Minnesota State University Moorhead

Student Senate Agenda

November 8, 2012

I. Call to Order 5:05

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda (Anderson, Beneke)

IV. Approval of the Minutes (10/18/12- Schwartzwalter, Frericks)
   (10/25- TABLED)

V. Public Hearing
   Austin McFad- potential arts & humanities senator
   Peck: Video? Mr & Ms. MSUM video

VI. Advisor Boschee’s Report
   Boschee: Thanks for the support. You guys helped out a lot. I won’t be here in the Spring semester, but might be able to stop in on the weekends. It’s from Jan 7 to May 1st. I will work with exec to figure out new advisor. I don’t have many other reports cause I was out of commission for a week. UPBC met this morning, election results are optimistic for higher ed. Funding. We have a good representation out in St. Paul.

VII. Officer Reports
   a. Secretary
      Bernier: Please clean out the fridge. I will be keeping track of points and backtracking as far as I can so be sure to come in and get your office hours done. I will be labeling mailboxes next week as well. I will also be getting paper for the printer. Come to me if we need more. Please keep the secretary’s desk clean. I also cleaned it up and put everything on it that belonged to senators on the back shelf by the printers.
      Anderson: First, plan for pictures?
      Bernier: Done this week.
      Anderson: Free applesauce in the fridge. Eat it.
      Peck: To whoever left the pasta salad, thanks. It’s delicious and I’ve been eating it for the past two days.

   b. Treasurer Danielson- No report, absent

   c. Vice President Beneke
      a. I am still looking for anyone to assist with the alumni event. Need to start meeting soon because we’ll be drafting letters and communications with alumni this month. Chairs, update me on your committee members.

   d. President Ferguson
      a. These next few weeks leading up to the end of the semester, I want to do a little more analysis of what our senate is and where we see it going. This is a great

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time to do this because the university is going through a similar process. I can steal their ideas and bring them here. I did a workshop in which they had post it notes where everyone wrote down strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis). We can gather a general opinion of where we are, what we’re good at, and what we’re not good at. We have a big public hearing next week so it might not happen then. Edna and Blackhurst are very proud of this years senate. We should expect a 3% increase in tuition this year. It will happen next semester but the idea is to talk about tuition and fees now so there are no surprises then. I received an application for election chair. We are still accepting more. If you have any friends or self that are interested, apply. Actively recruiting senators, sending emails to deans.

Beneke: Tuition increase. UPBC- the max any MnSCU university will be raising tuition is $205. I am unsure whether this is per year or semester.

Ehrlich: Do we have a meeting next week?
Ferguson: Yes.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs Chair Newhouse

I am working on making surveys to send to students about advising to find out if students registration is going well. I haven’t sent it yet. I want to make sure it’s legible. I want people to proof it before I send it. I’m going to try to compile the results. If you get the email, please do the survey. If you could look for that in your inboxes, that would be great. Richa is working on doing stuff with ASC. We’re working on partnering with them with advising and letting students know there are professional advisors in the ASC and they can get help there.

Tomko: We’re required to meet with our advisor before registering. So this is if we like them or not?

Newhouse: It’s about registering and seeing how the process went for students.

b. Campus Affairs Chair Pinneke

This week at our meeting it was just Brian and I, so our Campus Affairs task of the week was to clean the office. It was successful. We also talked about a goal we want to start trying to reach- a more sustainable approach to contacting MinnKota about single stream recycling and possible ways to have students that live off campus bring recycling here. Recycling around FM area is very unreliable. Students could bring recycling here. The big goal we have, the first step was contacting different people and finding basic information.

Peck: Also working with SCIC. Working with them to get the word out. I will talk to Luke and see if we can get the word out on that.

Tomko: Recycling- there was cardboard recycling the first day, but now it’s gone.

Pinneke: I collect mine and it’s in my room. I agree. We haven’t had it since. I’m working with Joe Herbst to get it around campus.

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Bernier: Lommen bathroom soap and printer need to be checked and fixed.
Anderson: Improvised shelter on campus mall- what is it?
Beneke: It's for Native American Heritage month.

c. Diversity Chair Ibrahim
   Trying to make it to club meetings and keep up on planning for that. We're also
   working on our event with MSUSA.

d. Leg IA Chair Anderson
   Met with Kam Knutson and Levi something from Concordia yesterday and we
   talked about planning more for the Bikeshare to get that more in motion. One
   of the top execs for BCycle is coming Nov. 27th in the afternoon and wants to
   meet with students to see what their looking for in a bikeshare program.
   Whoever wants to go, the more the merrier, so let me know. (Not right now)
   Gonna meet with Josh. The proposed student fee to pay for the bikeshare is a
   $5 year subscription. Please know there's not a lot of wiggle room here. So if
   there’s a fee that we can raise $.20 to go specifically to this we can do that.
   Emailed Goebel to see what he thinks about good locations and specifics.
   $14,000 per dock. So maybe he has some money he wants to put into that or
   something. Have some constitutions once Senator Johnson gives them back,
   thank you very much. A job of Leg is to bring constitutions to senate for
   approval. Take a look, go through, anything questionable or errors, and let me
   know so we can get it fixed. If you notice, let me know so we can approve with
   changes as needed, during new business.

   Johnson: Bring up concerns under new business?
   Anderson: yes

   Peck: Do you have any ideas of when we can table for the bikeshare program?
   Anderson: I’m seeing if we can get anything a little more official
   (posters/handouts). I don’t want to table with no info. NiceRide in Minneapolis
   did a survey and have a survey results thing on their website. I might just print
   that out for students.
   Peck: Wouldn’t be bad if we just say “it’s in planning phase so what do you
   think?” either
   Anderson: We can, but I don’t like tabling with no backup plan
   Pinneke: What’s the date of the Bikeshare thing?
   Anderson: Nov. 27th in the afternoon. The meeting is at Concordia but he wants
   to talk to students. Probably just about programs in general

e. MSUSA Coordinator Bernier
   If you are attending the conference, come to the meeting tomorrow. We will be
   taking two cars and I’ll be figuring out when they're leaving this week. Great job
   to everybody on their GOTV efforts. We did great!

f. Public Relations Chair Shaunaman

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Got cardboard cut out done. I started painting it but ran out of enough paint. It’s postponed until we find some. Brian executed the voting awareness on the day of voting. I’m sure lots of you were involved. We are now going to work on an ad for recycling. Talked to deans about a survey with academic advisory boards. Still waiting for some to reply.

Peck: Snapshot?
Schaunaman: Gave to Thom for exec.
Beneke: When did you do that?
Schaunaman: Just a rough copy. It’s done now. I guess I should write up a bill for that.

g. Student Affairs Chair Sauvageau

I emailed out about the university strategic planning committee( one blackhurst spoke about). Got quite a few responses and all days are filled. I would like one or more representatives at each meeting. Just gonna pass it around one more time. There’s a mark where I need an extra person. If you can take one, great. They’re really wanting us to be there and have a presence. Tabling Monday from 12-4 in Maclean. Gonna try to do one big shoot of filling up the seats. If you can fill those up too, I’d like 2-3 people. Committee members, especially make sure to take some time to do that. I spoke with Thom about fees. Switching gears with that. Able to get a little better understanding with SAFRC and will be talking about that with my committee. I’m continuing to keep in contact with students. I’m having fun with the listservs now that I know I can get stuff through. I’ve received lots of responses from that. Just did one today talking about tabling Monday so they know its coming and one more piece of contact. It’s part of getting the university together and more students involved. PR materials for tabling so we’ll have some senate presents to give away, too.

Ferguson: Info to get students on university committees. Paragraph on each one?
Sauvageau: Gonna make a separate piece of paper for each committee with maybe a picture and a little sign up too.
Schwartzwalter: What day?
Sauvageau: Monday, 12-4

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Anderson: Don’t we have a budget line item for it?
Beneke: Yes and no
Pinneke: Hole puncher is not working.
Bernier: We just got a new one. You’ve probably been using the old one. It's on the secretary's desk now.
Tomko: Does this cover printer ink? Because that's kind of expensive.
Bernier: Don’t know.
Awosika: So it's money already allocated?
Beneke: We have a budget, separated into line items. But in our constitution, we have to have a formal motion to approve expenditures. So we have a general motion for the whole year.
Peck: We run a ream of paper. How does that work?
Beneke: This is so we don’t have to do that. We give secretary discretion to buy the supplies needed.
(Call to question Schwartzwalter, Tomko)

Roll Call-pass, 3 no

Beneke- Yes
Bernier- Yes
Pinneke: Yes
Ibrahim- Yes
Anderson- No
Johnson- Yes
Neupane- Yes
Struxness- Yes
Frericks- No
Peck- No
Valdez-Delgado- Yes
Tomko- Yes
Ehrlich- Yes
Pope- Yes
Thurston(proxy)- yes
Schwartzwalter- Yes
Awosika- Yes

c. Pen Bill
Schaunaman: We need pens to hand out for promo material.
Sauvageau: When I want to do tabling, to have those materials is great. It provides the senate presence.
Schwartzwalter: How many pens will it buy?

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Schaunaman: Let me check... Around 1000.
Struxness: Who do we buy them from?
Schaunaman: Neupane had done some looking, and I looked through ten or 20 websites. We went with the cheapest one.
Ehrlich: I support this. No one can have too many pens. I think we got ten bags at the beginning of the year and all are in a box in my room.
Frericks: How immediate does this have to be done?
Ferguson: It’s up right now. It’s up to the body to vote.
Frericks: My opinion, I’d rather we vote on it next week, since we just did a big bill and I’d like a report before we do something this large.
Schaunaman: I asked her (Treasurer Danielson) specifically how much we could spend on pens and she said $150.
Awosika: Nice if we could get something unique. Doesn’t have to be expensive, but unique that says student senate or stands out.
Schaunaman: When I was looking, if you wanna find something cool, but I didn’t find something that great and cheap. We’re getting pens either way.
Beneke: Pens are great promo material cause I love finding the pens that have migrated around campus. They get integrated into pen cups everywhere.
(Call to question: Beneke, Bernier, pass) (Motion, pass)

d. Snapshot Bill
Schaunaman: Probably not anywhere near $100. Probably won’t do a lot next month. Talked to people at the CMU, if we get them in all dorm bathrooms and CMU, working on getting QR codes on posters. Not gonna print those ones this time around. Probably at least twenty less next time. Decent amount of the cost.
Peck: The main goal is trying to find other ways to promote the Snapshot without using so much money on paper. QR codes are good way to fit tons of info in a little box.
Schwartzwalter: Both months total?
Schaunaman: Yes. QR codes in process now.
Bernier: You should combine January/ December since both are short months.
Schaunaman: Good idea.
Tomko: I think it’s a nice little status update to let students know what senate is doing. I have been talking to students in dorms and lots of people do see it.
Ehrlich: In favor cause I’m on it. Also, first AND last name are spelled wrong on that.
Anderson: Oh Snapshot! There were five constitutions that started around, and I’ve got three. Where are the others?
(Call to question: Schwartzwalter, Bernier, pass) (Motion, pass)

e. Constitution Approval Motion

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Anderson: It’s short. Senate has to approve all constitutions for new groups and five year reviews cause orgs have to resubmit constitutions. If anything is controversial, say so. Due diligence. Next time, I’ll send them around at the beginning so we have more time. If you see constitutions, look through them and I’ll write how many I started with so I get that many back.

Johnson: Time to bring up errors? I don’t know if intentional, but Kappa Sigma correction. Advisor removal... Nevermind.

Pope: For Kappa Sigma, is this for them to become a chapter? They didn’t list their chapter name. If it’s for their chapter they need it.

Anderson: I don’t know what you’re talking about so if you could let me know, that’d be great.

(Call to question: Bernier, Schwartzwalter, pass) (Motion, pass)

XI. Points for the Good of the Order

Sauvaageau: Could I get the committee thing back please?

Beneke: Talk to me about alumni thing.

Awosika: Elections, good job.

Johnson: Jessica did an amazing job on Tuesday. She made it run really smoothly and I appreciate that.

Tomko: Voter ID. I feel like, a few months ago a lot of MN was for it. I think every person that voted no, knew why they did. It was a great example of how we as leaders can make a difference statewide.

Pinneke: Agree with previous speaker, definitely on day of elections when people were talking. I was saying hey, is everyone informed of amendments? I was able to explain what the amendments were before they voted and got a lot of responses that said "thank goodness for you telling me, I didn't know." I definitely think we made a great impact.

Schwartzwalter: MN polls showed ID had 15 point lead the week before and failed by 8 points.

Awosika: What it says for that and voting, if you didn’t know you might think it’s a good thing, but it’s misleading so it’s good people were able to know more about that.

Ferguson: Talked about quote.

XII. Announcements

Bernier: Pictures and conference. Fun Fact: On average, a man spends about five months of his life shaving.

Peck: Not me.

Schwartzwalter: Did we need over 800 votes to keep the polling site? Also, quote: we're worrying about our goals and our most passionate topic was pens today.

XIII. Adjournment (Bernier, Peck) 6:20

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