Minutes for October 6th

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Opening & Reports
(No statements are direct quotes unless specified by quotation marks.)

President Holmes called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. by the Senate Clock.

Roll call

Guests:

- Tami Ludden - Snarr Hall Rep.
- Stephanie Dassinger
- Katie Flock
- Peter Strohmeier
- Mary Beth Kopel

Proxies:

- Stephanie Dassinger - Chair Obach
- Katie Flock - Senator Deutz

Attendance

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Approval of the Agenda

- Unanimous Approval

Approval of the Minutes

- 9-29-05 minutes approved unanimously

Public Hearing

Strohmeier

- I am here for yesterdays Text Book Action Day. There were a lot of creative responses for "What else you could have spent book money on."
- The next Call In Day will be October 11th. Representative Colin Peterson will vote against HR609. We are now shifting the focus to Norm Coleman!
- Budget Reconciliation - Congress uses to quickly get through cuts in the budget. It is a process used with a bill to cut money.

Kopel

- Health and Wellness Center Liaison
- I am a student advisor to the Peer education program at Hendrix

Mihal
I work at the Write Cite and we were having trouble logging into the network and couldn't print. I didn't know how to direct the students to the nearest computer lab. Is there a directory somewhere that shows where all of those are?

Wilson-Mattson

- I talked to an upset student about Weld classroom. The doors to the theatre are never closed and often disrupt classes.

Hussain

- The computer labs get very heated and people get headaches. The students then come to the lab assistant who has no medicines.

Pugsley

- Subs and Sweets has a broken register and Sen. Smolley and I had to stand in line a long time.
- Also, I have a class in a room next to Conteh and our class is often disrupted as well!

Trenbeath

- I have a class right outside the Library and it is just as cold in class as it is outside. And the thermostat didn't work.
- Also in that same room there was a loud beeping noise and the teacher couldn't concentrate so class was out early.

Bard

- September 30th KMSC set up for a radio show outside and we made arrangements with the Physical Plant. But we never got the power we were told we would have and the tables were not brought out on time.

Czapiewska

- There was an ear piercing sound in the Library when I was trying to study.

Smolley

- The construction sent an email apologizing for all the noise.

Hussain
- It is almost Ramadan and a lot of students on campus eat at Kise which closes at 6:30 but the fast doesn't open until 7:00.

**Haken**

- People in Nelson are saying that the elevators make weird noises.

**Welle**

- The noises are normal, it is also normal to get stuck awhile at times.

**Reports**  *not given during Senate*

**Advisor Wiese**

- No reports given during Senate

**Justin Schwegel (Treasurer)**

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**James Cailao (Vice President)**

- Report

**Billy Holmes (President)**

- Senate notes:

  - I listened in on the most proactive Senate committees I’ve ever seen; keep up the great work we have a lot to do!!!!

  - I’ve also seen people working hard during their office hours.

  - Please make sure that you fill out an office hour slip so Sec. Pugsley can keep accurate
attendance. If you don’t fill out a slip you will likely be marked absent.

- During your office hour there is plenty to do. TFOC needs help formulating taxi data. Ask Sen. Ellefson or Chair Welle how you can help.

- Please remember to check your mailboxes. I and others use those to communicate with notes or leave materials. Please do not use them as a storage unit.

- Ask Sen. Elkin, Sec. Pugsley, or S.P.A.M. to help find a folder or binder for you if necessary.

- Motions

- The new Senators are speaking up and getting involved; good job!

- Let’s take this one step further

- Those of you who sponsor motions, please look for a second from someone who typically does not make motions

- We are all teachers and learners. Those that are confident Senators please help to teach
Committee Reports

Chairs, please remember to send your reports to Sec. Pugsley each week.

It is a ridiculous waste of people’s time to consult V.P. Cailao to overturn absences unnecessarily marked by Sec. Pugsley because chairs neglected to send their reports.

Also, incorrect attendance could result in members being unduly brought up for removal due to absences.

Committee members, remind your chair to turn your committee report each week.

Attendance

A few members are dangerously close to their absence limits.

Be sure to review your attendance points each week which are included in the minutes.

If you believe there is an error,
consult with Sec. Pugsley and V.P. Cailao to make any necessary changes.

- Office Cleanliness:

- I don’t want to work in a disarrayed office and I’m sure you don’t either.

- Please find a place to put your things and keep them there when you’re not working on them.

- This is everyone’s office and it shows disrespect for others by leaving your things scattered about to the office.

- Messes are displeasing and an obstruction of other’s efficient use of time by cleaning up other people’s messes before they can begin their own projects.

- Sen. Elkin is permitted to keep cleaning by example until everyone understands the importance of picking up after themselves.

- Senate Raffle

- To purchase tickets for $.25 or get details contact V.P. Cailao.
• Public Hearing

• Glad that concerns are being brought to Public Hearing.

• Continue to be the eyes and ears of issues that concern students by keeping up the good work here!

• Midwest Student Leadership Conference

• A few Senator’s are attending the MWSLC next weekend

• I look forward each of you bringing back the things you learn to enrich Student Senate

• Though you are away from campus and out of the state, remember that you are on Senate business and so must be professional representatives of the MSUM student body

• Some of you may have noticed my editorial in today’s Advocate. I felt a prompt response in regard to humanitarian responsibility was in the best interest the student body.
I did not receive an office hour slip from Sec. Pugsley this week. No hours to report.

University Committee work:

Sustainable Campus Committee

Getting closer to calling a meeting

Almost all student seats are filled

Consulted with Dr. Karen Branden from the Sociology Dept. to be the IFO member on the committee.

Emailed my recommendation of Dr. Karen Branden to IFO President, Cindy Phillips.

Proxy Advisor Wilson will also serve on this committee.

Please ask me or Proxy Advisor Wilson any questions you may have about this committee. If you would like to serve as a member please talk to Chair Obach and apply online.

Alcohol Task Force
• Looking at ways to curb binge drinking

• Social norming

• Rewriting policies

• Please take a look at MSUM’s alcohol policies and if you have any suggestions for the committee please let me know.

• Federal law mandates the university administer the CORE survey which measures alcohol and drug use among students

• The task at hand is finding a way to survey a random sample

• MSUM is hosting the MnSCU 2005 Student Affairs Conference on Nov. 18

• Major themes are alcohol and conduct policies

• Wellness Center
A few weeks ago, Senate and the Wellness Committee approved the general location, layout and further schematic planning of H&C model 12A.

From that approval, H&C made another model, 12B.

While on campus this week, H&C spoke with faculty and students.

Overall 12B seemed to appeal most to everyone, more importantly to students.

The committee unanimously requested that H&C develop the design of 12B.

The committee also requested details concerning the addition of a turf court.

A turf court is in the interest of the OSA and the club sports of our campus.

Financial feasibility will rely on additional donations and/or student contribution as this is not included nor feasible in the project’s current budget.
The daycare center is in need of funding and has requested that SABC find a way to help.

The committee is contemplating if this is an appropriate use of student fees.

Science Lab Building

It was great to see everyone who came out today to support the sciences and the opening of our great new facility.

More specifically, thank you to Senator Ascheman for representing the College of Social and Natural Sciences by being a ribbon cutter.

Thank you Senator Wilson-Mattson and VP Cailao for attending President Barden’s luncheon.

And finally thank you to the great number of Senate members and employees who attended the social after we adjourned.

If you haven’t checked out the SLB do so. It’s a truly remarkable addition.

Grace Pugsley (Secretary)
Emilie Mihal (S.P.A.M.)

Campus Affairs (Chair Randhawa)

Attendance

- Randhawa
- Maurina
- Lien
- Bliss

Guests

- Kemi Oni
- Peter Strohmeier

- Cultural Diversity Problem - issue resolved. Campus Affairs met with Fuhrman Woodberry. Campus Affairs thanks senator Braddock and Chair Mihal for their help.
- Grounds issues - Stugelmayer was contacted. Response - grounds grew extra busy especially during the beginning of school.
  - Grounds crew will look at all issues
    - Flower beds
    - overgrown bushes
    - campus maps
- Bliss - attended RHA meeting
  - talked about restrooms - paper towels
  - referred about other RHA's (lounges, weight rooms, computers, furniture)
  - alcohol briefly discussed
  - discussed Katrina relief project.
- Discussion on floor regarding alcohol policies
- Madara
  - Spoke to Don Clark about Art on campus
  - dropped schedule off for Stugelmayer
  - Cannot attend Grounds meeting on October 13th.
- Lien
  - Discussed special project
  - met with Greg Toutges
  - video with release
  - Toutges challenged Lien to present at ADA meeting as well as later to President Barden
  - Data and figures will be accumulated this next week.
  - Lien will be working on this for the next few weeks.
Committee on Committees (Chair Obach)

Attendance:
- Obach (FCO)
- Czapiewska
- Bard (Mr. Pink)
- Braddock (Lt. Beef)
- Shauna "Soaks Up Information Like A Sponge" Haken

- Update was given on spreadsheet progress.
- New appointment requests were discussed.
- Braddock continues to assist above and beyond the usual lieutenant,
- Instead of a group meeting next week members will meet at their convenience with Chair as he has no life and will surely be found in the office.

Legislative & Internal Affairs (Chair Wilson-Mattson)

Attendance:
- Wilson-Mattson
- Ascheman
- Trenbeath
- Zeiher
- Elkin

- Muslim Student Association constitution - passed through Leg/Int with no problems. Motion to pass is being presented at the meeting Thursday
- Lauramegan@gmail.com - PEPP contact
- PEPP (People Escaping Poverty Project)
- Backup plan for Social Work: Ward 2 @ 4:00pm November 2nd.
  - Mayor, Ward 1, 3, 4
    - Leigh Mayor
      - Kevin R. Shores
      - Mark Voxland
    - Landon & Britta - Ward 1
      - Daniel F. Bohmer
      - Cody Parr
      - Alicia Rodrigues-Zavala
      - Jim Soncrant
      - Tammie Yak
- Social Work - Ward 2
  - Barry K. Chouinard
  - John Rowell
  - Bryan L. Walker
- Laura - Ward 3
  - Kent Tweten
  - Lauri Winterfeldt-Shanks
- Nicki - Ward 4
  - Mark Hintermeyer
  - Rick Stotts
- Contact information obtained by Leigh
- Call them and promote them to come
- Inform them that students from their ward will probably be present to register to vote
- Contact
  - Concordia - Landon (Senate)
  - Tech School - Landon (senate/director)
  - College Democrats (Laura)
  - College Republicans (Nicki)
- Moderator
  - WDAY news channel member as possibility - Social Work (Laura)
  - Possibly student as backup
- October 10th, Monday - Res. Hall. - Nicki 6-7:30 + Senate member
- October 11th, Tuesday - Res Hall - Leigh 6-7:30 + Senate Member
- October 13th, Thursday 12:15-1:30 at Kise to register people to vote.
- Motion for Thursday to write posters and mailbox stuffers - pass to marketing
- Table
  - Make a table sign for National Textbook Day - Laura
  - October 5th in the CMU
  - Table instructions
  - Fishbowl is for sweatshirt and t-shirt
  - list is for 50x 20 min. phone cards
- Leg/Int - Bond Movie Night
- October 11th. - National Call-in Day Confirmed - Dan

Marketing (Chair Schmit)

Attendance:
- Schmit
- Peeters
- Chaudry
- Deutz
This week the marketing committee made signs and posters to help promote the hot chocolate table at the burning of the "M".

The marketing committee with the help of a few other senators set up and sat at the table making hot chocolate and collecting money. The money collected from students will be sent to hurricane victims.

The marketing committee will begin working with Mihal on advertisement campaigns for the upcoming November elections and also to announce to students that they can start filing for elections.

The committee is also currently seeking information for sweatshirts and creating a unique design.

The marketing committee is also continuing work on the Student Savers Club and has implemented step two of the program, this program will hopefully be in effect by January 2006.

Tuition & Fees Oversight (Chair Welle)

Attendance:

- Welle
- Ellefson
- Smolley
- Vrtis
- Hussain

- Continuing to work on Taxi Cab program and beginning stages of the budget

Cultural Diversity Sub Committee (Chair Oni)

- Report

MSUSA Campus Rep. (Schmit)

- Report

MSUSA Cultural Diversity Rep. (Oni)
• Report

Election Board (Chair Mihal)

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Old Business:

New Business:

Open COC Nominations (Braddock/Cailao)
Unanimous approval of all appointments

Women's Center
Shannon Bacon

Sustainable Campus Committee
Billy Holmes

Close COC Nominations (Braddock/Randhawa)

Motion 06-21 Legislative/Internal Affairs

Whereas the Muslim Student Association has submitted its constitution.

Whereas the constitution has been reviewed by the Leg/Internal and approved.

Be it resolved the Senate approve the Muslim Student Association constitution.

Motion 06-21 passes unanimously

Motion 06-22 Obach/Welle

Whereas a telephone is a necessary implement of a well-functioning student senate office; noting that our current phones battery is pretty much kaput;

Be it resolved that senate allot $15 for a new cordless phone battery.
• Braddock/Welle amend $15-$40 and new phone battery to new cordless phone
• Welle withdraws second

Motion 06-22 dies

Motion 06-23 Wilson-Mattson/Braddock

Whereas the Budget Reconciliation will be voted on this fall and the House of Representatives will be reauthorizing the Higher Education Act through H.R. 609 which will eliminate in-school loan consolidation

Whereas MSUSA is organizing a joint relationship between the seven Minnesota State University schools in sending each motion to Norm Colman's office

Be it resolved that Minnesota State University Moorhead Student Senate shall formally oppose H.R. 609 and budget reconciliation.

Motion 06-23 passes with 2 nays

Motion 06-24 Welle/Schwegel

Whereas Student Senate made an uninformed decision pertaining to the Student Wellness Center

Be it resolved Student Senate rescind motion 06-10 pertaining to the Wellness Center

• Division by Holmes 8y/10n

Motion 06-24 fails

• Welle/Czapiewska - 5 min recess - pass

Points for the Good of the Order:

Welle

• The motion for the phone was posted in the office. We could have saved time, I am furious

Bard

• It is 10 to six and I think that's a very efficient time to be finishing a meeting
Maurina

- Legislative and Internal affairs gave away cards for people who helped with things! That was sweet!

Wilson-Mattson

- Leg is doing voter registration with PEPP. There will be 2 tables set up in the dorms. I need one person Monday evening at 6:00pm

Mihal

- (report)

Elkin

- It is awesome that so many people spoke in Public Hearing. That is where we get most of our work and can do things about problems on campus.
- Mihal is amazing!

Schwegel

- We should limit reports so we can get done early all of the time!

Mihal

- There are people that put notes in other peoples mailboxes, and sometimes there is no room...check your mailboxes.
- I put profile sheets in mailboxes. Fill those out so I know all of the email addresses, I might accidentally delete you!

Cailao

- Student Senate raffle right now, tickets are one for a quarter and there is great prizes!

Schwegel

- The contact list doesn't have a number for Billy

Holmes

- I have no phone

Elkin

- Senate is clean and pretty...I organized and cleaned the office.
- I know some people are upset but if you keep it clean
and don't leave your stuff laying all over the place, then you won't have problems!

Welle

- Sorry I am crabby sometimes in the meetings and the offices.
- "There is a good chance I could be emotionally unstable."

Mihal

- Sorry to Senate for all my things in the office, I never realized I had so much stuff there. But I am working on it!
- If you have late night Senate emergencies, call me and I can get Billy for you, he lives in the same building.

Holmes

- Get reports to Grace by Monday
- I want to reinforce Elkin’s comment on cleaning. I told her to keep doing it, so she has my permission.
- I am sending my report on the list serv.
- Some people are close to attendance points. When you get to 12 I will announce you being brought up for removal at the next meeting.

Announcement

Braddock

- I am officially boycotting Sodexho.
- I won 2nd place in the Texas Hold em' league in the Roc on Tuesday night.

Bard

- Wilson-Mattson and I have our show time set!

Welle

- Check your email, I am going to start typing every motion on the list serv.

Elkin

- LSAT on Saturday, so it is over and I am excited.
- I am, however, not overly confident about it!

Mihal
My husband will be returning Monday or Tuesday and I haven't seen him in 5 months.

**Holmes**

- Anyone needing a ride to the social, I can provide for 4 people.
- Be on your best behavior...even though there is a cash bar!

**Pugsley**

- If you feel you have drank too much at the social, call 235-5535 (Doyle's Cab) to get a ride!

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (Braddock/Bliss)
Adjourn at 6:17 p.m.