficult.

Chair Uecker: One thing they focused on in the videos is watching your drink and making sure that it is not spiked. One thing that could be added is talking about making sure a keg or other pre mixed drinks are not spiked.

Senator Choi: She enjoys that the video, but thinks this is a little long. She suggested 15 minutes, so just a little shorter, and going shorter as the years go on

Senator McLeod: She does not agree on having it shorter. Are there any other repercussions that can be put into place when students do not complete this video?

Lee LaDue: At this time, she does not know of any  
Is this a video session that it would be a one-time thing?

Lee LaDue: Yes, it would

Chair Uecker: Rather than shortening the videos, you could split them up and they could come back to them with time.

Chair Hwang: Have you thought about doing it during the freshman orientation?

Lee LaDue: They have not looked into it again, it's hard to get people to come.

Senator Igale: Is this only offered for freshman, the first video

Lee LaDue: It is all newly enrolled students

Senator Nagy: He likes the video that first year students watched, that played out the scenarios so that people could see how they played out

RHA rep Warneke: She thinks that this time length is not long

Chair Uecker: How does this deal with super seniors? Is this one interactive in nature?

Lee LaDue: This one is not, you cannot choose the scenarios

Senator Choi: Likes the achievement bar option

Senator Chebssi: In some of the situations, it was over simplified and some of the situations are not realistic

Lee thanked the body for giving their options and time.

### **Tech Fee Budget**

The technology fee presentation was given for the upcoming year. They are waiting to hear back if they got the fee increase. Two budgets were

Senator Chebssi: Move to approve the Tech Fee budgets

Senator Palme: Seconded

Vote was taken

The budgets passed

### **b. Finance Hearings**

NSA

Requested: 300

Recommended:

Allocated:

International Relations/ Global Issues Club

Requested: 1125

Recommended: 1125

Allocated: 1125

ISA

Requested: 2250

Recommended: 2250

Allocated: 2250

Appeal for Sri Lanka Organization

Requested: 2000

Recommended: 2000

Allocated: 2000

Senator Palme: Move to approve allocations

Senator McLeod: Seconded

Vote was taken

All finance hearings were passed

### c. Internal Elections

#### Senate Finance Committee Elections

There are 4 applications, and none of the applicants are here. Two of the applicants emailed that they could not make it to the meeting. The applicants include;

Ivy Seo, Rohul Tomplcau, Babita Khadka,

Senator McCallson: Move to white ballot

Senator Palme: Seconded

Vote was taken

All committee members were elected in

#### Fee Allocation Committee Elections

There are 7 applications. Applicants include; Lindsay Gunnerson-Gutsch, Matt Gutsch, Summer Vogl, Areej Zaha, Waqas Muzammil, Madison Winterquist, Randy Olson. Two of the applicants submitted a letter to the senate as to why they could not attend.

Areej Zaha: Been in fee allocation since my second semester of my undergrad. I am a sophomore now. Can manage a team and have team working skills. Been through the experience of being unbiased. Working in fee allocation already, I have demonstrated and I know how to deal with confidentiality.

Krantz: Are you available Tuesdays 4-6pm... Yes.

Summer Vogl: Served on Fee AI for two years now. Have presented to President Potter. Fee Allocation has really opened my eyes on how students can have an influence

Chair Gloe: How will you be sure to fit this in your schedule.... I have a smaller credit load and this will be my only commitment

Chair O'Neil-Como: One problem and how did you overcome it.... I voted against a motion and felt really bad about it. I also want to improve parliamentary procedure.

Chair Gloe: How have you benefited... I know how essential positions are to these programs, and these are the most cost effective ways.

Chair O'Neil-Como: How will you remain unbiased? .... Can always abstain, be up front and vocal about whether there is a bias or not.

Waqas Muzammil: Been in the committee since my first semester. Current Chair for three years. Senior, Graduating Spring 2017

Chair Schlepp: If a new chair is elected, how will you step back and remain unbiased? .... I will take a guiding role and help shadow them if they need it

Chair O'Neil-Como: What conflicts have you run into as chair?... Each year there are some problems with different departments, so having 1:1s and dealing with.

Chair O'Neil Como: How do you deal with confrontation: I will give background of past situations, then stay silent and ask the members to discuss.

Chair Uecker: Biggest obstacle... Only dealing with directors

Chair Gloe: What is the biggest thing you brought to the table as chair? When I was a member I would give ideas... as a chair, I sit back and allow the committee to give their input

Senator Nagy: If re-elected chair, would you change something about your committee? I would maybe like to re-elect members in the Spring semester. Work on retaining the members

Schlepp: If you disagree with something everyone else agrees with, how do you deal with that? ... I will give my input but I will go with my committee

Madison Winterquist: In the committee the past year. I was very vocal and expressed my opinion well. I enjoy the processes we go through.

Chair O'Neil-Como: How will you remain unbiased? .. It is for the students, not for myself

Chair Gloe: Were there any problems with other members, if so, how did you deal with that? ... I didn't run into problems with the members, but I think there are things we could improve.

Chair Gloe: As president Elect or not, do you take personal interest in overcoming some of these things? .... For sure. I have already done some personal outreach

Senator Nagy: What is your favorite part about the committee? ... I like to meet the directors and see the student involvement

Senator Palme: Greatest weakness. .... Stating my opinion too far, work on hearing everyone else's and not focusing

Senator Igale: What have you learned? ... There is the student fees and the general fund. How the funds work, a lot about budgets

Randy Olson: Vice President Elect. I want to fulfill my duty to students. Better position to be a representative for students. I already manage money on a daily basis. Allocate money, rewards, incentives for different non-profits.

Chair Uecker: How do you intend to balance your time with all your commitments? ... Making a transition with another job. I will step down from my fraternity positions.

Chair O'Neil-Como: Your process of confrontation if you don't agree with others. .... Ability to see big pic and little pic. When I make decisions I try and keep an objective mind set.

Senator Gidey: What is your biggest weakness? ... How much love I have for students at SCSU. Trying to get involved everywhere.

Discussion:

Chair Krantz: Is anyone graduating half way through the year? ... No. Everyone will be here at least through Spring 2017

Senator Igale: Move to White Ballot

Seantor Gidey: Seconds

Voted on

All members elected

### III. Plenary Session I

#### a. Unfinished Business

#### b. New Business

### IV. Recess – 10 Minutes

### V. Officer Reports

#### a. President

Atwood director search started on 4/13

Fee all. Budget meeting with President potter and it was approved.

Lt. Gov. Tina Smith came to visit Eastman! It was a great tour and panel discussion.

We had our president Potter meeting and went over our final projects and he met the next VP University Council meeting.

MSUSA delegates meeting and the new positions were elected. VP took over.

#### b. Vice President

#### c. Chief Justice

No Report

#### d. RHA Rep

a. Huskypalooza tonight 8pm-midnight

b. CPA What's HOT next Thursday... seeing the Jungle Book at the movie theatre

c. Elections on Monday for Pres, VP, Programming Communications Coordinator, Social Justice, and Finance/Admin

d. Presenting budget next Monday

### VI. Committee Reports

#### a. Academic Affairs

#### b. Campus Affairs

Her committee has been working with Urban Affairs to work on the upcoming Off-Campus Survey.

#### c. Cultural Diversity

#### d. Elections Committee

- e. Executive Council
- f. Fee Allocation
- g. Legislative Affairs
- h. Public Relations
- i. Senate Finance
- j. Student Constitution
- k. Technology Fee
  - a. Thank you for passing our budgets!
  - b. Next week we will present Survey results and furniture implementation updates
  - c. Have picked gift card winners (sorry it is none of you!). Those will hopefully be passed out next week.
- l. Urban Affairs
 

There will be a Safety Walk tonight in the 51 building. Everyone is required to attend.
- m. University Committees

VII. Plenary Session II

- a. Last Call for Business

VIII. Closing of Meeting

- a. Open Gallery II
 

A bill that was brought up at delgates to have single parents have priority registration
- b. Open Statements
- c. Last Roll Call

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d. Adjournment 8:00