



MINTUES
APRIL 21ST, 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 o
Chair Muzzamil x
Chair Johnson x
Chair Olson x
Chair O'Neil-Como x
Chair Smith x
Chair Gloe o
Chair Uecker x
Chair Schlepp x

Senator Bayandalai x
Senator Bryson x
Senator Chebssi x
Senator Choi o
Senator Cruzen o
Senator Dietz o
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 o
Senator Nagy x
Senator Palme x
Senator Park x
Senator Richter o
Senator Vieau x

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

II. Hearings

a. Open Gallery I

President Potter came to talk to us about the fee increases, that MNSCU has approved, along with the universities budget. MNSCU has approved the Technology fee increase, as well as health services fee increase. The estimated per credit increase is three dollars and twenty cents. President Potter presented the FY17 budget to the body. The new budget calls for a 5.7 million dollars in personnel reductions. The efforts to balance the FY17 budget have been focused on structurally balancing revenues and expenses to close the 7 million dollar operating deficit, as well as replenishing the general fund reserves by 3 million dollars. President Potter addressed the recent press release that President Potter thanked President Vogl for all her work this year along with all of the Student Government.

Chair Uecker: Last time you were here to see us; you spoke about improving overseas relations. How are these relations improving?

President Potter: There have been a few different visitors from around the world, these will improve as the year goes on. There has been interest from Turkey, Mexico, along with other countries.

Chair Uecker: Are there going to be any major changes with the retirement of Chancellor Rosenstone?

President Potter: There will be few changes seen by students, and all of projects will be continued after his retirement.

Senator LaVine: Are there any plans to try to increase alumni donations in the near future, in these trying times?

President Potter: In the upcoming years, alumni involvement will be a topic that is going to get worked on, but it is hard to do this, when there is a large diversity of students, from part time students to online students and those that come as transfer students. This is a problem that we need to work on with the students as well as alumni.

Vice President McGee talked to the body about the budget for the FY17 year. Vice President McGee explained that 86.1 million dollars are spend on instruction, 25.9 million on institution support, 21.9 on academic support, along with several other areas. Vice President McGee talked about the new food service contract that will be signed in the next few days with Chartwells. Many changes will be made in Atwood regarding the food service change. The Granite Room and Oak Meeting Rooms will be renovated for the Food Service. Chick-fil-a and Ebert's and Gerbert's will be added along with many other changes. Garvey will be going through upgrades up to one million dollars.

The Provosts came and talked to the body about upcoming enrollment. As of the 2016 year, they are expecting an increase in enrollment. They are taking a look at the classes offered to students, faculty load and making sure that all resources are being used appropriately. They want to make sure that students are getting their needs taken care of with the classes that are being offered, by looking at the rates of enrollment and seeing how full the classes are getting. The provosts would like help in finding out how to keep in contact with students, and also thanked the body for their time.

Vice President Andrews spoke to the body about alumni relations. The alumni participation rate is under three percent on our university. The participation rates are dropping around the country drastically. The 150-year anniversary is coming up in 2019, this is a time that they hope will get more alumni relations.

Vice President Overland thanked the body for all of their work this semester. She thanked the Executive Team for working as a team this semester. She also thanked the senate for their work. She also thanked everyone for their respect that they have had throughout the year, everyone has made her proud.

The newly elected President and Vice President of Student Government were inducted into their positions. President Johnson and Vice President Olson

The Tech Fee Survey results were presented that was taken about a month ago. They want to make sure that students know that they understand that the Fee Increases can be difficult. The BYOD (Bring your own device) Furniture Implementation will be put into place. Chair Schlepp talked about the results from the survey, for example HuskyTech and Computer Labs. Some things that could use improvement include, assistance in printing from your own devices, more study cubicles with outlets for charging electronics, and free access of downloadable version of online programs required for courses. They presented the new furniture implementation that will be implemented next fall.

Senator Bryson: For the furniture implementation, how durable is it?

Nick: They have been looking into different types and are going to keep this into mind. The furniture will mimic what is currently in Atwood, regarding durability

b. Finance Hearings

Helping Nepal International

Requested: 800

Recommended: 800

Allocated: 800

Student Organization of Behavioral Analysis

Requested: 2250

Recommended: 2250

Allocated: 2250

Hmong Student Organization

Recommended: 3000

Requested: 3000

Allocated: 3000

Student Legal Services

Recommended: 10,000

Requested: 10,000

Allocated: 10,000

Senator Bryson: Why did Student Legal Services get the let over money?

President Vogl: Student Legal Services has run out of money, and their budget has been cut drastically. President Potter pushed for this money to be allocated because this is a service that is commonly used by students.

Senator Kennedy: Move to approve finance recommendations

Senator Bryson: Seconded

Vote was taken

Motion carries

c. Internal Elections

Tonight we will be electing the Senate Finance Chair and Vice Chair Positions.

Muhammad Khan, Prapti Nirovla, Babita Kahdka and Rahul Tamralcar are running for the Senate Finance Internal Vice Chair Position.

Thundup Tamang, and Areej Zahra are running for the Senate Finance Chair Position.

Muhammad Khan is running for the internal vice chair position; he has been on the committee for one semester. He has been at St. Cloud State for 6 months. He has served for 5 years in the military in Pakistan, this has taught him critical thinking skills.

- Senator Gidey: Why did you choose this specific position?
- Muhammad Khan: He is a marketing major and thinks that the position will fit him well.
- Chair Hwang: Why do you think that those with more experience will not be a good fit for this position?
- Muhammad Khan: They all have a lot of experience in this university, but he has a lot of experience in many other places, for example another university and the military.
- Senator Igale: So you say that you are a procrastinator, how will you stay away from this in this position
- Muhammad Khan: Procrastination has helped him learn how to multitask.

Babita Kahdaka is running for the Senate Finance Internal Vice Chair position. She has gained knowledge of funding policies, team work and learned to be unbiased. She is also involved in the Nepalese student organization. Her major is accounting, and believes that this will help her in this position.

- Senator Kennedy: What makes you more qualified than the others running for this position?
- Babita Kahdaka: She believes with the more responsibilities she

- Chair Hwang: How have you learned to be unbiased?
- Babita Kahdaka: When any Nepalese student association presented a request, she obtained from the vote.

Prapti Nirovla is running for the Senate Finance Internal Vice Chair Position. She is interested in this position because she believes it will help in her major as Information Systems. She believes she has enough experience to excel in this position. She believes that she has the confidence and communication skills that will help her as the Internal Vice Chair. Her greatest strength is critical thinking.

- Senator Kennedy: What makes you more qualified for this position than the other applicants?
- Prapti Nirovla: She believes that she has the typing skills that are needed for this position
- Senator Gidey: Why did you choose to be apart of this committee?
- Prapti Nirovla: This committee deals with budgets and she is interested in this sector of business.
- Chair Hwang: As the treasurer of HNI, how can you make unbiased decisions?
- Prapti Nirovla She has taken many different classes that helps her and when her organization comes to make requests, she remains professional.

Rahul Tamralcar is ill and was not be able to speak on his behalf.

The Body went into a discussion and a vote.

Prapti Nirovla is now the Senate Finance Internal Vice Chair Position.

The Senate Finance External Vice Chair is Babita Kahdaka.

Thundup Tamang is running for the Senate Finance Chair Position. He believes that he has spent the most time in the committee. He has came up with an appeal form for the committee for the organizations to use. He would like to focus on the internal strengths within the position. He has been the Nepalese Student Association President before and was just hired as a Building Manager in Atwood.

- Executive Assistant: You have listed many different things that you are involved in, how do you plan to balance all of these?
- Thundup Tamang: He has been able to enhance his time management skills with being in all to these positions. He will only be involved in the Building Manager Position.
- Senator Johnson: How do you plan to be unbiased?
- Thundup Tamang: He is able to distinguish his personal life apart from professional life.
- Senator Gidey: Can you tell us about your strengths and weakness
- Thundup Tamang: His strength is coordinating, for example coordinating tasks, and meetings. His weakness includes getting side tracked by small details.
- Senator Kennedy: Describe your leadership style in three words
- Thundup Tamang: Democratic, Coordination and Motivated.

Areej Zahra is running for the Senate Finance External Chair Position. She has been in senate finance since her first semester at SCSU. She is aware of all of the requirements to be a chair. She is a sophomore, but she believes that she has accomplished a lot. She knows that the Senate Finance Chair has to be present at the Fee Allocation Meetings, and she is very familiar with this committee.

- Senator Palme: You mentioned how you would like the committee to run more smoothly
- Areej Zahra: She believes that the committee is running well, but she would like to make improvements, for example agendas
- Describe your leadership skills in three words
- Areej Zahra: Organization, time management skills and not imposing her views on others
- Senator Gidey: What is your greatest weakness?
- Areej Zahra: She believes in close to perfection, and can take time to make decisions.
- Senator Gidey: Why do you think that you are the best candidate for this position
- Areej Zahra: She know that the chair position needs to be unbiased, and she does a great job with this.
- Chair O'Neil- Como: If you are elected into this position, how would you deal with conflict in your committee

- Areej Zahra: She will talk to both individuals separately, and make a decision on what's best for the committee

The body went into a discussion then a vote

Thundup Tamang as elected as the Senate Finance Chair Position.

III. Plenary Session I

a. Unfinished Business

The body is going to discussion the issue of MSUSA. A member of their body has been elected that was involved in the illuminati Facebook page. We need to decide if we would like to remove ourselves or not.

Senator Bryson: Thinks that we should vote now, since we are all up to speed on the issue

Chair O'Neil Como: He agrees that this is a bad situation, but if we are not a part of MSUSA we are not getting our voices heard.

Senator Bryson: Believes that we should stay since we are paying for it, if we withdraw we are letting them win.

Senator McLeod: She agrees that by not participating, we are not getting our voices heard.

Senator LaVine: Thinks that we need to make our voices heard at our displeasure of this.

President Vogl: The only think that she has seen gone through is the name change. She is wondering if these conferences are productive. She believes they need to look at their purpose.

Senator McCallson: If we were to remove our self, what would we be?

Chair O' Neil Como: Our school is one of the only ones that are doing something at these conference

Chair Muzzamil: Beileves that we should remove ourselves

Senator Bryson: Call to question

Senator Gross: Seconded

A vote was taken.

As a senate we approve confidence in staying in MSUSA.

b. New Business

Senator Bryson: Move to scratch ten-minute recess

Senator Gross: Seconded

Body went into a vote

Motion carries

IV.

V. Officer Reports

a. President

President Vogl attended the Town hall Meeting on Thursday April 21st, regarding budgets. She also attended the end of the year legal services meeting on Thursday. President Vogl also went to an SLAC meeting on Monday April 18th. The search for the Atwood Director is still going on the meetings will be held April 29th, May 3rd and May 5th. The new director of the Veterans Center has been announced, Zach Mangas, Congratulations. Some upcoming events include the Grad Expo on April 26th, Graduation on the 6th of May at 10:30 AM and 5 o'clock PM. Atwood Center Council will be held on April 27th. President Vogl has her last meeting the President Potter on May 5th from 3:30- 4:00. President Vogl would also like congratulate the Technology Fee Committee on their Fee Increase that was approved.

b. Vice President

Vice President Johnson showed the body the Husky Compact Logo

c. Chief Justice

Chief Justice Olson had his last committee meeting today, regarding elections and a plan for next year.

d. RHA Rep

Tonight is CPA's what's hot event and they will be going to the movie theatre to watch the Jungle Book.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs

Chair Uecker is planning to meet with the directors of counseling and health services.

- b. Campus Affairs
There is a safety walk tonight.
- c. Cultural Diversity
Ethiopian Culture night is tomorrow at 5 o'clock. Splash of Culture is on Saturday at 5 pm.
- d. Elections Committee
No Report
- e. Executive Council
No Report. All chairs need to submit their transition documents by Thursday the 28th.
- f. Fee Allocation
No Report
- g. Legislative Affairs
No Report
- h. Public Relations
Chair Olson let the body know that next Friday will be the last Husky Pride Day. Composites will be in tomorrow in the office.
- i. Senate Finance
No Report
- j. Student Constitution
He is working on his transition documents.
- k. Technology Fee
No Report
- l. Urban Affairs
Chair O'Neil- Como reminded the body that there will be a safety walk following the meeting tonight in Hallenbeck Hall. Following the Safety Walk there will be a Student Government Social at Granite City, starting at 9 PM.
- m. University Committees

VII. Plenary Session II

- a. Last Call for Business

VIII. Closing of Meeting

- a. Open Gallery II
President Vogl and Vice President Johnson passed out awards.
- b. Open Statements
- c. Last Roll Call

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d. Adjournment 8:20