Minnesota State University Moorhead
Student Senate Agenda
October 11, 2012

I. Call to Order (5:04)

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda (Beneke, Bernier)

IV. Approval of Minutes (Anderson, Frericks)

V. Public Hearing
   a. Update on Fees – Josh Boschee
      a. Two Documents to reference. Wanted to visit about fees to inform you all for committees and also because the University is in a bad spot in relation to fees. This way we are aware of issues before things arise later on in the year.
      Document 1: MnSCU Policy on Tuition and Fees handout. Tuition is what you pay for classes. It is either charged per credit or is banded/differential. You may pay a different type of tuition for a class. Some history: The state used to fund almost 100% of tuition but as costs increase and demand for different services increase, we had to find different ways to fund things. So we created fees. These are usually non-curricular expenses that students would opt in to, such as a Wellness Center. Mandatory vs. Optional vs Personal Property Charges vs Revenue fund fees. Board policy 5.11 Part 3). Requires a student consultation that is done through Senate here on our campus. This doesn’t mean the administration needs our approval. This is simply a consultation. There are many committees to review each individual fee, for example SCIC, Wellness Center, CMU, etc. Finding students to sit on these committees is important because costs are going up and those students will have a say in the changes made.
      Document 2: MSU-Moorhead Budget for Student Fee Committee- SAFRC Committee.
      Ferguson: Can you explain these Numbers? They’re kind of difficult even for me to understand
      Boschee: I would say it’s going to take practice. I’ve been here a year and I feel like I’m finally proficient in reading this. FY= Fiscal Year. July 1 to June 30th. We are in the Fiscal year of the end calendar year that if falls in- so we’re in FY13. We will be discussing fees for FY 14 come this spring. Some fees are at or close to their caps. Are there any questions about interpreting this?
      Peck: What does the Athletic Activity fee go towards?
      Boschee: Good question. My understanding is that the Athletic Activity is to fund Athletics. The event fee, a portion is tickets. This is the gate entrance fee to athletics, performing arts, etc.
      Beneke: I thought it was opposite. Nevermind.

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Boschee: Hendrix, may start looking at having students pay per visit fees or co-pays to assess the people that use it in addition to everyone else.
Peck: Is it possible to lower the Athletic fee at all? Are what we paying to attend events, are we getting our moneys worth?
Boschee: Good questions for those committees. You can bring those committees in at any time to clear things up before fee discussions in the spring.
Student Life Activity Fee: Kind of a catch all. Event fee has always gone in to a pot of money overseen by Beck Boyle Jones and students. No one really paid attention to it so they were able to afford quite a bit since it wasn’t spent.
Athletic ticket fee was put under this as well as Art Gallery, Performing Art series, Straw Hat Theater, and Basic performing arts. So this fee was increased without increasing SABC. SABC never saw an increase but was able to reallocate more money since these things are no longer coming out of our budget.
Anderson: I thought Wellness and Health services were the same.
Boschee: They’re both overseen by Carol Grimm but they don’t use the same pool of money and have different members. Joe Herbst oversees the Environmental Fee, which is the green fee. Academic Engagement Fee is blank. Was discussed last year, but cannot be assessed due to a state board decision.
Intramurals fee was reduced because it was supposed to be a one year raise to pay for the intramurals coordinators salary. University had to fill a little bit of a gap because they were not hired until late last year. The University will have to figure it out for next year.
Schaunann: So it may go back up for next year?
Boschee: Maybe. Intramurals money comes from SABC right now. We’ll have to decide if that will continue.
Schaunamnn: Academic engagement fee didn’t get passed?
Boschee: No, it did not. Students can come to SABC to go present papers at conferences so it kind of is still paid for. Reserve Fee. My favorite. Left over money every year builds the reserve. So an example for SABC, we try to save a bunch every year. The state requires that we have it just in case. Works kind of as a saving’s account. Fees at the cap have a hard time keeping up their reserves. The Reserve Fee went up from $.25 to $2.15. We had to make up for the drop in enrollment last year and predicting ahead to this year. Some areas have a guaranteed budget- example-University guarantees that the Union has $1.6 million this year to work with, whether we collect it in fees or not. So the $2.15 was collected to pay last years deficit. Essentially paying for last years debt.
Tomko: The reserve deficit, is it caused by a large committee that needs the reserve or just basically that a lot of committees pay in to it?
Boschee: Everyone’s money is in the same pot, but it is all accounted for separately. We have our own line items. Each fee has its own reserve within the

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big reserve. We increased the reserve for this year to pay back for last year's deficit.

Ferguson: Will our reserve be replenished after this year?

Boschee: Base Credits box- We use the number here to do our math for our budget. It gives us our budget for the year.

Frericks: Why are we increasing the budget for the coming year when we had a deficit last year?

Boschee: in a perfect world, that’s what we'd like. But the reality is different. Our employees haven’t had a wage increase in my understanding in 7 years. There’s also deferred maintenance and such. So the university has to decide do we cut programs, cut faculty, etc. VPs are trying to figure out how everyone can help reduce that deficit. When Edna took the position she was the only President in the system that didn't fire anybody. Other institutions cut programs, got rid of people. She let people retire early and get bought out to keep people here.

Ferguson: Just to clarify. We have student life Activities fee- next categories up to Reserve Fee are a part of that?

Boschee: Those fall under that cap. They’re unique fees, but the board defines them under that cap.

Schwartzwalter: What does "Wellness only" mean?

Boschee: Students don’t pay it in the summer, so that’s what that’s talking about. That’s similar to Green Fee. Really work with Flo to get people on these committees who can understand and be specialists on these committees. Do we still have TFOC?

Beneke: It was combined with student Affairs.

Boschee: Every one of these fees is represented on SAFRC-this means someone who is a member and the budget manager from them. When SAFRC makes a decision, only student members have a vote. Makes it important that the people on these committees really know what they’re talking about and what their committees are about.

Anderson: Ahem

Boschee: What?

Anderson: Oh nothing, just had to clear my throat. Sorry J Bo.

Boschee: Institution is looking at a 3% cap on fee raises because MnSCU may place that demand on us.

Anderson: 3% cap on total fee revenue, or on each fee individually?

Boschee: 3% Total. Budget managers are meeting next week to talk about this stuff. After that, they are going to pull together the full SAFRC to being discussing this.

VI. Advisor’s Report

a. Advisor Boschee

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Dragon Leadership Program. We have created a DLP. It’s nothing new, just basically creating a clearinghouse of all curricular and co-curricular leadership on campus. The idea is that students will go through a guided 3 phases processed with a leadership advisor. We’re doing a soft launch this year to promote it this summer at orientation to have as many first year students go through it as possible. Hopefully it will help improve retention. It is advancing students through leadership instead of repeating things. Handout has 3 phases. The program is centered around the social change model for leadership: Consciousness of Self, Collaboration, and Change. The things set within each phase help meet each step of the model. All students interested can apply. Requirements: requires an application letter (can be found on website listed). Students applying now wouldn’t necessarily have to start at phase one and get through phase 3. Everyone starting next fall would start at phase one. Goal is to have 200 students in spring semester. Deadline of Nov. 1st. Check website.

Anderson: What’s the benefit?
Boschee: It will help students articulate skills and be able to say what does that mean, what did I learn. Preparing students for life after MSUM and would get a letter from the Advisory Board to give to potential employers.

VII. Officer’s Report
a. Secretary Salonek- Sick
b. Treasurer Danielson- Got hit by a car this morning. She may have a broken ankle. Send her a text that says get well soon.
c. Vice President Beneke

I finally met with the Alumni person. Decided best course of action is not to do anything this year. We will do it at homecoming next year. I am looking to start a committee of senators to work on planning that. The plan is a committee of current senators and alumni would be part of the planning process. The real goal is to pay for Execs scholarships and salaries from alumni budget rather than student fee budget. If interested in helping out, come talk to me. I'm working on the early stages of planning and how we’ll reach out to them. She has some software to reach out to alumni. It can keep track of who has looked at the email and looked into it attending and things. Looking for people willing to help out with it.

Ehrlich: Dates for retreat?
Pope: Can’t do on the 8th. My lil’ won’t like it if her big isn’t there.
Beneke: 1st or 4th of November would be the date.
Ehrlich: May be busy on 1st.
Schwartzwalter: Out of town on 4th
Pope: Gamma Phi Beta on 4th.
Thruston: Kappa Sigma meeting on 4th and may have a staff retreat.

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Beneke: Looking like it will be the 1st, during the Senate meeting time from 5-8 or something like that.

d. President Ferguson

I am cancelling the Cabinet meeting because Sarah is gone. It will be next Thursday. I missed UPBC this morning. Will be meeting with Edna bi-weekly from now on. Working with the Wellness Center on Balls for Bras. We did it last year and had great turn out. This is more of a philanthropy opportunity for Senate. All Bras will be donated to Bras on Broadway. The Wellness center will be hanging Bras all around the facility. Also, we are the Voice of the Students, so we have to take stances on issues that could possibly affect students. We have a motion coming up and I ask when we have that conversation we stay civil. It is on Voter ID and whether or not we support it.

Anderson: Meet and Confer next week. Dress up

Ferguson: Whole admin will be here. Dress nice, be early.

Beneke: If you have anything you want to talk about, let us know ASAP.

Ferguson: So if you had questions from Public Hearing and such, bring them.

Boschee: This year the University paid for MAT Bus. This is the last year it will be, so you should talk about that going into some sort of budget. Should ask for update on that from Mahoney.

Ferguson: That will be one of the issues that I send.

Ehrlich: Balls for Bras thing, in Wellness Center?

Ferguson: Yes. They actually paid for all advertisement and are cosponsoring.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs Chair Salscheider

Schwartzwalter: Getting married this weekend. Wish her well and everything. Won’t be Salscheider anymore. This is the last week the committee will be incapacitated because of her wedding planning. We’ve been talking about things in last year’s stuff. Will have more on that in 2 weeks.

b. Campus Affairs Chair Pinneke

I’ve been kind of sick on and off and we didn’t meet this week. There wasn’t a lot we were able to accomplish this week. Have set up weekly meetings on campus. We want to meet especially with campus housing on the West Snarr renovations. Public Safety and parking lot issues- gonna need to talk to Lemke, but until we meet can’t do much more. Senate in the Halls- There will be more on this towards the elections. We’re still going to do something in the Res. Halls. It is a good idea. If you have any ideas, let me know. We meet at Friday 9:30am so come let me know.

c. Diversity Chair Ibrahim

Decided to move Diversity week to March 18th-22nd so it’s earlier. Hoping for better turn out that way. Still working on planning something for this semester.

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Other things. 8 The Play in Gaede at 7pm on Oct. 18\textsuperscript{th}. Go if you can. Nepal night Nov. 15\textsuperscript{th} in CMU and Diversity conference at NDSU on Oct. 30\textsuperscript{th}
Schwartzwalter: Dates for 8 the play.
Ibrahim: Oct. 18\textsuperscript{th}
Awosika: Diversity Conference at NDSU. What day is that?
Ibrahim: Tuesday. There will be vans leaving all day at different times.
Awosika: Can come and go for the whole thing?
Ibrahim: Yes you can. Advisor Boschee will be speaking at 8:45am. First 30 people that go on the vans get in for free. Have to pre-register. $15-30. Depends on if you want lunch or not.
d. Leg IA Chair Anderson

Been a busy week for me. Made some progress. Got number for the text poll. Text "Bikeshare" to 62953. Sends back a question asking if you’d support a bike share on campus. Need to print posters but money for this is coming from SCIC. Looking for people to help table to get people to actually help participate in the poll. Do class raps and let people know what exactly is going on. I think ... I’ll just do it now. We’re looking at putting bike stations on campus and having at least one on campus and in different places around Moorhead. Fargo will have about 5. There is usually a subscription fee. Going to try to talk to Grimm to see if there’s enough wiggle room in Health fee to help pay for it or if she has suggestions. NDSU is doing $5 fee in 30 minute intervals that will cover the whole year. Looking at Solar Power Stations that are mobile to be removed in the winter time. About 67% are operated seasonally so this is normal. Give people my email if they’ve got questions. Start spreading the word if you could.
I contacted Julian about doing a debate on campus. Still waiting to find out what a good time would be. Trying to set up a debate between Ben Lien and Travis Reimke. Jessica Bernier looking into potentially getting a moderator and what that would all entail and planning the event itself. Ben is going to talk about election judge training.
Johnson: They really need students to do it. They want more people so if you’re still interested I’ll post it to the facebook so you can find it.
Peck: Where will the Bikeshare be located on campus and is it only going to be between certain months?
Anderson: That’s the beauty of having it mobile is we can set it up at anytime. I was thinking by West Main entrance of CMU would be a good place for it.
Ehrlich: 30 minute increments, is that set or can it be changed?
Anderson: I think it’s locked in.
Johnson: Minneapolis Bikeshare. Taken down Nov. 30\textsuperscript{th} and once snow melts set back up.
Ferguson: Able to make any progress with Reimke?
Anderson: Not yet, no. Trying to contact Anna Wilson.

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e. MSUSA Coordinator Bernier

SOAC will be sending 4 constitutions to us in the next week or two and a 5th was sent back for revisions. We have 146 Registration, 74 Reminder forms, and 35 pledges for a total of 255 this week! Keep up the great work and good job!

Total, we’ve gotten around 690 registered voters and 178 reminders filled out.

We had our conference call this week and things seem to be doing well on our campus. For the video, we are going to start filming next week, so have your idea by Wednesday. There is an anti-racism Training on Oct. 26th from 8:45am-12:15pm. It’s a Friday and it's free. Also, my Diversity Specialist quit this week so I’ll be sending an email to the student body and to all of you. If you’re interested, please apply!

Peck: Last day for registrations is today?

Bernier: I can still collect them but we're trying to have them done so we don't have to worry about the deadline.

Beneke: If you have all of your registration forms in the office by 12 on Saturday, I will pick them up and take them to the courthouse.

f. Public Relations Chair Schaunaman

Putting up fliers for Balls for Bras. I talked to see if we can get Snapshot into academic buildings and there was kind of a change of who decides what gets to go where in each building that’s coming up tomorrow. Will know next week whether we can do that or not. Got cardboard for cut out President but haven’t done that yet.

g. Student Affairs Chair Sauvageau

Sent list serve out but didn’t see it come through so I’ll connect with someone to figure out why it hasn’t gone out. Also got dorms stuffers out and in circulation- about 900. Also spoke with Josh this week about how to connect with people regarding committees. Want to get people on those committees. If you can help me- do class raps, just get the word out. Maybe there is someone in your classes interested in these fees or has an opinion. Get me an email and I’ll connect with that person. Earlier this year, connected with chairs of committees, going to reconnect with chairs and see if they can recommend somebody. Spoke with Women’s and Gender studies person. Actually have an application for people who are interested in their committee prior to recommending to Senate. Had one student response from the board.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Appointments

Ferguson: Kevin in the gallery is up for appointment this week. Could you take off your hat so we can see your face a little better. Tell us more about yourself.

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Kevin: Just want to be on senate. Any position available to me would be more than accepted by myself. I really wanna get involved on campus. This is my second go around at college and I want to get more involved.

Anderson: Is there a specific issue you’ve seen you’d like to address?
Kevin: A lot of people I’ve talked to have concerns with the parking. Personally, I’d like to see exactly where the money is being spent on a few things.

Anderson: A bikeshare program would help parking.
Ferguson: Senate is deceptively time consuming. Are you sure you have enough time to commit to the various things?
Kevin: Yes.

Ferguson: What strengths can you bring to senate?
Kevin: Lots of leadership experience in business. I’m very active and proactive. I’m willing to work with others and learn and do what it takes to get things done.

Beneke: Of senate committees, what area are you most interested in?
Kevin: Academics

Awosika: You said you want to be more proactive, what inspired you this time around?
Kevin: Just skated through the first time around and I don’t want this experience to be the same way. My experience here has already been different.

Ferguson: Welcome to Student Senate.

b. Removal Hearing

Ferguson: For Senator Shresta. Has accumulated enough points to be removed so body has to make a decision whether he is removed or not.

Beneke: Once you accumulate ten points, secretary lets you know you are close to removal. Received an email last week that said he was close and there would be a hearing. He's still not here. This is important because if we have too many senators not showing up it will make reaching quorum difficult and we need quorum to hold meetings.

Johnson: Has anyone spoken to him or asked him about it?
Ferguson: I’ve seen him a few times.

Ehrlich: What seat was he?
Ferguson: Off-campus.

Ehrlich: All I remember was first time I came, he was drawing and you guys were like what’s your vote and he was like (gesture) and you were like what’s your vote and he was like (gesture).

Tomko: I was going to say, it’s all I’ve seen of him too.

Valdez-Delgado: Even last year when he was elected he wasn’t very active.

Awosika: You said he’d seemed optimistic.

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Ferguson: The conversation I had was before school started. We talked a bit about it and later we had some texts a half hour before the meeting that said he wouldn’t be able to make it.

Senator Shresta is removed.

Peck: Can we look at our points?
Ferguson: You can ask the Secretary.
Peck: Are there points for being late?
Beneke: It is at the discretion of the chair.
Ibrahim: Is there a way to get rid of points?
Ferguson: They get reset every semester.

c. Voter ID Amendment Motion

Beneke: Trying to encourage the senate to take position on issues. If we have particular belief that this is good or bad for students, we should let them know. We work with MSUSA and they have taken a stance against it because it does put undue hardship on students. Many of the students we are registering have photo IDs with different addresses. They would have to purchase new IDs. This effects students and elderly and suppresses their votes. It is a good idea for us to take a stand because if we are the voice of the students we should ensure they maintain the right to have that voice.

Anderson: In past, we wouldn’t come out and say we are against something. But this is one of those areas that might directly affect students on this campus so we should maybe take a stand on it. History: went through MN legislature before and entire time it was going through, MSUSA pushed to squash it in the legislature. No provision for student IDs before. So the only way you could vote was to vote with Driver’s License address or get new ID. Same thing is happening now, saying we’ll put Student ID provision in there, but they likely won’t and it is now going to be in our constitution. I would like to hear the people that have objections. There are valid points on both sides. It seems really simple on the surface, but please express this so we can set the record straight and talk about it.

Schwartzwalter: I think if you read the amendment, there’s tons of places you can read it, the way it read it looks very simple on ballot. But actual bill is kind of sneaky. It would disenfranchise voters and cost $50 million. I think it is in the best interest of students if we come out against it.

Ehrlich: People who are for it, what is their goal?
Schwartzwalter: Depends who you ask. Lots of people, supporters, that have said it’s to get rid of voter fraud issue in MN. Of all votes cast in 2000, 87 cases in nation of all votes cast. Some say it is a certain parties way of trying to suppress the vote.
Anderson: People say that it protects the integrity of the vote- “it prevents voter fraud”.

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Beneke: If anyone does have an objection, this is the body taking a stance on something, so if you oppose please say so.
Peck: ID would be provided free, but we will pay for it somehow, whether through tax dollars or something else. Seems to me like another $50 million we don't need to spend.
Anderson: $50 million, we talked to Altenburg, said they're writing a check they haven't figured out how they're going to pay for yet. State would end up having to pay each time a person changes their ID. For students this could be a lot.
Ehrlich: How is it paid for exactly?
Bernier: State funding, blah blah blah.
Anderson: Not necessarily a driver’s license. Talked to SOS. Talked about software that could be implemented now that is basically free that would put a picture on the registration thingy at the polls. If we pass this and we do take an actual stance, it is very important that you address it in a certain way. We took this stance because it would negatively affect student’s ability to vote. What we might want to do to is write a letter to the editor and say why we’ve taken that stance.
Bernier: Genuine conversation. If you object, say so please! This is a big deal. As a body we are taking a stance on something and we have to represent that stance no matter what. We can't go back on what we say so we need to be able to say we stand together on this. We want to hear if you object.
Peck: I've only heard one reason why it's bad, to prevent voter Fraud. All I've heard is a list of cons. Are there any reasons for it?
Anderson: 31 states have raised this so far, if doesn’t pass, MN would be only one to not have. There is an argument that everyone should have an ID anyway. There are a few things that go with that. If this law went into effect in ND before primary elections, I wouldn’t have been able to vote. Students don’t necessarily have government issued IDs (one could argue for student ID, but it is not included in the legislation). The elderly also probably don’t have IDs and won’t take time to go and get one. Think of areas where people have no need to get a driver’s license, such as urban areas.
Boschee: Does the decision need to be made tonight? Has everyone read the language on it?
Anderson: Would it be good to have Altenburg come answer questions about it?
Boschee: He’d be one sided. It sounds like you guys are ready to make a decision, but I want you to make an informed decision.
Awosika: Keep in mind that they are a senate that people voted for and they had something going through their mind that people would support this. So pay attention to something that may make them have done that.
Ferguson: we’re oing to table, but can still have a discussion on that. May be more appropriate to do that after everybody has read the amendment. Will be

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in Old Business. Take the time to get informed about this. We have a lot of power as Senate and we want to make sure our decisions are well thought out. Neupane: Can you send a link of it? Bernier: Will send it out. Ferguson: And can find out more just by googling it and such. Any questions about how to get more information about it?

XI. Points for the Good of the Order
   Anderson: How to use follow-up. To add a point to the point you already made. So don’t use it to ask a second question. Needs to be related points. Wait your turn and you go to back of queue. Beneke: Meet and confer is next week. Be early! Ehrlich: Professional Clothing for women. Bernier: No jeans. Dress slacks, nice blouse. Awosika: I liked the way you guys handled talking about what we were just talking about. Even though there’s obviously a side we want to take, but I appreciate we can figure it out more. Peck: We all kind of strayed away from taking our turn talking. Meeting could have gone faster if we’d stuck to our Miranda Rules... Robert’s Rules... Miranda’s Brother.

XII. Announcements
   Tomko: Lobby Corp. Go to St. Paul and make sure. Legislatures are aware of student issues like funding for financial aid, HEAPR, other projects. Looking for a few people to help out with that. Will be either monthly or bi-weekly meeting to attend and then available in spring. If interested or know anyone, talk to me or email me- tomkoya@mnstate.edu
   Bernier: Delegates. Please be thinking about attending. If you are on lobby corp you need to be there. Ehrlich. When is Delegates. Bernier: Nov. 16th-18th. Schaunamann: People stay after please. Peck: When are other training judge times. Johnson: I’ll research and get back. Sauvageau: Alpha Kappa Psi, professional co-ed fraternity. For any major who will be a professional someday. Tomko: Have an info meeting at noon tomorrow. Anderson: Debate at 8. I will judge who wins based on the number of times Biden takes his shirt off. Bernier: Anti-Racism Training on Oct. 16th. Schaunaman: Leadership thing at Concordia. May be too late to sign up but for people interested in leading or in political process. The program has success for producing politicians. Tomko: At noon, room 204.

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XIII. Adjournment (Peck, Bernier)

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