



Student Government Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 13th, 2016
Minutes; Sydney K. Menkevich, Executive Assistant

I. Opening of Meeting

a.) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02pm Atwood Cascade

b.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

c.) FIRST ROLL CALL

President Johnson	
Vice President Olson	
Executive Assistant Menkevich	
Chief Justice Cruzen	
RHA Rep (N/A)	
Students United Rep Martin	
Chair Fiene	
Chair Hwang	
Chair Jabs	
Chair Kennedy	
Chair Muzammil	
Chair Olson	
Chair Shelley	
Chair Smith	
Chair Tamang	
Chair Uecker	
Chair Vieau	
Senator Aden	
Senator Balmer	
Senator Bayandalai	
Senator Bedel	
Senator Dhakal	
Senator Doroff	
Senator Greimann	



Senator Holm	
Senator Krahmer	
Senator M. La Vine	
Senator S. La Vine	
Senator Le	
Senator Lura	
Senator McLeod	
Senator Mitchell	
Senator Osbourne	
Senator Schmit	
Senator Seo	
Senator Uecker	
Senator Uprety	

d.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Senator Osbourne moves to approve today's agenda.

Seconded

Today's agenda approved.

e.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S MINUTES

Senator McLeod motions to approve today's agenda.

Seconded

Today's minutes approved.

II. Hearings

a.) OPEN GALLERY I

Prez Vaidya & VPs

With student involvement the better the institution

Expect to hear information, to be able to work together

30-day enrollment picture – Husky Data information

Highest number of international students

Highest number of graduate students

2.4% decline in head count

1.4% decline in enrollment

Stressing the notion when possible 15 credits, for a timely graduation

For freshman average credit load 14 credits, for rest is 13 – which is very good

Husky Scholarships, maybe an emergency fund- will be ramping up efforts, and finding ways to respond to the financial gap.

Ten year accreditation – November 7th and 8th –open campus forums



Large interactive TV in Atwood, “engaging students, campus, and community” – showcasing what’s happening over campus (celebrating university excellence)

System wide initiatives: (three focuses)

1.) charting the future

structured transfer pathways, two year to state creating a smoother transfer

Implementation of our diversity plan, make sure student representation on council

good technology for student success

Preparing for biannual legislature request

for resources for 2018-2020

Bonding bill

Eastman project, renovations the home to health and student services- hopefully will

happen May of this year

Financial sustainability of the system

if revenue doesn’t keep pace with cost, is unsustainable

deep engagement with all stakeholders and students

2.) State: Comprehensive Funding Campaign

\$50 million – five years

will add a lot of value to the institution

3.) Strategic Plan refresh – almost complete

by next week will be ready for review

what is st cloud state about

engaging the campus, students and community

Viewing St. Cloud State as a 21st century institution

Would like to seek out help to communicate and engage our students

What can we be doing better, informal and formal ways of communication (President’s Twitter)

Expanding efforts

Dan

profound change happening in higher education right now
comes serious challenges, but will be really good for students
forcing focus more on student success

Re-imagining the first year

Project started by AASCU

How to make your first year a success, holistically

Developing a first year seminar series

How we teach our gateway courses

Stronger collaboration with student life and development and financial aid

Tammy McGee VP of Finance and Administration

1981 Graduate, Human resources, facilities, public safety, food service, and book store
feel free to work with our staff

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Fiene: what are you doing to actively recruit masters and doctoral enrollment?

Huge opportunity for us to serve the post degree market; seminars workshops, degrees, making sure that that market is discussed, and deciding what is appropriate for us. A site in Maple Grove,



changing to Plymouth: SCSU at Plymouth, opportunities for programs, and corporate training. International recruitment, 2+2 partnership.

Much more sophisticated in communication strategies: Hopsins

Individual graduate programs, and recruitment strategies

-Senator McLeod: where are you at with the process of transfers through Charting the Future?

Having structured pathways, articulate communication. Phased approach, identified four programs (biology, business, theater and art), and another 12 in the spring. Something borrowed from California. It does pay-off. Here is the pathway, seamless transition, no accumulation of extra credit.

-Follow Up: any difference between AA program or AS program?

Not generally but does depend on the program. Transfer Pathway Teams created

-Chair Shelley: for the bonding bill, would all funds be allocated to the Eastman project?

The bonding bill is project specific, so whatever money received would be put towards that project as a whole.

-Follow Up: details why this project?

From what we learned through ISELF, third largest capital project on campus. A clear need for support services, and opportunities for exponential learning for medical students.

Wanda: was very important for commitment to Mississippi River. Important to the accreditation, need to move out of Hill/Case Hall. Began working towards this seven years ago.

-Chair Olson: who students can talk to about undergraduate research opportunities?

In process of developing an undergraduate research agenda at state. How do we work with students, and how to support them. Agenda starting to support students doing research in the summertime. Building the capacity for undergraduate

Call for Questions

See none

Kevin Witlock - Sundowner, and escort program

Jessie Cashman

QUESTIONS:

-Senator Uprety: Sundowner stops early leaving students utilizing the library during its hours of operation unable to get home safely, has had multiple students express concern, many of which live outside the CAPS area.

Haven't received numbers yet this year, down about 16 a day or week last year, in order to save those funds we could look at that escort service. *CAPS: Campus Area Police service. Parking is primary funding for bus. When looking at ridership statistics, averaging under 13.5 riders, about \$13.75 per rider in the final two hours. The safety escort did expand last year, but could not escort further. Really came down to finances that support the program.

-Follow Up: would this service be reconsidered, if the ridership increases?

Maybe we could come back and reassess to try to make a change if ridership is up

-Chair Kennedy: advertisement for bus information/advertisements say Sodexo still, will this be updated?

It will be on metro bus not Chartwells to change this, due to Chartwells advertising in different ways.

-Follow Up: will parking and bus signs be updated?

Yes, working to redesign all signage on campus, were given permission for first go. 85 new signs by January.



-*Yeild to* President Johnson: some students were declined escort service, within CAPS boundary, what should these students do?

Should give Public Safety a call and ask for either of us at 308-3333

-Vice President Olson: would Public Safety be against maybe a safe walk program where students could potentially volunteer to walk with students home?

Excellent idea, welcome more conversation related to that!

-Chair Tamang: are there any plans that will be taken into action to accommodate the students walking at night, anything we can do as public safety, or a student group right now?

Have increased a police presence, a community oriented service house, located about 2 blocks west of hockey area, additional 4 officers working CAPS area, hurting for staff but patrols have increased. Changes are not over! One of the questions needing to be asked to help this issue is how can we subsidize ridership opportunities.

-*Yield to* President Johnson: any way to have the conversation on the boundaries to the public transit stop that is a block past the CAPS boundary?

Certainty an opportunity, didn't know how the new routes would effect our students so we are still adjusting and figuring out the areas that aren't working still.

-Senator Balmer: is there a way to promote the escort service more?

Yes trying to get the word out best we can, do advertise a bit, and speak at every freshman orientation.

-Senator Schmit: have you anticipated an increase in the escort service with the sundowner being shortened?

To date we are at 259 escorts. Aren't as high as we have anticipated even.

-Senator Le: how many officers are roughly on campus?

Public Safety about 3-4 out and about, provide service for St. Cloud Tech until 10pm, dispatcher as well.

-Follow Up: possibility for a workshop at the beginning of the school year about safety on campus?

Definitely, are looking to expand that, and working with CAPS officers through training called RAD in November, plan is to bring that to the students

-Chair Fiene: why and how are you hurting for staff at the moment?

Allotted 60 student workers

-Follow Up: job positions open to any SCSU Student or a special question needed?

Open to any student who has taken 60 credits. Student workers have to get compliance from there peers, which is a different challenge. There is training provided.

-Chair Tamang: Possibility to extend sundowner hours request?

At this point budgets are set for fiscal year, so need to look at different options to get students home. Will depend on MetroBus cost.

-*Yeild to* Gallery: is there option for one bus after the library closes?

Cant just ask for special pick-up, contract through MetroBus, and union workers.

-Senator Mitchell: with the new parking implementations, have you closed the gap with the budget issues?

Are seeing an increase of revenue associated with parking, following our commitment to use these funds for lighting and better parking on campus, will have a meeting looking at the budget

-Chair Uecker: is there a text versus call in program, and would that be something to potentially explore?

Currently do not but can look into it

-Follow Up: have you done any campaigns to help with getting the phone number and



information out to students?

Yes, as previously stated. Open to ideas, need to work through details

-Senator Seo: any woman officers?

Most diverse group on campus, there are multiple. One female officer just completed Academy for St. Cloud Police

Call for Questions

See None

~Fee Allocation Update~

b.) FINANCE HEARINGS

*Point of Service: microphone check due to feedback

c.) INTERNAL ELECTIONS

At-Large Senator

Senator Schmit moves to white ballot

Seconded

Only applicant elected

d.) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPROVAL

None

III. Plenary Session I

a.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill LA 002

Senator Osbourne reading on behalf

Discussion

-Senator Balmer: should be a right, need to examine sociological effects U.S is 21 out of all countries scored by the U.N.

-Senator Mitchell: 50% graduation rate, 3.5 billion wasted dollars

-Chair Olson: 2 year colleges already free, increase in completion rate

-Chair Kennedy: what other universities have taken a step like this bill

-*Yield to Chair Fiene: none.*

-Chair Shelley: not sustainable, decrease in value of degree from the financial aspect, so many people being unemployed as is, more people with degrees wouldn't necessarily work. Where would we get the funding. Does this bill make us non-partisan, as a student association is it really our place?

-Chair Fiene: calling attention to the concern for our students, as far as a student body we should be able to discuss and be a part of legislature discussion. Purposefully written so this is not an all or nothing thing, could limit it to GPA and other stipulations.

-Senator Schmit: do have concerns, too simplistic of a bill, due to the complexity of the funding and it coming from the state and federal, it's pretty unclear as to who is paying, too much burden on the state. No other university or student body has taken this position and what would be the potential risks or



hindrances for the student body in taking a stance like this with this bill.

-Senator Uecker: once Pandora is out of the box, how do we put it back

-Senator M. La Vine: with this type of public funding, it gives a huge opportunity for the government to overstep its bounds. Somebody will be paying for it no matter what.

-Senator Balmer: the stipulation campus would be over-flowing is incorrect. Campus would still have admission requirements. And as for too many degrees, would that really be a bad thing, an educated society. Tax payers only 2% more. We pay so much in taxes already, but what do we receive in exchange.

-Chair Uecker: seems pretty unclear, different ideas as to how it can be implemented, need to be clearly outlined. We need to know what our student body supports, not just personal opinion

-Chair Kennedy: clarification on the last whereas, MN says k-12 is a right, not necessarily higher education.

-Follow Up: for those who slack off how would that work. Details up to the legislators.

-Chair Fiene: education levels in the constitution is not specific on purpose

Senator Le moves to limit discussion to list Vice President currently has

Seconded

No dissent

Motion approved

-Senator Le: against resolution, more research needed, then with amendments maybe

-Senator Lura: affordable college, free tuition even, but do not agree with bill. Should be looking at how to make tuition more affordable, no one really knows how much it will cost

-Chair Shelley: haven't had any student input. What message is that going to send if we support specific policy initiatives

-Senator Uecker: needs to be a much longer and deeper conversation, not ready to commit to that

-Senator Nabil: very courageous bill, needs to be more concise, and need to take it an inch at a time, subsidized or GPA requirements

-Senator Schmit: more of the issue is affordable college, free being ideal, not really logical. How is this going to look on our record, and where our position is on this.

-Chair Uecker: need student feed back, if moves as is, could be seen as a partisan body, and need to show that we are here to voice opinions of students not just our own.

*Point of Information President Johnson: if this is to pass, it is seen as an official stance of Student Government. So it states: yes we agree and support everything stated in this bill. Strongly recommend taking this to the student body to vote on. We can be seen as a biased group sometimes, only 20 senators and only need 2/3 vote, very important to bring it to the student body to handle it with care.

Vice President Olson Seeking options for method of vote

*Point of Interest: if it is denied at this meeting, can be rewritten and brought back up as a referendum.

Senator S. La Vine moves to secret ballot

Seconded

Motion passed.

Secret ballot method for vote on Bill LA002



*Point of Interest: no talking during vote

12 no, 3 abstain, 0 yes
Bill LA 002 fails

*Point of Interest: excellent example of a student government at work

b.) NEW BUSINESS

Senator McLeod moves to limit recess to 15 minutes

Seconded

Motion passes to limit recess

IV. Recess - 15 Minutes Break for recess at 7:33pm

-CALLED TO ORDER: 8:48pm Atwood Cascade Rm

V. Officer Reports

a.) PRESIDENT

Nothing to update

b.) VICE PRESIDENT

Volunteer opportunities, attendance

Next week new business looking for organizers for applications and services

List of culture nights to be updated

Restructuring website

-chair Uecker, outlook calendar

-chair fiene, consent agenda

c.) CHIEF JUSTICE

nothing to report

c.) STUDENTS UNITED

New campus organizer for Students United this week

Strategies for getting pledges

Tabling schedule out

d.) RHA REP

Shoemaker is what's hot – October 27th, in ballroom Conference November

-Committee Reports

f.) ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

looking for grad student representation

g.) CAMPUS AFFAIRS

next meeting **Wednesday at 11am** in Student Government Office, cleaning blue security boxes

working with women's center to get free feminine hygiene products around campus

future safety walks on buildings or areas we didn't get to last year, Styrofoam designated waste bins

h.) CULTURAL DIVERSITY

working on panel discussion 'United We Care'

looking at working with organizations to be at this event

multi-cultural student services has a play on **November 2nd**

culture night next week, and **Korean night is October 22nd**

i.) CONSTITUTION

Will be working on a couple resolutions Tuesday on Election policies



Looking at a few constitutions for different clubs

j.) ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

will be sending out an email to all those on the committee with information

k.) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

trying to do video blog updates to show what we are doing and to show transparency

l.) FEE ALLOCATION

presentation of information on Child Care Center tour

*Point of Information: these updates are necessary because we allocate the money

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Uecker: who is part time full time or students working?

Depends on the age of the child. 6 staff members and multiple students, and 4 GAs

-Chair Olson: do you know how they are looking to expand?

Unsure about a new building, but potentially more rooms in ECC, but long, on-going process

*Point of Information: student fees folder in the office with information

m.) LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

met with assistant Dean Matsky about alcohol policies

working on survey about student input on bathroom bills

n.) PUBLIC RELATIONS

worked on getting the Howler out

meeting **tomorrow at 12:30**

tickets were given to the PR committee to get people to follow the President on Twitter

o.) SENATE FINANCE

still working on online training, will close next week

p.) STUDENT SERVICES

-I'm above the law-

did not have corrum yesterday, Senator Le met with resources have a yearly newsletter currently trying to raise funds

-Jabs out-

q.) TECHNOLOGY FEE

have a full committee now

last week toured tech fee funded areas

QUESTIONS:

-Senator Schmit: green fee information?

VP Olson: someone will be in to speak about next week

r.) URBAN AFFAIRS

confirmed Unite Cloud discussion in Student Government early November or late this month

looking at off-campus living students and city ordinances geared specifically to off-campus housing

s.) UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

-Chair Kennedy: hiphop event and reggae event in quarries **right now 9-midnight**, \$5 for couple, \$3 for individual

-Senator Schmit: I have yet to receive information on external committees



-Yield to President Johnson: lots of shift in organization, just got all the committees on a shared file that will be shared next week, so hopefully by next week you hear something

VI. Plenary Session II

a.) LAST CALL FOR BUSINESS

see none

VII. Closing of Meeting

a.) OPEN GALLERY

-Senator Le: On behalf of SOBA, behavioral analysis with children, a speaker will be coming to Alumni Room in **Atwood October 18th**

-Senator Balmor and Senator Osbourne: organized an election night party, in the alumni room with food and drink, **November 8th**

-Senator McLeod: next Thursday in a month will be drag show **November 17th**, proceeds from the drag show might go to a local organization or to supplied needed to make something for an organization

b.) OPEN STATEMENTS

Senator Le moves to limit open statements to 20 seconds

Seconded

Motion approved

c.) LAST ROLL CALL

President Johnson	
Vice President Olson	
Executive Assistant Menkevich	
Chief Justice Cruzen	
RHA Rep Johnson	
Students United Rep Martin	
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Senator Uprety	

d.) ADJOURNMENT

-Time adjourned: 9:10pm Atwood Cascade RM