



Student Government Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 20th, 2016
Minutes; Sydney K. Menkevich, Executive Assistant

I. Opening of Meeting

a.) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:04pm Atwood Cascade room

b.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

c.) FIRST ROLL CALL

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



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| Senator M. La Vine | |
| Senator S. La Vine | |
| Senator Le | |
| Senator Lura | |
| Senator McLeod | |
| Senator Mitchell | |
| Senator Nabil | |
| Senator Osbourne | |
| Senator Schmit | |
| Senator Seo | |
| Senator Uecker | |
| Senator Uprety | |

d.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Senator Schmit moves to approve today's agenda.

Seconded

Today's agenda approved.

e.) APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Senator McLeod moves to approve last meeting's minutes.

Seconded

Last meeting's minutes approved.

II. Hearings

a.) OPEN GALLERY I

Tarryl Clark – Voting Yes Yes to the Bond Referendum for Apollo and Tech High

One reason the senior voice gets heard, they vote

We want to build a new Tech High School, and update Apollo to be 21st Century learning centers

Attempted to pass this last year, but didn't pass

would cost a lot less to build new, then to renovate, need to say yes to both Apollo, and Tech High otherwise half of students receive better education.

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Fiene: Will money be used for environmentally friendly building/renewable energy to help balance the cost?

Looking at a number of things, with lots of blue prints. Ultimately yes, but nothing committed yet, just haven't gotten far enough with the plans yet

-Follow Up: Are there more students to where a second facility is needed?

Currently two fully used high schools, but Tech High seriously outdated, and significant issues. The cost to renovate would be extremely expensive.



-Chair Kennedy: New curriculum learning with the new facility?

There will need to be training that goes with it, but there is some incredible curriculum being used. Teachers would be able to use the facilities they want to, versus being forced to use what they can. More hands-on, more beneficial. Teachers will be able to modify and update curriculum that they couldn't now based on available facilities. The district is the one to update and work on the general curriculum.

-Chair Jobs: What is the average class size, and with the new school how would that be projected?

Did need to pass an operating referendum on class size, depends on what class you are talking about. This in itself will not bring class sizes down, school board and superintendent have been working on this.

-Chair Shelley: is there an estimate as to if the property value will increase?

We don't have statistics, but generally they do. New buildings are attractors, and would help with economic things in the community as well. New Tech will be on the South side of town, park land that needs to be put into place, near a creek, so learning opportunities with that as well.

-Senator McLeod: any feedback from families that would be using this new school?

A lot of parents have been engaged, some parents have been waiting on decisions to keep students here versus going to a different community. A large group of parents helping and really pushing for this are the ones with elementary school children, kids that would be utilizing these facilities in full swing.

-Senator M.LaVine: Any transportation costs coming along with this, and has it been addressed?

There are about 79 kids that walk, otherwise everybody uses transportation, students from all surrounding townships utilize this school, has been talk of a couple additional routes, and potentially pairing with MetroBus. For extracurricular there will be far less transportation needs due to on sight sports facilities, versus now.

-Senator Schmit: How have you relayed information to students who live on campus and are new, that it is still important to vote on this referendum?

Still early end of educating students on campus, partially intentional. With the hectic start to a school year, waited to start, will be canvassing dorms, and have sent mail information. Going to be more one on one sharing of information in the next couple days.

-Follow Up: What would the old Tech building be used for, and will any of the bond fund this?

Planning on selling the not historical part. The historical part will be used for school offices, the rest unsure yet. Ideas have been senior living, art co-op, etc. None of the renovations or potential uses will utilize the bond money. Essentially with renovating tech high would need to take out huge parts of the neighborhood.

-Chair Shelley: what are the most common objections you have had?

Significantly less this year, a lot of emotional attachment to Tech High. Property Tax cost, how much will it really be for the average household. Under \$13 a month per household. Some people don't know what modern education is titled or entails. Some fear for older residents that their way of life has gone by/needs to change. District had independent estimates, so there is more of a trust in the numbers.

Jane Olson – Women's Center

Celebrating 27th anniversary this month, started in 1989 due to student activism

Mission statement focuses on gender equity and supporting women as they progress to their future

Supply program providing hygiene supply, including pregnancy tests (free no questions asked)

did receive \$20,000 grant from the Morgan Foundation, are working to implement that grant, working through committees to help, planning multiple events and programs to help, each team has \$4,000 to fulfill goals, within a month or two should hear about the work being done.



Women on Wednesday: creatively educating students that have been hot issues with the election **Noon-1:00pm on Wednesdays**

Next week on Thursday, will be hosting an enrollment lab to help assist students to gain health insurance.

Doing a fundraiser for free emergency contraception: selling hats. Made more money then spent on the hats.

Table Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday \$15 per hat, cash or check

QUESTIONS:

-Senator McLeod: can you talk about ItsOnUs?

A national campaign, came out of initiative that came from the Whitehouse. To deter rape and sexual assault on campus, can take a pledge online. Student Association President and Vice President have been a part of a poster signing campaign. Film screening tonight that talks about the impact of sexual assault with a focus on the way social media ruined their lives. A very committed group of students that are carrying that out. A lot of the Women's Center is student operated, created and led.

-Chair Fiene: Can you speak a little about reproductive justice?

Looks at reproductive rights, such as access to birth control, clinics, abortion, health services provided. Also includes things not thought about, supporting women in families, being able to choose to have or not have children and having the support guards in place. Next week Women on Wednesday would help explain this more.

-Chair Olson: for WoW do they go off a theme, or specifically the topic?

Start with looking at relevant topics and themes will follow. With this fall wanted to look at issues being discussed in presidential election and feedback from previous WoW sessions. Depends on the speaker as well.

Devon Bowker – Friends of the Earth/Pollinator Protection Pledge

Institute a policy on campus that would focus on banning neonics on campus

1 of every 3 bites of food, is dependent on bees

beekeepers lost 40% of colonies between April 2014 and April 2015

7 species are on the endangered species list, distinctly native to Hawaii

Lots go into this: habitat loss, colony collapse disorder, disease, climate change, and most widely researched is pesticides.

Neonicotinoids – systemic herbicide

“straight up KILL bees”

To ban present and future use of neonics and pre-treated plants on campus

move towards planting and implementation of native, pollinator friendly plants on campus properties

MN is most progressive state on this issue

not just a policy, a pledge/commitment

QUESTIONS:

-Executive Assistant Menkevich: Biology majors have received information and a way to sign a petition, but others have not, are you working on contacting other departments and students?

Yes, still waiting to hear back and will be meeting with people on Tuesday to figure out how to further getting the information out. Would be looking for Student Government help with writing it more officially.

-Chair Kennedy: Do you know if the campus actually uses neonics?

A gray area, trying to find more clarifications. Had to talk to outside vendors used on campus,



and refused to give information. Don't have specifics, hoping to get more clarification on Tuesday.

-Follow Up: do you know of other companies that make pesticides with out this chemical?

Yes, lots of alternatives, that are just as cost effective. Two main companies that use it.

-Chair Fiene: What can St. Cloud State do to prevent bee loss outside of banning neonics and taking the pledge?

Main point is awareness. Planting more native species.

-Chair Olson: Are there estimates for the wild bee populations being effected?

Difficult to tell, due to scale of species. Sharply declining.

-Chair Shelley: Is there a hope to approach U of M to also adopt this pledge?

Yes, that is the hope. Work to be done still, and would like to see it adopted by the entire MnSCU system.

Devon Bowker – Green Fee

was put to a vote spring 2015 – received vote in favor

lot of moving pieces that killed the momentum

some other schools have it, such as Bemidji

used to fund green initiatives across campus

hoping to discuss details on this on Tuesday

Xcel rebates to fund, second thing would be a voluntary green fee, minimum of \$5 a semester,

automatically opted in, and can opt-out. This would create a budget specifically used for sustainability

projects, the university wants to establish officers of sustainability, the idea would be to have 3 student

interns that would be funded out of green fee fund

other things funded with green fee: awareness, bike rental program, green house updates, recycling initiatives, etc.

calling upon student government to pick this back up

doing better things to create buzz/pr gets people talking

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Kennedy: what are you doing Wednesdays at 11 am?

Office hours but that could be switched

-Follow Up: Campus Affair committee meeting time, sit in on committee

-Chair Fiene: How much renewable energy as a percent increase could SCSU see of enacting large scale green activities?

Climate Action Plan – on SCSU website, in that there are steps for what targets to reach at what time. This would help increase the speed of that.

-Senator Lura: how would students go about opting out of the fee, or giving more?

A lot goes into this, at the time it was discussed to essentially be on e-services.

-Follow Up: would there be an option of donating more than the \$5?

\$5 was the base, \$10 would double the amount received. Something never officially decided.



~Fee Allocation Update~

b.) FINANCE HEARINGS

Only one request: Cyber Security Club, \$952 for promotion printing and copyright for the movie and presentations. Was free for all students.

Senator Le moves to white ballot
Seconded

Finance request approved

c.) INTERNAL ELECTIONS

None

III. Plenary Session I

a.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

b.) NEW BUSINESS

Office Supplies

please check the options for office supplies in the Student Government office, ones that would like to be purchased are marked with sticky notes.

Election Amendments

Bill 2016-2017/CC-001

Read by Senator Uprety

Per bylaws tabled for next week

Bill 2016-2017/CC-002

Read by Senator Uprety

Per bylaws tabled for next week

Bill 2016-2017/CC-003

Read by Senator Uprety

Per bylaws tabled for next week

Bill 2016-2017/CC-004

Read by Senator Uprety

Per bylaws tabled for next week

-Vice President Olson: please do some research and be prepared for discussion next week



IV. Recess - 20 Minutes (7:12 pm)

-CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15pm Atwood Cascade Rm

V. Officer Reports

a.) PRESIDENT

need w-4's and I-9's for everybody on Student Government will be in the office
pay date is at the end of semester for each semester
are hoping to do a social tonight – Applebees after the meeting tonight

b.) VICE PRESIDENT

100% involvement forms
Office access- need school ID number
Stay on top of your office hours and research for weekly senate meetings

c.) CHIEF JUSTICE

had monthly committee meeting

d.) STUDENTS UNITED

wrapped up voter registration, MN hit some record highs
continue to do pledges, if you want to do presentation to class ask

e.) RHA Representatives

Thursday October 27th, Husky Horror Story, if you live on campus
Monday Chartwells came into RHA and gave free Dennys passes, talked to CEO Rep dude, was pretty cool

-Committee Reports

f.) ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

still working on previous projects, got in contact with Mayor for a dinner hopefully later in the semester, anything you'd like to add to the agenda, let Chair know
getting opinions about online classes/textbooks and how faculty is doing
opportunity for external committee members, ask Chair

g.) CAMPUS AFFAIRS

cleaned security boxes!
Talking with Chartwells to corporate Chik-Fil-A to see if specific garbage for styro-foam on campus and with Jane Olson for what steps to take for free feminine hygiene products

h.) CULTURAL DIVERSITY

talking about diversity plan FY17, plan for next year
meeting with Somali Student association for opinion on website
if interested in sitting in for chair on a different committee meeting due to Chair being in class, please contact

Service October 25th, November 1st, 22nd, and December 6th for tie blankets for veterans and birthday cards for elderly

Korean Night is on Saturday

i.) CONSTITUTION

amendments on election policies, major improvements and clearer rules
first bill is about election violations, were none before
second bill is more a clarification in faculties roll in endorsing/sponsoring a candidate
third bill has to do with campaign funding, right now corporate sponsorships are allowed, this would change that
the fourth bill is clarifying what an official candidate is



deadlines for election candidates for next fall will be coming in a couple weeks

j.) ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

nothing to report, still getting time set up due to email error

k.) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*Point of information: as a member of student government must participate in a Students United conference

-Yield to Students United Rep Martin: leave at 1pm November 11th, first day usually a speaker then some type of program, then a social afterwards. Second day is breakout groups, might be late. A time for you to talk about your campus.

Set limit for sign-ups, usually 13

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Olson: have you hear back yet on the University committees?

President Johnson: keeps emailing, but have not really heard back

Vice President: some initiative has been taken on our part, and some committees don't have student representations so will be working on that

l.) FEE ALLOCATION

Multicultural Student Services – 3 offices around campus

can study in the Richard R. House, has tutoring

Veterans Resource Center

first campus to be considered “beyond the yellow ribbon”

Next Monday is DCI

m.) LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

n.) PUBLIC RELATIONS

encourage following the president on Twitter

would love help tabling tomorrow

please follow on Facebook, twitter, and share with friends, might be creating snapchat

o.) SENATE FINANCE

had d21 training, and discussion of how to allocate the rest of the funds available

looking to open online discussion for organizations to ask questions online, hopefully to be introduced by next semester

p.) STUDENT SERVICES

“I'm above the law”

Committee times changed to Thursday at 11am

q.) TECHNOLOGY FEE

BYOD furniture, nearing completion to hopefully be completed this month

four locations, working out final details to hopefully be implemented over winter break

still working on surveying students for how they feel about the furniture

r.) URBAN AFFAIRS

focusing on the idea of an off-campus representative, who brings issues of off-campus housing

If any questions on Neighborhood Coalition speak to Executive Assistant Menkevich

Pumpkin Fest this weekend

city was awarded community clean energy award

s.) UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES



*Point of Interest Vice President Olson: available for any external committees to present

-Chair Vieau: Tuesday **November 8th 9:30pm-10:30pm** for strategic planning committee, please look over draft, will be voting on pages 1-12.

-President Johnson: Haunted House **October 27th, 8pm-Midnight**, might be going on in Eastman

-Vice President Olson: HLC accreditation committee is coming, **November 8th, 9:30pm to 10:30pm** is student hearing

VI. Plenary Session II

a.) LAST CALL FOR BUSINESS

Senator Uecker motion to scratch open statements

Seconded

Motion passes to scratch open statements.

Campus Affairs Resolution 001 (bee pledge)

Senator Osborne reading on behalf

per bylaws tabled for next week

VII. Closing of Meeting

a.) OPEN GALLERY

none

c.) LAST ROLL CALL

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| President Johnson | |
| Vice President Olson | |
| Executive Assistant Menkevich | |
| Chief Justice Cruzen | |
| RHA Rep (N/A) | |
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| Senator McLeod | |
| Senator Mitchell | |
| Senator Nabil | |
| Senator Osbourne | |
| Senator Schmidt | |
| Senator Seo | |
| Senator Uecker | |
| Senator Uprety | |

d.) ADJOURNMENT

-Time adjourned: 8:10pm Atwood Cascade Rm