



Student Government Senate Meeting
Thursday, September 8th, 2016
Minutes; Sydney K. Menkevich, Executive Assistant

I. Opening of Meeting

a.) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00pm Atwood Cascade Room

b.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

c.) FIRST ROLL CALL:

President Johnson	
Vice President Olson	
Executive Assistant Menkevich	
Chief Justice Cruzen	
RHA Rep Johnson	
Students United Rep Martin	
Chair Fiene	
Chair Gunnerson-Gustch	
Chair Hwang	
Chair Jabs	
Chair McCallson	
Chair Olson	
Chair Shelley	
Chair Smith	
Chair Tamang	
Chair Uecker	
Chair Vieau	
Senator Bedel	
Senator Delmar	
Senator Doroff	
Senator Dukul	
Senator Greimann	
Senator Holm	
Senator Kennedy	

Senator Krahmer	
Senator M. La Vine	
Senator S. La Vine	
Senator Le	
Senator McLeod	
Senator Mitchell	
Senator Osbourne	
Senator C. Schmidt	
Senator J. Schmitt	
Senator Uecker	
Senator Uprety	

d.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Senator Le motions to scratch appointment approval from agenda.

Seconded.

Discussion.

Senator Le moves to vote on scratching executive appointment approval from agenda.

Point of Interest: If you do not want to scratch the appointment vote no.

Not Scratching appointment.

Vice President Olson seeks motion
motion

vote, agenda approved unanimously

e.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S MINUTES

Senator Le moves to approve.

Seconded.

Discussion, see none.

Approved.

II. Hearings

a.) OPEN GALLERY I

-Nancy Mills, Assistant Provost for Student Success. *Information taken from email sent by Vice President Olson: "Looking for student input about the office's plan to have a master schedule for departments to follow when they schedule classes. To be submitted in October."*

*Through extensive discussion and research the group, that works with schedules, decided that **students should be able to get the classes they need in a standardized schedule.** It needs to align with activities and events to help **utilize the space on campus more effectively.** Final exams overlap, which is unacceptable. Specific course distributions between departments, and "resets" throughout the day would help to create a better functioning learning environment, according to those in favor of this plan. Time-blocks as a solution. This master schedule will:

- Be student centered
- have clear demarcation between time blocks
- accommodate more credits
- allow 10-15 minutes between classes
- encompass the full day and full week
 - address the needs of commuting students
 - address the needs of adult learners

→ ultimate dream is that there will be common meeting time for student groups and department meetings without class conflicts

→ made official definition of evening is at 5:30pm, for more clarity

-set of guidelines for departments and Deans continuously checking schedules

****Information available on the Provost website****

****Taking input through the month of September****

****October: Final Proposal, provide a recommendation to the Provost and President****

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Fiene: Evening classes and a snowfall, how does the definition of evening effect his classes currently?

>There essentially wouldn't be night classes if the definition through the school is to be changed, but presently would not effect any classes.

-Senator McLeod: Why are there no Wednesday Friday classes, and how would it benefit to have classes on those days?

>would increase engagement, as well as alleviate congestion on Monday, and better utilize campus facilities

-Students United Rep Martin: How long and why would there be a 15 min break between classes, how would student groups be able to utilize this?

>clarification about student groups meeting during 'reset' times. They would utilize a time set that has been removed from the schedule and designated for student groups. Not necessarily during these 'reset' times. The 'reset' times would essentially be extended breaks between classes that could be utilized in different ways.

-Chair Shelley: What are the insights or issues brought up by faculty with this potential change?

>Fear of change, needing to re-create their curriculum or schedule. Very enthusiastic in terms of faculty response, the issue or fear is if they will have enough notice for when their schedules will change, and how drastically their schedule might change.

-Senator Le: Classes on Wednesdays and Fridays and when they would start or end?

>Friday and Wednesday would have the same time blocks, but really working towards distributing classes through the week. Too spread out and maximize use of campus.

*Yield to President Johnson: six hour class, one day a week, how would that be broken up with this schedule?

>there would be a break or 'reset' period between two blocks

-Senator J. Schmidt: How would this schedule be enforced and actually utilized as time progresses, how are you going to prevent it from becoming the same type of scheduling we have today?

>Definitely case by case business, might change as the years pass. Deans and faculty have set of guidelines along with the master schedule and would need to be actively involved and aware of

students schedules and progress.

-Chair Jabs: Have you considered Monday and Friday classes?

>not yet, but we could. Still doing research on two days a week classes especially dependent on when (how early or late) the class is might not be the most conducive environment to learn.

-Senator Le: Hypothetically, with a schedule dependent on different time blocks, how would that effect finals?

>one time block would have an exam here, and one would have an exam there. It would be structured to be spread out, which is part of the master schedule's goals.

-Chair Fiene: U of M offers only non-traditional classes on Saturdays, has that been considered with this plan?

>Saturday is a lot more flexible, because of the amount of facilities and things available to do with campus. Some faculty were under the impression that you couldn't teach on Saturday, but you can. Goal next year would be to try to do something like this for summer classes. It is extremely difficult to take multiple summer classes the way they are scheduled now.

-Chair Tamang: Was there student input, or did you just look at schedules?

>The people that have helped form this plan, used information gained through working with students as faculty and advisers and communicated with students to be able to form a schedule better suited to the students needs.

~Fee Allocation Update~

*report emailed to Executive Assistant

*FAC Proxy to read in the report sent by email. (President Johnson or Vice President Olson)

*did not meet this week due to Labor Day, will be holding Fee Allocation Committee Member training this coming Monday (9-12-16) during regular meet time.

*Director Managed Area Tours the week of **September 26th-30th**

*Fee Allocation Committee meets on **Mondays at 4:30pm in the Primrose Room**

*Email 24 hours in advance if you would like to sit in on the meeting

Call for Questions

See None

b.) FINANCE HEARINGS

-Was one application, but was tabled for the week, most likely next week.

Call for Questions

See None

c.) INTERNAL ELECTIONS

-Business College Senator-

Call for Questions

See None

Deliberation

Senator Le motions to white ballot.

Seconded by No Descent

Point of Interest: White ballot means to vote for all candidates up for the position to be considered for openings.

Welcome College Senator

-Health and Human Services College Senator-

Call for Questions

Deliberation

Senator A. Schmitt motion to white ballot.

Seconded.

Vote held.

Welcome College Senator

-At-Large Senator-

Call for Questions

Deliberation

Senator A. Schmitt motion to white ballot.

Seconded.

Vote held.

Welcome At-Large Senator

-Senate Finance Committee-

Call for Questions

Deliberation

Senator Le asks for input of Chair.

>Chair Tamang: bit of a dilemma, need somebody who is a spokesperson as well as a mind for the committee. Both candidates would benefit the committee.

Senator Le moves to close discussion and vote.

Seconded

Move to Vote

Point of Information: you either vote for candidate one or candidate two, or you can abstain

Vote ended in Tie

**Yield to President Johnson: in the event of a tie, the only person that can break a tie is the Chair person. (Vice President Olson created and election)

Welcome Stephen Peterson to Senate Finance Committee

-Judicial Council-

Call for Questions

Deliberation

Senator Le refers to the Chief Justice

Chief Justice has full confidence in the applicants

Senator Le questions Chief Justice if he recruited from the veterans center.

Chief Justice said yes and stated other ways he reached out.

Senator Kennedy expressed his approval of both candidates.

Senator Le call white ballot

Senator Kennedy seconds

no dissent

Both are elected unanimously.

d.) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPROVAL

President Johnson moves to approve Chair Smith as President Pro Tempore

Senator Le motions to approve Chair Smith as President Pro Tempore

Move to Vote

Congratulations President Pro Tempore Smith

III. Plenary Session I

a.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-nothing to discuss

b.) NEW BUSINESS

-nothing to discuss

IV. Recess - 10 Minutes

-CALLED TO ORDER: 7:23pm Atwood Cascade Room

V. Officer Reports

a.) PRESIDENT

-Only get 2 unexcused absences for committee members. Meetings start next week!

-Next week is the Senate Retreat!

****everybody needs to decorate a star. Instructions and the stars will be in the office. (AMC 139) Must be able to read what you write in each point of the star.** DUE NEXT WEEK**

QUESTIONS:

-Senator Le: what is the dress code for next week?

>President Johnson: casual, representing Student Government. (Jeans, sneakers, t-shirt for example)

-Chair Jabs: Are you going to be using the updated and current bylaws and constitution by next week?

>President Johnson states there was a point in time where the constitution and bylaws were outdated, but for the Senate Retreat it will be updated.

-Chair Uecker: Will there be snacks?

>President Johnson and Vice President Olson say there might be something

-Chair Fiene: What constitutes an unexcused absence?

>President Johnson says if you don't try to communicate or be honest with what is going on. Be responsible, and respectful.

Call for Questions

See None

b.) VICE PRESIDENT

- will be practicing parliamentary procedure for the Senate Retreat, resources to study are in the office
- Office needs a little tidying up
- Strongly encourage that somebody is sitting at the front desk of the office, especially if you are the only one in the office.

QUESTIONS:

- Chair Vieau: The computer at the front desk does not have internet, will that be fixed?
 - >Vice President Olson, says yes, husky tech has been notified and it should be fixed by next week.

c.) CHIEF JUSTICE

- reiteration of roll in Student Government
- PowerPoint next week with more information
- today the committee doubled in size

Call for Questions

See None

d.) STUDENTS UNITED

- At the Block Party tonight helping with registering to vote

Call for Questions

See None

e.) RHA REP

-Committee Reports

f.) ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- reiteration of what it is and what they do

Call for Questions

See None

g.) CAMPUS AFFAIRS

- Chair Vieau shared examples of what has been done in the past and reiterated what the committee does
- Committee Members: keep an eye out for an email with a link for When2Meet to help schedule the first meeting, try to have done by **Monday**.

Call for Questions

See None

h.) CULTURAL DIVERSITY

- nothing to report

****Yield to President Johnson: historical reasoning for the Cultural Diversity Committee.**

- Came about from a stand-in on SCSU campus in 1995.
- It was a huge step for Cultural Representation on campus

-Chair Hwang is what is considered the liaison for helping make sure our campus stays culturally diverse, and equally represented.

Call for Questions

See None

i.) CONSTITUTION

-Chair Smith reiterates importance of the Constitution

Call for Questions

See None

j.) ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

- predominantly up to President
- to help with easy access for information about elections
- select committee when elections are needed

Call for Questions

See None

k.) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- nothing to report
- President Johnson states something will be announced soon.

Call for Questions

See None

l.) FEE ALLOCATION

- chair absent
- emailed report read earlier by Vice President Olson

m.) LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

-Chair Fiene reiterates what the committee is and does, and the importance of it for Student Government

Call for Questions

See None

n.) PUBLIC RELATIONS

QUESTIONS:

-Senator Mitchell: Do we get husky pride again?

****Yield to Vice President Olson: Something Student Government has done in the past. Has transitioned**

to committees across campus, Student Government will be helping, but not leading this.

Call for Questions

See None

o.) SENATE FINANCE

-Treasurer's Budget Trainings becoming an online D2L course. **Hopefully available next week.**

-Three attempts for a quiz, must have 80% to be able to apply for SFC Funding.

Noted: If you read the material, you will pass the quizzes

-Hope for the semester is that the process by the end of the year will be all on D2L/Online

**Yield to President Johnson: How long before the request of money does this have to be completed?

>Chair Tamang states: As of right now, the final registration for Student Organization's through collegiate link and D2L is due **September 18th, 2016.**

Point of Information: President Johnson brought up the fact that Student Organizations must have 10 members. (initial thought was eight, but that was corrected)

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Fiene: Why three tries for the quiz, and what happens if you don't pass?

>Chair Tamang said that as long as you read the information, you will be able to pass the quizzes. They are relatively straightforward, and the close to the same material that was taught in the Budget Trainings last year. After September 18th, all Student Organizations will be required to do the Training on D2L. Chair Tamang stated that the Senate Finance Committee will continue to accept all applications received for consideration as long as your organization has attended a budget training last semester. Chair Tamang has access to this list.

→ SFC will accept applications until **September 18th**, which is the last day to register a Student Organization through Collegiate Link, and D2L.

Call for Questions

-Executive Assistant Menkevich: Due to applications needing a four week window, will this transition effect applications/hearings/potential funding for this month, due to wait times and multiple steps to register?

>Chair Tamang stated that it would not, mainly due to accepting applications for consideration from Student Organizations that attended budget trainings last year. Until September 18th that is, all Treasurers/Student Organizations will have to do the D2L Course.

See None

p.) STUDENT SERVICES

-reiteration of what the committee is

-should be meeting next week

Call for Questions

See None

q.) TECHNOLOGY FEE

-Executive Assistant received email report
-Chair Olson reports that he is in the process of setting up a meeting for the committee for next week. Also states that no Senators can actually be on the Technology Fee Committee.

**Yield to President Johnson: The question can Chair's be on the Technology Fee Committee?

>President Johnson answered: you technically can, and be on both but you can not hold executive positions in either.

Point of Information: Vice President Olson shared that there are three fee committees that senators cannot sit on, as well as the Judicial Council.

*Yield

r.) URBAN AFFAIRS

-Chair stepped out to table at the Block Party tonight
-President Johnson reiterates that the committee deals with the relation between our campus and the surrounding community. Bridging the gap between the two, and creating a long term, supportive learning environment.

Call for Questions

-Senator J. Schmitt: Chair Shelley sent out an email to two people and would like to hear back so a time for the committee to meet can be established.

s.) UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

-President Johnson has a stack of information

Call for Questions

-Chair Vieau state she sat on the Strategic Planning Committee. They had a retreat in August where they put together a draft for a strategic plan, and the committee is going over the draft. A few things to mention about the draft:

- it would benefit from a table of contents
- lots of jargon, not very easy to understand
- jumps around a bit, lay out needs some work
- are **two other members that can sit on this committees**
 - Strategic Planning Committee Meets the **first and third Thursday from 10-12**, in different locations.
 - President Johnson has that list, if anybody is interested.

-Chair Fiene: What are some of the main points in the draft of the Strategic Plan?

**Yield to Vice President Olson, states the problem with previous plans is super wordy, and massive changes at State. Need to make sure that the goals are lining up for the University. Lot of work still to be done on the Plan.

Call for Questions

-Chief Cruzen: Statement as Chief Justice, please remain professional and respectful during senate meetings, nodding off and falling asleep can lead to decorum. As well as eye rolling as stated earlier.

Senator Le moves to limit open statements to Name, position in student government, major, and an interesting fact about you.

Seconded.

Motion Passed.

-Chair Fiene advises amending that motion to include sharing if you know of an event on campus that is coming up.

Senator Le moves to amend motion just passed to include if there is an event coming up on campus you would like to share.

Seconded

Amendment of Motion Passed

VI. Plenary Session II

a.) LAST CALL FOR BUSINESS

See None

VII. Closing of Meeting

a.) OPEN GALLERY

-nothing

b.) OPEN STATEMENTS

-Share your name, major, position in Student Government, interesting fact, an event on campus that you know of and would like to share.

*Chair Vieau stated that the deadline for creative writing submissions for Mississippi River Harvest is October 13th???

*China Night is **September 24th**

***September 24th**, 3 on 3 basketball tournament \$25 Halenbeck Hall

***September 17th and 18th** is Family Weekend

*BlizzardShack Atwood Mall **Thursday (September 15th)** 7pm

*Granite Games this weekend

*St. Cloud Pride in the Park **September 17th ??????**

c.) LAST ROLL CALL [with new members added at bottom]

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Vice President Olson	
Executive Assistant Menkevich	
Chief Justice Cruzen	
RHA Rep Johnson	
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Chair Fiene	
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Chair Vieau	
Senator Beldel	
Senator Delmar	
Senator Doroff	
Senator Dukal	
Senator Greimann	
Senator Holm	
Senator Kennedy	
Senator Krahmer	
Senator M. La Vine	
Senator S. La Vine	
Senator Le	
Senator McLeod	
Senator Mitchell	

Senator Osbourne	
Senator C. Schmidt	
Senator A. Schmitt	
Senator Uecker	
Senator Uprety	
Senator Bayandalai	
Senator Lura	
Senator Aden	

d.) ADJOURNMENT

-Time adjourned: 8:27pm Atwood Cascade Room