**October 21st, 2004**

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**Opening & Reports**

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

Vice President McCoy Called the meeting to Order at 5:04 p.m. by the Senate Clock.

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**Roll call**

**Guests:**

- Jacob Ellefson
- Sylvia Mitchell
- Madara Maluiya
- Ferman Woodberry
- Thomas Lane

**Members Present:**

- Baxter
- Booth
- Dassinger
- Fossey
- Frolek
- Giwa
- Goehner
- Herbert
- Holmes
- Lovcik
- Maier
- McCoy
- Mihal
- Mitchell
- Oni
- Pugsley
- Randhawa
- Schneider
- Schwegel
- Scott
- Torpen!
- Welle
- Wilson-Mattson
Members Absent

- Cailao (E)
- Maier (E)

Proxies:

- Grace Pugsley ~ Senator Cailao
- Thomas Lane ~ Advisor Wiese

Approval of the Agenda  Schwegel/Booth

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Public Hearing
- Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Points for the Good of the Order
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Agenda Approved

Approval of the Minutes  Booth/Welle

Minutes from 10-07-04 Approved

Public Hearing  Goehner

- The University needs to put more phone books by the pay phones and courtesy phones in the CMU.
Frolek

- At the last meeting there was a motion for the Doyle cab service, did everyone talk to their constituents about that?

McCoy

- Letter from Maier
  - Tonight a motion is going to come up regarding the split of the Dahl/Ballard seat. Please consider this.
  - Although the concept of splitting Dahl/Ballard is a noble idea with great intentions, it would erode the current representation distribution between residential seats and academic seats.
  - Motions similar to this one have come up multiple times in my 3 years on senate and each time senators have had the wisdom to oppose the destruction of our system.
  - Our system is set up to give equal representation to academic seats and residential seats. Unfortunately, because some of the hall systems are small, residential senators have more seats than academic. Even though the student numbers are identical (every student counts once for academic and once for residential) residential senators already have 3 more seats.
  - Furthermore, this would erode more power to on campus senators who are already over represented. Do the math:
    - Off campus students total 5,700 students and have 9 seats.
    - On campus students total 1,750 students and have 5 senators.
  - This means that each off campus senator represents 633 students whereas on campus senators represent on average only 350 students. Although each off campus senator represents almost double the students, they have equal voting power. Creating 1 more on campus seat would make the representation percentage even worse.
  - Making a decision on this motion is simple, vote in favor of the majority of students. 5,7000 students would tell you to stabilize their representation, don't further under-represent them.
  - Please vote no on this motion - Travis.

Pugsley

- I have heard several students complaining about the Underground dance club and it's level of safety.
- Apparently there are only 2 or 3 security officers on duty
in the Underground on Thursday nights, and the capacity is exceeded often. Also, there is only 1 staircase to get out which poses a great threat to anyone who is down there.

**Torpen!**
- Subscriptions to the Onion would be really cool!

**Dassinger**
- I talked to a student who moved into West Snarr this year and was never given a roommate from housing. Now they are telling her she has to be out or start paying for a double as a single because they messed up.

**Reports**

**Proxy Thomas Lane**
- Nothing to report today!

**Rachel Goehner (Treasurer)**
- Budget = 11,427.87
  - + 337.28 (carry forward from SABC)
  - ~ 40.00 (printing)
- I attended SABC, COC, TFOC meetings this week.
- Did budget stuff with exec and TFOC; and I will be presenting it tonight in New Business.
- I apologize for not having all of the name plaques updated.

**Austin McCoy (Vice President)**
- Attended COC CA SABC
- Dr. Crocket's meeting with TFOC
  - He has several projects that he wants students to prioritize each costing 20 to 30 thousand dollars
    - perimeter landscaping
    - exterior building signs
    - fountain
  - Vandalism of campus light polls are costing us several hundred dollars a piece
  - He wants student senate to raise awareness of smoking litter. If there is no improvement discussion could start on smoking ban.
- SABC
Allocations
- $150 to Graduate student trip to International Educators conference in Sioux Falls
- $312 to Math Club trip to Math Teachers conference
- $1014 to Ads Club trip to National AAF conference
- $3000 to PRSSA conference in New York City
- $337.28 carry forward to Student Senate

Craig Ellingson discussed the 23,000 Performing Arts debt.

- Need volunteer for election chair. Talk to exec if you are interested in this opportunity to expand your leadership skills.
- Please right your senate goals on the back of your office hour slip.

Travis Maier (President)

- MSUSA is this weekend; Billy will be my proxy for the Board of Director's meetings and he will assume all other duties typically fulfilled by myself. I also had a phone conference last week Monday but no motions were passed. Discussion was focused on updates on the tuition freeze and other current projects.

- Emilie, Austin, Billy and myself testified on behalf of MSUM students at the HESO Town Hall hearing last week.

- I testified on behalf of MSUM at a special MnSCU Board of Trustees hearing held at North Hennepin Community College last Thursday.

- I attended SABC; multiple requests were considered and we also heard from the director of the Performing Arts Series regarding the organization spending $23,642 more than they were allocated. We also ok'd a loan to the Physical Plant for the purchase of three 15 passenger vans using activity fee reserve; the interest will go to SABC.

- I served as a student panelist at the Liberal Studies Faculty In-Service last Friday.

- I've had numerous meetings with administrators throughout the past two weeks.

- I chaired the Green Fee Task Force on Monday. Topics of discussion included an update on the wind turbine (we need the City of Moorhead to reduce a user fee to make it feasible), the development of a Green Fee Logo (we will
be setting up a contest on campus for students), we discussed multiple tobacco smoking induced problems, the residence hall recycling program is up and running and we are working to develop a standing committee structure for the task force.

- United States VP Dick Cheney will be on campus Monday night. Although I will not be here, I am going to try and get tickets for interested senators/students.

- I still do not have a proxy for the President's Advisory Board. If you are interested, it is this Saturday 9-12 and the members include the mayor of Moorhead, the superintendent of Moorhead schools and various other upstanding community members. I serve on the committee by title and my main job is to share the student perspective on issues. If you are interested in filling in for me, give me a call on my cell phone and I will set it up. You would also be invited to attend the football game that afternoon and sit in the President's Box.

- Tech. Fee Committee will be meeting on Monday. They have many requests. If you would like to serve as my proxy, Emilie has the information, see her.

- SABC will be next Tuesday at 4; if you would like to serve as my proxy for that, Austin knows where everything is.

- Important, write this down: Meet & Discuss with administration is November 11. This will be a meeting in which you need to dress in business casual at a minimum.

- Our retreat is on the night of November 12. As allowed by the constitution, I am calling a special meeting on that date.

- Senator Fossey has gone beyond the maximum of allowable absences and will be up for removal next week.

- Thank you all for your hard work; you are all doing an awesome job. Call me at any time if you have questions about anything. I will return in time to chair next week's meeting.

**Grace Pugsley (Secretary)**

- I typed the minutes from the last meeting!

- I updated the attendance.
  - Senator Cailao is at 2.5U, Senator Giwa is at 2U, and Senator Wilson-Mattson is at 2U. Please watch your attendance!
I cleaned up the Senate Office, spent a lot of time, and now it is dirty and cluttered. Please clean up after yourselves in the office, so that I don't have to clean it daily.

Campus Affairs (Chair Mihal)

- Attendance - Thursday at 1:00
  - Fossey
  - Lovcik
  - Mihal
  - Randhawa
- No Report
- Attendance Reported

Committee on Committees (Exec)

- Attendance - Thursday at 3:30
  - Dassinger
  - Schwegel
  - Baxter
- COC met on Tuesday and Thursday this week and made 7 total appointments to the following committees: Athletic Committee, Comstock Union Committee, SOAC, Parking Committee, Women's Center Committee.

Legislative & Internal Affairs (Co-Chairs Herbert & Frolek)

- Attendance - Fridays at 3:00
  - Scott
  - Cailao
  - Wilson-Mattson
  - Frolek
  - Herbert
- Put the final plans for the Get Out The Vote campaign into action.

Marketing (Chair Booth)
Attendance - Mondays at 3:00
  - Schneider
  - Booth

Not a lot going on with marketing this week!

We finished the display case, and started briefly talking about the retreat.

Our big task in the next week is to get the survey results counted!

Still looking into sweatshirt prices and hope to move forward on them soon!

Tuition and Fees Oversight (Chair Torpen)

Attendance - Wednesday at 5:00
  - Torpen!
  - Giwa
  - Welle

TFOC's GOALS
  - improve the beautification of this campus
  - keep tuition increases less than 10%
  - work with faculty on subject of differential tuition

VP McCoy, Temie, and I met with Vice President Crocket. We discussed pertinent issues to the campus, including the current "biggest problem" - disposing cigarette butts. We also discussed vandalism associated with people snapping off light poles: $700 each, and probably between 7 and 10 in the last twelve months.

When we mentioned the fountain, VP Crocket said optimistically, "we are interested." Difficulties associated with this are that we want controllable maintenance costs.

Other issues to tackle include putting in light polls down 9th avenue, 6th avenue, and 14th street and 17th street as a sort of outline of our campus. these are $2500 a light pole.

Further, we talked about possibilities for appropriate signage for the buildings. This would cost in the $20000-
$30000 range.

- The fountain will cost $20000-$30000 also, with half of that going into the cost of digging the foundation and the groundwork. A good idea would be to commission MSUM students to design the fountain.

- We are making a survey to see if students want the fountain. We discussed the senate budget and it is good. We worked and increased the advertisement budget by $150, as well as a few other changes. Looks good.

- Talked with IT and they think it's a great idea to get the fee breakdown printed in the coming student class schedules.

**Cultural Diversity Sub Committee (Chair Temie)**

- No Report

**MSUSA Campus Rep (Holmes)**

- No Report

**MSUSA Cultural Diversity Rep (Oni)**

- MSA
  - Nothing much. Very short meeting.
  - They want to know if the group is way too over emphasized.
  - They also have an Arabic lesson after the meeting.

- BSA
  - They are discussing on how to write their budget. They have a very effective and production meeting also.

- ISC
  - Two students prepared a presentation of Nigeria. They reminded people about the trip to the mosque.

- Slavic Culture Club
  - They have more new members because of the Russian language that they are teaching. And they are doing great.

- American Asian Association
They mostly talked about the Asian American lecture series and I put some posters around the campus.

**Old Business:**

**Move to Bring from the Table Motion 05-18 Mihal/Pugsley**

**Motion 05-18 Mihal/Schneider**

Whereas the student senate does not want to promote binge drinking,

Be it resolved that the Drive A Dragon taxi program not take people from bar to bar.

**Discussion**

**Schwegel**

- I have heard from students that the first priority should be for safe rides and not shunning of binge drinking.

- People will go bar to bar and should be safe.

**Frolek**

- Why would MSUM be held liable?

- It sounds like MSUM is taking a stance on prohibiting drinking.

**Lane**

- Currently Concordia and NDSU prohibit bar to bar in their taxi programs.

- The schools are concerned about over consumption of alcohol and liability.

- How do we reasonably manage risk?

- Some universities are being held liable for things just like this.

**Wilson-Mattson**

- The lives of students are more important than the liability.

**Welle**

- If we don’t let students go bar to bar, then what about taking them party to party?
Frolek

- Is this new business? And can the gallery be here?

McCoy

- This is Old Business and yes the gallery can be here, it is open caucus.

Frolek

- Students can get just as drunk at one bar as they can at two.

Mihal

- I often use this program because I don't have a car.

- The majority of the Taxi drivers now believe MSUM's student government does not allow students to go bar to bar so most of them do not.

Scott

- Many students don't like this idea.

- How long would it take to renegotiate the contract?

Lane

- Currently there is nothing in the contract concerning this so there would be no need to renegotiate it.

- The contract goes for 1 year or $20,000 whichever comes first.

Wilson-Mattson

- Can't students just sign a waiver when they receive the taxi cab sticker saying they would not hold the school liable?

Lane

- That could be a possibility.

- You would need to talk with the University Attorney to get information about that.

- You need to also look at the purpose of the program...if the bar to bar traffic increases, students using the service to get home or to work, those students without cars may not be able to use the program since the money would run out more quickly.
Fossey

- We took this to RHA and they overwhelmingly were concerned about safety of students first.

Herbert

- From my understanding the waiver would be very, very difficult.

Dassinger

- The majority of the students I talked to were more concerned with making sure students got home, not to another bar.

Holmes

- I understand the concern of safety, but encouraging bar to bar driving would eat up all the cab program money.
- MSUM is concerned about student safety...but we are here to help students think for themselves, not to baby sit them.

Giwa

- What are the hours of the service?

McCoy

- The hours run from 9:00p.m. - 6:30a.m.
- Those are the hours that the Bus service does not run.

Frolek

- The program came about to ensure the safety of students (many rape cases at the time). Remember once the money is gone, it's gone.
- What happens if the money is cut and students using it for getting home from work/school would have to find another way home.

Wilson-Mattson

- Have we ever gone over the budget before?

Lane

- Yes we have gone over the budget, and we have had to ask SABC for more money.
Torpen!

- Is it the cab drivers fault for the students not driving home safely?
- Many students are concerned about the safety...If we have the cab program, what is causing them not to be safe...the cab not driving them or the alcohol??

Baxter

- 9:00p.m. - 6:30a.m. is not the prime time for people to be at school or work so I don't think it would effect those people too much.

Randhawa

- 60% of the Taxi program is people wanting to go bar to bar.
- We haven't talked to the University attorneys yet, keep that in mind.

Herbert

- If I want to go from Chumley's to Coaches...I'll just ask to go to a place nearby and will be hit by a train on the way.
- If the motion fails it does not say we support binge drinking, but rather that we don't support drunk driving.

Frolek

- Maybe every so many years this contract should be looked at and funds increases appropriately.

Call To Previous Question Fossey/Welle

Roll Call Vote

Baxter - N
Booth - N
Cailao - N
Dassinger - N
Fossey - N
Frolek - N
Giwa - N
Motion 05-18 fails

New Business:

Appointment of Jacob Ellefson for Off Campus

- Move to Close Caucus Fossey/Giwa - pass
- Appointment of Jacob Ellefson passes 17y/0n/1a
- Move to Open Caucus Schwegel/Welle - pass

Appointment of Sylvia Mitchell for Dahl/Ballard

- Move to Close Caucus Welle/Herbert - pass
- Appointment of Sylvia Mitchell passes 16y/0n/3a
- Move to Open Caucus Booth/Schwegel - pass

Motion 05-19 Campus Affairs

Whereas smoking is an irritant due to litter from cigarette butts and bad air quality in buildings due to people smoking in close vicinity,

Be it resolved that Student Senate via Campus Affairs develops a task plan to further facilitate discussion on said issue,

Be it further resolved that Senate holds an open forum at the Nov. 4th 2004 meeting during public hearing,

Be it also further resolved that Marketing develop and handout flyers and posters to advertise and increase awareness of this
issue and the open forum and that they accomplish this no later than Nov. 1st, 2004.

Be it increasingly resolved that Student Senate allocate $80 for making fliers and posters,

Be it finally resolved that Student Senate encourage facilities and Grounds to move benches that are within 20 feet of an entrance, and that Facilities and Grounds have better and more accommodating cigarette disposal systems.

Motion 05-19 passes unanimously

Motion 05-20 Welle/Fossey

Whereas RHA has recently passed a resolution supporting the split of Dahl/Ballard hall council,

Whereas SOAC has recently recognized Dahl and Ballard as separate operating entities,

Whereas because of this split and the need for escorts, students are not being fairly represented,

Whereas in order to amend the Student Senate constitution at least 2/3’s of 10% of eligible students at MSUM must approve the proposed amendment on a referendum ballot,

Be it resolved the fall 2004 election ballot shall include a proposed amendment to the Student Senate constitution readjusting the residential geographical voting districts as follows: Ballard, Dahl, NGH, Neumaier, Snarr Complex, and Off Campus.

- Refer to Leg/Internal Committee  Pugsley/Herbert

Motion 05-20 Referred to Leg/Internal Committee

Move to Reconsider Motion 05-18 Scott/Lovcik

- Motion to Reconsider fails
- Division - 9y/9n
- Motion to Reconsider fails.

Motion 05-21 Mihal Schwegel

Whereas Halloween is on Sunday October 31st,

Whereas Student Senate will be meeting 3 days prior on October 28th,
Whereas Halloween is a fun, happy, good-spirited time,

Be it resolved that all members of the Senate and all those present at the October 28th meeting be encouraged to dress in appropriate Halloween attire,

Be it further resolved that "boo" be used in place of "aye" when voting negative and "yargh" be used when voting positive,

Be it also further resolved if a senator happens to win the CMU Halloween costume contest that the senator be named Senator of the week the following week.

- Friendly Amendment by Senator Fossey

Motion 05-21 passes.

**Motion 05-22 Fossey/Cailao**

Whereas MSUSA's Penny Fellowship Dinner is fundraising effort to support higher education,

Whereas support for this cause can be made through the donation of silent auction items,

Whereas MSUM Student Senate has yet to contribute to this fundraising effort,

Be it resolved funds not to exceed $50.00 be allocated for this purpose to be used at the MSUM bookstore.

Motion 05-22 passes unanimously

**Motion 05-23 Frolek/Fossey**

Whereas student apathy is a bodaciously monstrous problem with the students of MSUM,

Whereas the Student Senate has taken it upon themselves to address and provide solutions to this problem,

Whereas the 1st of November, 2004 has been designated for addressing and informing students about this years election. This day will be called Students Voting Against Student Apathy Day or SVASA Day.

Whereas, the Campus Activity Board has agreed to cosponsor the events on SVASA Day by paying for advertisement,

Be it resolved Student Senate allocate $45 to pay for the set-up crew for the afternoon events.
Motion 05-23 passes unanimously

**Motion 05-24 Legislative and Internal Affairs**

Whereas the Student Activities Advisory Committee has reviewed and approved the Lutheran Campus Ministry constitution,

Whereas the Legislative and Internal Affairs Committee has reviewed and approved the constitution,

Be it resolved the MSUM Student Senate approve the aforementioned constitution.

Motion 05-24 passes unanimously

**Motion 05-25 Mihal/Herbert**

Whereas Torpen is an awesome person,

Whereas he needs further encouragement, although he does not have low self-confidence,

Be it resolved that whenever any Senate member (including the Secretary, MSUSA CD & Campus Rep) meet/see Torpen from now until Oct 28th that that member exclaims Torpen's name,

Be it further resolved that McCoy be exempt from this motion since he is Torpen's roommate and this would be annoyance for two roommates.

- Move to table Frolek/Torpen!
  - Fails
- Friendly Amended by Torpen!

Motion 05-25 passes

**Motion 05-26 Exec.**

Whereas Exec Board submitted the Student Senate budget to TFOC,

Whereas TFOC reviewed the budget, added input and approves of the Fiscal Year '06 Student Senate budget,

Be it resolved that the Student Senate body approve the Fiscal Year '06 budget.

- Move to Table Randhawa/Mihal
  - Fails
Motion 05-26 passes

Motion 05-27 Welle/Mihal

Whereas at the last MSUSA conference the Moorhead director abstained from voting during the appointment of the PR and Development Coordinator,

Whereas his decision does not represent the wishes of the MSUM Student Senate,

Be it resolved the Student Senate strongly encourages the Moorhead director to vote only in favor of the appointment of the State Chair's recommendation, Brittany Fossey, for PR and Development Coordinator at the MSUSA Fall Conference.

- Move to Secret Ballot Vote Scott/Booth  pass
  - 11y/7n/2a

Motion 05-27 passes

Motion 05-28 Legislative and Internal Affairs Committee

Whereas student apathy is a gruesomely atrocious problem with the students of MSUM,

Whereas the Student Senate has taken it upon themselves to address and provide solutions to this problem,

Be it resolved the Student Senate allocate $40 to pay for the busing of the students.

  - Friendly Amended by Pugsley

Motion 05-28 passes unanimously

Move to Open COC Nominations  Schwegel/Goehner  pass

Athletic Committee
George Toops - pass
Emilie Mihal - pass
Karim Dhanani - pass

Comstock Union Committee
Dustin Switters - pass

SOAC
Max Taha - pass

Parking Committee
Muhammad Umer Randhawa - pass
Women’s Center Committee
Olowaloni Giwa - pass

Motion to Close COC Nominations Schwegel/Baxter - pass

Points for the Good of the Order:
Herbert

- I need to meet with Leg and with those going to MSUSA

Frolek

- Thanks to the two new senators for sticking it out, and to the gallery member for still being here.

Fossey

- We wrote a motion for $80 and there was no debate at all...that should be questioned a little bit more.
- The open mindedness of the Dahl/Ballard motion was appreciated.
- That was the fastest budget ever!!!
- Thank you for the general support for me being up for PR and Development Coordinator.

Dassinger

- Letter from Travis Maier
  - I want to thank everyone on senate for all of the great work you have been doing this year. I know that it is really hard to work on senate objectives when you are trying to maintain good grades, hold a personal life and even have fun once in a while. Thanks to the chairs, exec. and especially Austin who has been an incredible personal help this year. Every single senator this year completely rocks and I am honored to serve on senate with such great people.
  - Have a great weekend, Travis.

Pugsley

- Congratulations to Jake and Sylvia for being appointed to Senate!

Booth

- Congratulations as well to the new senators.
- I am glad to see Senate starting to fill up!!

Giwa
I am not an International Student, you may think I am but I am actually an American Citizen! Just wanted to mention that.

Herbert

- We should do name pronunciation for the Chalk Talk!

Giwa

- Senate should have a "shaking hand day" where we shake everyone's hands and introduce ourselves as members of student senate, also letting people know what we do for them.

Baxter

- That's a great idea to get senate out there on campus!

Mihal

- Sorry for the poor wording on the Taxi Cab motion.
- Now we can work on making Taxi Driver's aware that they can take people bar to bar.
- Just because you want to give someone encouragement does not mean they have low self-esteem.

Schwegel

- I advise that we hold "shaking hand day" before flu season hits!

Pugsley

- In case anyone here was wondering, and since it was never announced before, Senator Herzog did resign from Student Senate and that is why he has not been attending meetings or his committee.

Mihal

- I love Chair Herbert's handkerchief.

Mitchell

- Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Student Senate!

Announcements:

Fossey

- TORPEN!!
Booth

- We are going to Buffalo Wild Wings after the meeting as usual.

Wilson-Mattson

- Max Cleland is speaking at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning in Gaede Hall.

Holmes

- Vice President Cheney is holding a meeting in Nemzeck on Monday at 7:00p.m.

Mihal

- Bret invited us to Buffalo Wild Wings tonight.
- UNORMIA!

McCoy

- Cabinet is meeting Monday morning at 8:00a.m.

Pugsley

- UNORMIA!

Giwa

- MSUSA is this weekend!

Frolek

- I am not going to MSUSA but I wouldn't mind moving Cabinet to another time!

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Adjournment

(Welle/Scott) Motion to adjourn passes
Adjourn at 8:23p.m.

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Our mission is to advocate the will of the student body to the administration, MnSCU, local, state & federal governments.