



Student Government Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 3rd, 2016
Minutes; Sydney K. Menkevich, Executive Assistant

I. Opening of Meeting

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

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 Bedel	
Senator Dhakal	
Senator Doroff	
Senator Holm	
Senator Krahmer	



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

d.) APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA

Senator Holm moves to approve today's agenda

Seconded

Today's agenda approved

e.) APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Senator Schmit moves to approve last meetings minutes

Seconded

Last meeting's approved

II. Hearings

a.) OPEN GALLERY I

Dan Pederson

updates: changes to the dining program. Garvey commons will go through another renovation during winter break, adding another salad bar. Mainly smaller cosmetic changes. More work during the summer, re-doing the ceiling.

QUESTIONS:

-Chair Fiene: does Chartwells set breakfast hours or university?

Negotiable. Used survey, and counts. Something we could go back and change, just written into the contract.

-Senator Mustafic: any other renovations that will be happening on campus?

Yes, but probably won't see until further in the future. The next significant renovation would be renovating Mitchel hall but that's 14 years from now, and will probably be reexamined.

-Senator Schmit: how much will the renovations cost?

The vendor is picking up the costs right now, a lot goes into it. Bill doesn't complete until



renovation is complete. 2.7 million so far. Is an ongoing partnership/discussion.

-Chair Olson: Any more talk about the food trucks, and bringing those back?

Was apart of the original proposal, but the food trucks this fall was to provide to the campus while Atwood was being worked on. Currently no plan to bring them back, especially due to window of opportunity for outdoor eating. Maybe in the summer.

Cobourn Plaza

still trying to negotiate contract, technically not owned by State. In year 6 of 10 year lease. Success story in terms of more numbers renting and using!

But, lost numbers in on campus housing. Marketing different tactics to try to increase numbers, Sherburne Hall 12th floor will be single rooms.

Living Learning Communities

statistics showing more successful students are apart of these communities, opportunities on our campus

QUESTIONS

-Chari Fiene: how do you utilize CA's who build communities within their residence halls?

Specialized Training, community building is apart of their job. Engagement and building relationships between people.

-Senator Nabil: What is the plan for Holes Hall?

It is a green space, what you see is what it is! Student engagement outdoors! Looking at lighting and making sure that gets looked at.

-Follow Up: have you looked at making the green space larger?

Would love that, but parking is a premium. Opportunity for when looking at next plans for renovations adding more green space. Need student voices to speak up.

-Chair Olson: LLC partnership?

Created a rigorous template for partners that want to be apart of this.

-Chair Fiene: Have you considered a grad. Student thematic community?

Not intentionally. Graduate students tend to be all over the map, part-time/full-time off/on campus. Important to find the right mix to be able to develop an appropriate facility for all of the different people.

-Senator Mitchell: how many students in cobourn plaza

about 300 students, around 80% full.

-Follow Up: with a guarantee of numbers, is there a way to be able to lower cost?

Pay for the amenities and quality of living.

-Senator Schmit: over the summer, the night security program in the residence halls is no longer operating, why is that?

Examined what our safety needs were. And shifted different areas to cover the gap. Too early to tell if it has worked or not. One of the only institutions of this size doing night rounds like this, Mankato, Winona. So enhancing security measures, such as card access, but continuing to look at it. It was a huge part of our budget, when a lot of beds are empty.

-Senator McLeod: any feedback on the Mass Comm. LLC?

Not yet, haven't touched in with them yet.

-Senator Mustafic: State just initiated 2+2 program, can you touch base on that?

Going extremely well



Ellen Bartges

Title IX, not a sports rule
first school to successfully implement a MOU
prefer to be action, versus reaction
mandated online training.
Confidential, non-confidential, and state resources
good Samaritan law, and resources for help needs to be talked about
→ Student Code of Conduct
don't stop because police are involved, give police 14 days to find evidence

QUESTIONS

-Senator McLeod: what kind of partnerships can organizations or departments do with title IX to help get the information out?

First talk about safety, think about situations and what you would do. What confidential reporting looks like. On the website, has multiple ways to report anonymously and access resources for help. Stay with your friends.

-Follow Up: how is the athletic department doing with Title IX?

can't discuss it due to it being in litigation. Teams were cut due to lack of campus money, not Title IX.

-President Johnson: are resources available to people not just on our campus, such as the students from Tech living in our community?

They do have their own Title IX coordinator, but yes. The crisis is addressed no matter.

-Senator Aden: does title IX protect students of cybercrimes?

Yes, but of a sexual nature, or sexual harassment. If a victim, don't delete them.

-Follow Up: is there a limit to how long you have to report?

No, makes it very difficult. Usually due to multiple other issues. Are some time limits with certain complaints, but with us no.

-Chair Shelley: is there specific funding going towards LGBT, due to most often students recognizing as LGBT tend to be targeted?

It is a federally funding thing, don't really have an answer. Do have trainings, and other things to help with this, as well as treating every case with the same importance.

-Follow Up: is there a program in effect to help with students, say not having to sit in the same class with the person who assaulted?

Title IX is designed to address this, but only works with reporting. If too many forms of connection, summary suspension, which gives us nine days. (have done maybe 3 or 4 in 6 years) Try to be rational and aware.

-Chair Uecker: does the way you go about things change if they are under the age of 18, such as a PSEO student?

Its a minor, reported to the police automatically.

-Chair Fiene: how many cases per year do you typically see?

Fall 11- Spring 12 = 32 cases, variety of things, next year 54, third year 85 cases, had a talk with President Potter. Typically 58-low 70's high now. Can be very small things, from awkward sexually, or immaturity, or can be the extreme.

-Follow Up: how do feel the reporting is done at SCSU, are more students coming forward or is it still fairly low?

Number indicates they are coming forward, what matters is that people see there are consequences for their actions, the development of trust.



-Senator Seo: what is the process, how private is it?

Any one that guarantees 100% privacy is wrong, because people talk. Do everything able to maintain confidentiality, but reporting anonymously will effect the outcome of the case. If a waiver is signed we can communicate, but if no waiver there is no talk.

-Senator Schmit: last year the office of civil rights came to hear a complaint, what can you tell us that came out of that investigation?

Will probably be retired by the time there is a decision. About a four year investigation.

-Chair Shelley: does the university ever ask the advocates that were helping at hospital etc.?

Typically police will ask those people

-Follow Up: why haven't we switched to an affirmative consent definition?

A good question to ask Jane Olson, affirmative consent is not all its cracked up to be. By code of conduct, if you have been drinking you can not give consent. So no need for affirmative consent in that way, due to most cases involving alcohol.

-Senator Aden: has the issue of covering up rape occurred on our campus?

no. certainly incidences we don't know about.

Britton Mikkelsen

College Democrats, giving people tools and empowerment to vote, how when where why, and why it matters. More involvement from student government to help students vote.

Tools to Vote: on campus- super easy. University pairs up with State, gives list of students living in residence halls. All you need to do is show your student ID, and a short little form given to you to fill out then vote. Off campus- show up and say this is my name and vote if you are registered. What you need is a state issued ID and a lease or a bill from the past 30 days. Around the country voter suppression, bring 4 things. Student ID, State ID, lease, and bill. Can have someone vouch for you, if your roommate is registered, can verify information.

Empowerment to Vote: vote does matter, most contested city in the state. Can see who has voted when. Politicians are very numbers driven, look at demographics and can say oh only 18 students voted, why would they put time into legislature or policies pertaining to students at all. Involves encouraging people to pay attention, which is difficult.

What are we going to do about it?

QUESTIONS

-Senator Mitchell: University can help with an official bill as well.

-Chair Fiene: what are your thoughts on Students United?

Commend them, waiting to see results. Good first start to a structure to help get people to vote.

-Follow Up: any suggestions for Students United, or Student Government to help increase the vote?

Working with other groups, and how students have effected change in the past, conversations need to be had. Need to look at voting as an empowerment and about how it helps and changes things versus making it a duty.



b.) FINANCE HEARINGS

Husky Formula Racing – \$2250 approved
Bangladesh Student Association – \$922 approved
Malaysian Student Association - \$2195 approved
Society of Women Engineers – Tabled due to no representative

Senator Mitchell moves to white ballot
Seconded

All finance requests approved

c.) INTERNAL ELECTIONS

One At-Large Senator Application

Senator Aden moves to white ballot
Seconded

vote held, (1 abstention) applicant elected.

III. Plenary Session I

a.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

→ following rules, if you leave your seat, come back and sit in the gallery until you are recognized back, If there is a speaker listen, pay attention. Cell phones are not allowed. Senators – if questions on parli pro please ask, say “question for the chair”. Don’t always vote for the majority, don’t do the group think. Show up to meetings, attendance has been lacking, and dress nicely. No hats, tucked in shirts, etc.

→ keep up the amazing questions, and staying involved. When discussing business, take a breath and ask questions if you feel lost. A lot of business tonight, stay positive and professional.

Yield to President Johnson: new seating arrangement with Chairs near senator committee members to help with questions.

Student Government Bill – CC 002

Senator Uprety reading on behalf

DISCUSSION:

-Chair Smith: faculty endorsements, is relatively rare. Faculty is its own bargaining group.

-Chair Vieau: how would we enforce, would a strike be given to that candidate?

→ Chair Smith: the matter would be investigated, the question is was the faculty decided to endorse, or if there was an agreement. The judicial council would look into these details

-Chair Olson: Probably wouldn’t want to seek endorsements from a faculty member that would cross the line

-Senator Mustafic: How would a faculty endorse a student?

→ Chair Smith: if a student asked a professor to make an announcement to vote for a mass comm student etc.

-Chair Uecker: the bylaws are the flexible documents, can be amended. We don’t need to make sure every single detail is addressed. Keep in mind.

-Chair Fiene: Opposes faculty endorsing at all.



-Vice President Olson: Limiting chairs contribution to two statements or questions.

Senator Bedel moves to end debate and vote on the bill

Seconded

Dissent

Back to discussion on the motion to vote

voting on voting on the bill

6-no 14-yes

moving into a vote on the bill

Bill -CC 002 passes.

Student Government Bill – CC 003

Senator Uprety reading on behalf

DISCUSSION:

-Chair Fiene: is there a maximum on money spent on the election?

→ Chair Smith: there is not a maximum, could be implemented, but would be a very lengthy discussion

-Follow Up: for personal funds is it donations as well?

→ Chair Smith: no bylaws currently stipulating where funds can come from except from corporate funds. Personal in the past has been used.

-Senator Bedel: has there been corporate sponsorships before?

Vice President Olson: don't believe so

Senator Le calls to vote.

Seconded

no dissent

Voting on the bill

Bill -CC 003 passes

Student Government Bill – CC 004

Senator Uprety reading on behalf

DISCUSSION:

-Senator Mustafic: How would a candidate announce candidacy

→ Chair Smith: could announce any way, generally announced with a Facebook page. The official process to be a candidate is an application, a GPA requirement, and your enrollment status. For President and Vice President applications must have signatures from 400 students.

-Chair Fiene: when does the election process begin, is there a set time?

→ Chair Smith: no, but elections must be conducted 3 weeks before the end of the semester.

Will be developing bylaws that will hopefully create more structure for the future

-Follow Up: for signatures can it be before the election process?

→ Chair Smith: would need to make sure all signatures are enrolled students if done in advance, generally signatures are collected close to election.

-Chair Smith: saying you are looking to become president/vice president is different then announcing you are on the ballot.



- Senator Bedel: what is the purpose of the signatures
 - Chair Smith: Student Government is a representation of the student body, a way to encourage more votes for elections etc.

Senator Le calls to vote

Seconded

No dissent

Bill -CC 004 Passes

Student Government Bill – CA 002

Senator Holm reading on behalf

DISCUSSION:

- Senator McLeod: where would we be putting the products?
 - Chair Kennedy: machines would be put in every building except resident halls
- Chair Muzammil: already over the ceiling in our activity fees
- Chair Fiene: in order for this to pass does it need 50% of the vote or?
 - Chair Smith: a referendum question could be used as a poll, to get the general feeling.
 - Follow Up: does Student Government have the authority to make anything binding
 - President Johnson: no, but are the representation of the students, and can make recommendations
- Chair Olson: where did the 50 cents come from?
 - Chair Kennedy: meeting with the Women's Center, the Women's Center data
- Vice President Olson: are there details for where the 50 cents came from, and could you provide them?
 - Chair Kennedy: yes
- Senator Schmit: with the wording, could be difficult to ask then have to announce not being able to do it, What would happen with any extra money?
 - Chair Olson: language was kept purposefully vague, can go through Women's Center, or some other budgetary area.
- Chair Uecker: as long as the point gets across, can implement in any way after.

Senator Bedel call to question

Seconded

Move to a vote

Referendum Question CA 002 passes

b.) NEW BUSINESS

Student Government Bill - CA 005

Senator Doroff reading on behalf

Per bylaws, bill tabled until next meeting

Chair Fiene

working on a survey on bathroom bill legislation, would like to show survey and ask for feedback



DISCUSSION

- Chair Shelley: would scratch the part about why people appose
- Senator Bedel: where would this survey be carried out?
 - Chair Fiene: meeting with the people who send out the surveys on campus
- Senator McLeod: where is Chris at with this?
 - Chair Fiene: He really likes that somebody is bring this up, and referred the research lab.
- Senator S. La Vine: would recommend a strong definition on sex and gender
- Chair Olson: to help with un-bias randomize how the last questions get sent out

Will be in office 2pm on Tuesday, check with Chair Fiene

IV. Recess - 20 Minutes (8:55pm)

-CALLED TO ORDER: 9:15pm Atwood Cascade Rm

V. Officer Reports

a.) PRESIDENT

Talking about Sundowner, with Senator Uprety, and MetroBus representative
89 students work past 9pm.

Monday 4pm – Harlan Cohen, Meet&Greet and dinner: Gallery in the Basement of Atwood
HLC Accreditation- Tuesday the 8th, in South Voyager

b.) VICE PRESIDENT

need people to help man the booths for Harlan Cohen
HLC Accreditation, talk to at least 10 people to go Tuesday at 10:30am
safe-walk program
video address Monday

c.) CHIEF JUSTICE

nothing to report

d.) STUDENTS UNITED

discussing what motions we want to be addressing, more information on delegates next week/email

e.) RHA REP

delegate being sent tomorrow to a conference

-Committee Reports

f.) ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

finished college senator outlines, make sure to complete these
working on surveys and bills and meet your dean event
would prefer meet your dean info a week before the end of the semester

g.) CAMPUS AFFAIRS

changed meeting times to Mondays at 2pm
met with Chartwells on Wednesday about Chik Fil A, and looking into if our garbage facilitator has a styro-foam program.

h.) CULTURAL DIVERSITY

had a meeting about event on November 15th posters and fliers should be ready by tonight

i.) CONSTITUTION

CC- 002, 003, 004 passed, CC-005 which is a rewrite of CC-001 that was killed.

Senator Uprety: writing petition to bring back the Sundowner, and working on a referendum question



j.) ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

one of the goals for the semester is developing bylaws to help solidify policies that don't really belong in the bylaws. All College Senators pick up an application to be turned in for end of Fall.

k.) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Harlan Cohen → check emails ←

HLC Meeting

l.) FEE ALLOCATION

Department of Campus Involvement

Women's Center

m.) LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Rick and Donna are looking for volunteers to help with the election 8:30-9:30pm and 9:30-11pm, still looking for somebody to fill Chair position for next semester

n.) PUBLIC RELATIONS (proxy)

promoting Harlan Cohen, RSVP on Facebook

pictures went great

still figuring out how to make SnapChat work

o.) SENATE FINANCE (proxy)

4 applications, 3 approved one tabled

went over collegiate link training

online discussion forums are launched

p.) STUDENT SERVICES

lighting in Barden Park,

a traffic sign near Garvey for students crossing

would like to spearhead Green Fee project

meeting with student funded areas

q.) TECHNOLOGY FEE

approved the BYOD furniture, will get installed over Christmas

approved moving forward with upgrading wireless around campus, beginning next semester over the summer

worked on the Tech Fee survey, and a faculty specific survey

working on the idea of one or two concept classrooms

r.) URBAN AFFAIRS

Meeting at 3 tomorrow to discuss sign by Garvey and lights for Barden Park

will be creating Bylaws for a position that would help to create an active stance for community connection

s.) UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

President Johnson – access to the share point finally, will have university committee information sent soon

Executive Assistant Menkevich - Mississippi River Forum: State of the River tomorrow in City Hall

VI. Plenary Session II

a.) LAST CALL FOR BUSINESS

Senator Schmit moves to limit open statements to 30 seconds

Seconded

Vote to limit open statements to 30 seconds passes



VII. Closing of Meeting

a.) OPEN GALLERY II

- Senator Osbourne: looking for volunteers to help with the Election viewing party on Tuesday
 - Chair Olson: how many volunteers?
 - 4 total, 2 for each times
- Senator McLeod: Drag show is 2 weeks away
- Senator Le: highly suggest taking LGBTQ+ offered training
- Chair Shelley: looking for student volunteers to help with high school bond referendum, let Kayla know. Will count towards service hours.
- Chair Fiene: will be drawing up a survey about publicly funded education

b.) OPEN STATEMENTS

c.) LAST ROLL CALL

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d.) ADJOURNMENT

-Time adjourned: 10:30pm Atwood Cascade Room