October 23, 2003

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

Called to Order: 5:01pm

Roll call

Guests: Brad Bender, Sam Edmunds (MSUSA State Chair), Peter Hartje (Leadership Coordinator, The Office of Student Activities), Josh Heising, Sarah Olsonawski (Advocate), and Diane Wray Williams (Candidate for City Council)

Proxies: Krysten Edwards, Nicki Elkin, Peter Hartje, Ian Hopkins, and Dave Torpen.

Agenda Approved

Minutes from 10-16-03 Approved

ATTENDANCE PAGE

Public Hearing

Williams: Running for City Council. Went to Moorhead Strategic Planning Committee and there were not young people there even though the average age for the city of Moorhead it 28. We would like more input from students. The committee meets on December 9th at 6:30pm.

Edmunds: Minnesota State Universities Student Association represents 70,000 students at the 7 state universities in Minnesota. Students at each university pay a mandatory fee of $.35 per credit to MSUSA. We are active in state and local legislation that affect students. We have two scholarship programs: The Penny Fellowship and the Nelly Stone Johnson Scholarship that are given to students from various state universities. We also coordinate Lobby Day which is in February where students demonstrate at the capital and talk to legislatures about student issues.

Hopkins: There is glass by the Ballard dumpsters that has been there for a long time.

Williams: During the summer session students have to pay an activity fee and many don't understand why. There is also a
lot of garbage around campus.

**Young:** Outside of Kise the handicapped door buttons do not work.

**Bergley:** If the pool and Intramurals keep running the way they currently do, because they have been really popular, they will run out of money.

**Molden:** The residence halls are working on getting Sunday paper machines on campus.

**Fossey:** Some students are upset that they can only use their Dragon Dollars on food.

**Doerer:** Most departments do not plan more than a semester ahead so many classes that are in the Bulletin, that are supposed to be offered, are not.

**Pepple:** If a professor is going to be unable to teach the class for a while the department should find substitutes that are knowledgeable about the material, so they can teach the class.

**Pugsley:** Many incoming freshman feel that they did not receive adequate assistance with their schedules on Dragon Days.

**Wicker:** The CMU was having a Major Expo for new and undeclared students and students with majors were going in to the Expo and taking the free stuff.

**Roob:** "Dear President Maier and Student Senate,
This letter is to convey concern that the Ten Percent Society of Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) has about the Homecoming Variety Show that took place on Thursday, October 16th, 2003 and the corresponding article, Editorial and Editorial Cartoon that appeared in MSUM's Advocate newspaper. It seems that the Advocate has overlooked the concern of Stop the Hate. The Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity offended people by performing a skit that had stereotypical views of how Gay men act and dress. In addition, the fraternity reinforced the assumption that it is still okay to make fun of or laugh at people in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Community (GLBTQ). The laughter from the people in the audience revealed that not only did they think it was funny to see gay people portrayed in such a manner, but also unable to comprehend why the idea might be offensive to anyone who isn’t GLBTO. This, among other things, shows that there is a serious problem on campus on the way that minorities are viewed as. Race does not solely define a minority. We at Ten Percent realize that Phi Sigma Kappa meant no harm by their skit, but it did offend nonetheless. If Phi Sigma Kappa would have done a minstrel show with their faces painted black or if another campus organization were to do a skit about how they view fraternity life, there would have been a major uproar. However, since the skit was directed toward Gay men and the GLBTQ community it seems okay. I know of many instances of how this attitude has affected people. Being part of the community myself, I have been on the receiving end of derogatory statements and I even had an apple
thrown at me once. Believe me, it is not easy being part of a minority group on this campus. In the Advocate Peter Hartje is quoted as saying, “People are automatically going to think that we’re judging people with alternative sexual lifestyles. That’s judging in itself.” That is a red herring and wrong. We are not judging anyone; we are just asking to be treated as everyone else, with the same respect that the majority of students on the campus receive. President Barden has a goal of making this campus culturally diversified. Culture includes more than just skin color and race. It includes languages, beliefs (religious and otherwise) and many more. I am therefore asking Student Senate to make a difference and bring diversity to this campus. Students that are diverse come to this campus and leave after a year. I feel it is in your power to help students, faculty, and staff to embrace diversity.

Thank You,
Brenda Roob,
MSUM Ten Percent Society Chairperson

Cailao: "It has come to our attention that our skit for the Homecoming Variety Show on Thursday, Oct. 16th was offensive to some individuals. The only group of people we meant to parody was ourselves, and any offense that any individual may have taken from that parody was completely unintentional. Our intent was without malice and we only meant to entertain. Therefore, those individuals can be assured that our apologies are made with heartfelt sincerity. The motto of Phi Sigma Kappa is the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” To the men in our organization, the precept does not only apply to those within our fraternity, but rather, to all people we encounter in our lives. As an organization, and individuals as well, the men of Phi Sigma Kappa are committed to the ideals of equality and understanding. We believe that ignorance is the fuel to malicious fires of bigotry and hatred, and we understand that in order to promote the ideals of equality and understanding, we must combat ignorance with knowledge. Journalist Walter Lipman once said, “Ideals are an imaginative understanding of that which is desirable in that which is possible. As an organization, and as men of integrity and character, we will always promote that understanding, provide for that knowledge and strive for that which we believe is not only possible, but necessary: the equality and self worth which is inherent among all individuals. There is nothing wrong with this university that cannot be fixed by what is right with this university, and that is why we’re proud to be Dragons."

Reports

Warren Wiese (Advisor):
Proxy - Cliff Schuette, Director of Career Services and Counseling Services

- There will be good speakers at the Leadership Conference.

- Student Activity Fee process will be starting soon.

Secretary Edwards:

- Did minutes
- Did attendance
- Make sure to send committee attendance with your reports.
- Remember to sign office hours and do it legibly.
- Chairs and Exec board members need to turn in their reports to me on time. They are due Mondays at 3:00pm.

  - Send them to secretaryedwards@hotmail.com

  - Write date of meeting or date written in subject line. Take attendance and send me members present and absent.

- Everyone should go to the Leadership Conference because we are student leaders.

Treasurer Davis:

No Report Submitted!

Vice President Wicker:

- I'm sorry I wasn't at last week's meeting, but I needed to get ready for the Homecoming Variety Show and Coronation.

- I had fun during the weekend with the parade and football game...thank you for allowing me to represent Student Senate.

- I sat in on some of the Legislative/Internal Affairs Committee, and I feel that they have done a great job with the constitution and have great ideas that can be
added as bylaws in the future.

-I chaired COC on Tuesday, and I'm very disappointed that only one committee member showed up. Thank you, James, for being dedicated.

-Committee chairs, please make sure you are sending Secretary Edwards your committee attendance for each meeting, because 1/2 of an absence needs to be recorded for every missed meeting (it is your discretion whether they are excused or unexcused). Chairs should also be making sure they are delegating tasks to their members to make them feel useful. If these tasks are not being completed in a timely manner, then something (an absence, etc.) may need to be done about this problem that chairs are having.

-I could not attend Safe Zone Training due to a prolonged doctor's appointment, but I was glad to see Chair Bjornson there, and I'm going to try as hard to attend the next one available.

-I'm going to the MSUSA Fall Conference this weekend and am excited to get a lot of things accomplished.

President Maier:

- Conducted 5 interviews on Wednesday for open seats; possible appointments next week

-SABC was cancelled but met with Thomas Lane concerning Student Activity Fee Review Committee
-Prepared for MSUSA Fall Conference

-Working on paperwork to transfer computer monitor to NGH Hall Council

-Spoke to former chair Olerud concerning Green Fee

Campus Affairs (Chair Palmer)-

- Discussed how to enter information in the Data base for the Taxi Cab Program and will encourage all senators during their office hour to enter this information.
- Discussed during what semester we should start charging the Wellness Center Fee of 50.00 dollars.

- Talked about Safe Zone training for Senators, when should we arrange a training session only for senate.

- Talked about trash around campus, how should we resolve and fix this problem. Senator Corbett will be meeting with several people on campus to address this concern.

- Senator Molden spoke with Charles Howel about the Education 398 class and he will be adding on the course description the 3 hour block the students have to set aside to observe. Also she spoke with Associate Dean Dr. Gess about advisors.

- We also discussed about having a walk through the campus to find things we can improve on our campus maybe even having this walk through with President Barden.

Committee on Committees (Chair Bjornson)

No Report Submitted!!

Legislative/Internal Affairs (Chair Doerer)

- We finished the constitution finally!!! Sorry it took so long but we think it's been worth the wait.

- Was to have a meeting with Victor from NW Tech to discuss Moorhead Student City Council proposal. Unfortunately meeting never happened.

- Due to the overload of the constitution Leg will be having a easy and relaxing meeting next week.

Marketing (Co-Chairs Goehner and Williams)

- We worked on the glass hallway case that the Senate has in the CMU and finalized our past homecoming week.

- Talked about if it would be really worth the money to
develop a newsletter at this point.

- Another discussion that was brought up was that on our Senate pictures and when to schedule them.

- Meet and Discuss time with President Barden, but this might be too late to get the picture up on the web and boards before our Fall elections take place, but further discussion needs to take place about this.

- We worked on cutting and pasting out our Senate pictures that we do have from the web; that way we at least have our faces in the CMU until our picture times are scheduled.

- We also talked about the efficiency of what a laptop would do at our senate meeting to make the needed corrections on the spot to save us time.

- Also we need one more profile to be written up to finalize the members' page.

Tuition and Fees Oversight (Chair Pepple)

No Report Submitted!!

Other Reports

Campus Rep (Nicki Elkin)

- MSUSA this weekend
- Finished and passed out packets
- I need Campus Reports TONIGHT
- Went to Leg and Campus Affairs
- Finished the Constitution
- No SABC this week
- Was in the office for 5-6 hrs this week
- Everyone going to MSUSA this weekend, meet after senate
Old Business
Motion to Reconsider Motion 26-04: Motion to Reconsider Passes

Motion 26-04 Bjornson/Curr

Whereas plans for the Wellness Center continue to be reviewed and revised.
Whereas these plans are important to the further development of MSUM.
Whereas in order to continue this plan it requires revenue,
Be it resolved that Student Senate recommend the Wellness Center of $50 be implemented for Spring Semester 2004.

Motion to Call Previous Question - Bjornson/ Hopkins

Motion Passes
Motion 26-04 Passes

New Business
Motion 28-04 Campus Affairs

Whereas Student Senate has a responsibility to represent all students.
Whereas SafeZone offers GLBTQ sensitivity training and awards stickers of notification to organizations that have 2/3 of it's members complete training.
Be it resolved Student Senate arrange a Thursday
SafeZone training and encourage all Senate members to attend.
Motion Passes Unanimously

Motion 29-04 Campus Affairs
Whereas student opinion and representation is important in campus improvement decisions.
Whereas Student Senate is encouraged to form a task force.
Be it resolved the Student Senate President encourage Dr. Crockett to join the Student Senate Task Force for recommending improvements on our campus.
Motion to Amend - Edwards/ Williams - add "and representatives from Facilities and Grounds" after Dr. Crockett.
Amendment Passes

Motion to Call the Question - Bjornson/ Hopkins
Motion to Call the Question Passes
Motion Fails

Motion 30-04 Leg/Int
Whereas the Friends of Democracy's constitution has been reviewed and found in compliance with university student organization requirements.
Be it resolved the MSUM Student Senate approve the aforementioned constitution with the stipulation spelling mistakes will be corrected before filing in the Office of Student Activities.
Motion Passes Unanimously
Motion 31-04 Leg/Int
Whereas the College Democrats constitution has been reviewed and found in compliance with university student organization requirements.
Be it resolved the MSUM Student Senate approve the aforementioned constitution with the stipulation spelling mistakes will be corrected before filing in the Office of Student Activities.
Motion Passes Unanimously

Motion to Open COC Nominations - Bjornson/Edwards

Student Conduct Committee
- Brittany Fossey

Scholarship Awarding Committee
- Brittany Fossey

University Events
- Brittany Fossey

Activity Fee Review Committee
- Amy Bjornson
- Erica Wicker

Affirmative Action/ Title IX-3 Committee
- Brittany Fossey

SOAC
- Amanda Lindberg

Motion to Close Nomination - Pepple/Hopkins
All Nominations Pass
Motion 32-04 Meyer/Williams
Whereas Senate will be meeting one day before Halloween.
Whereas Halloween is a happy-fun time and should be exploited fully.
Be it resolved that, at the October 30th meeting, senators (and all others in attendance) be encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes and in place of "Yay" we say "Yarrg!" and on "Nay" votes "Boo!" will be used.
Motion Passes

Motion 33-04 Leg/Int
Whereas the MSUM Student Senate constitution is up for revision.
Whereas the Constitution has been revised and reviewed.
Be it resolved that Student Senate approve the revised constitution.
Motion Passes Unanimously

Motion 34-04 Williams/ Meyer
Whereas there are obvious corrections needed to MSUM's buildings and grounds.
Whereas these corrections include disability access and general needs issues.
Whereas these issues directly affect students.
Whereas a Student Senate task force could be implemented to give consultation for these issues.
Whereas this task force should include student
senators, students at large, a representative from MSUM buildings and grounds department and President Barden or his designee.

Be it resolved that MSUM Student Senate direct President Maier to establish this task force with the above membership with the explicit number of student senators and student members to be assigned by President Maier.

Motion Passes Unanimously

Points for the Good of the Order

President Maier: Thank you for sticking around. Thank you Diane Wray Williams for coming. Thank you Leg/Int for all it's hard work. We need better conduct when we have guests. Congratulations to Erica and Jason. Thank you for Student Senate's contribution to Homecoming activities.

Elkin: Good Job. Thanks Peter and Sam for coming.

Wicker: Disappointed motion failed, be more careful with your decisions on motions.

Pugsley: Disappointed how people conducted themselves during the constitution.

Meyer: Great job tonight. Dave Torpen did a great job as a proxy.

Williams: Great job proxies.

Goehner: Great job leg/int committee. Thanks for bearing with me. People were a bit lax with the constitution. Thanks Peter for helping me out alot.

Bjornson: Sam did a great job pointing out issues. Thanks for Peter's input. Sorry for being on my cellphone.

Doerer: Happy with how the meeting went. Showed dedication. Happy the constitution is done.

Hopkins: Thank you Chair Goehner for typing the Constitution. Thanks Peter.

Curr: There is a lack or integrity and respect in meetings. Note passing should be appropriate and informational. We need conduct on when to clap and when not to clap. The talking and "hanging out" during the constitution should not have happened.

Mwangi: Thanks for your work. We need to point out good things. People should not feel inadequate when they leave Senate meetings.

Nornes: Congratulations to Erica for being Homecoming Queen. Thank you to Peter and Rachel. Great meeting. Hope
we can be as productive.

Announcements

**President Maier**: Cabinet and Executive Board next week. MSUSA meet after meeting. Budget next week. RHA needs volunteers for Halloween. Housing needs a male RA in Grantham. Stop the Hate Mondays 6:00pm.

**Edwards**: Delta Zeta and Phi Sigma Kappa Hug-a-Thon in front of the library. Donations go to Special Olympics.

**Bjornson**: COC Tuesdays at 9:00pm.

**Pepple**: TFOC Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Senate Office.

**Wicker**: Everyone should go to the Leadership Conference.

**Curr**: Next Wednesday is the Rock Show for MEISA.

Adjournment

Edwards/Cailao 10:29 PM

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