November 6, 2003

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

Called to Order: 5:00pm

Roll call


Proxies: Ian Hopkins

Agenda
- Motion to move Old Business after Public Hearing
  - Palmer/ Pugsley
- Motion Fails
Agenda Approved

Minutes from 10-30-03 Approved

ATTENDANCE PAGE

Public Hearing

Curr: Music students are signing a petition to open the music listening labs.

Davis: Some students cannot graduate due to getting the wrong information from their advisors.

Wiese: The Vice President of Academic Affairs is willing to help students who need help with situations like those.

Kelly: Collecting names on a petition of students who do not want to pay a $50 fee increase.

Wiese: Presentation about Health and Wellness Center: The process of deciding whether or not to have a Health and Wellness Center started as an idea of the Peer Educators. First there was research done on other Health and Wellness Centers at other universities. When the problem of mold in Hendrix Health Center arose when it was located in the basement of Dahl, we needed to find a new place for Hendrix. A Health and Wellness Center Taskforce was formed and they did web
searches, surveys, and visited Health and Wellness Centers at other institutions. It was brought to the Taskforce’s attention that the facilities in Nemzek needed work and there was not a lot of times for students to use the facilities due to it's use by athletes. Since Hendrix is in a temporary building currently the Taskforce began looking for place for the Health and Wellness Center. They decided that the best place would be on 14th Avenue because we would be able to connect many of the other campus buildings together and get more parking and green space. A survey was put out asking students what they would like in a wellness center and a variety of answers were given such as: childcare facilities, a gymnasium, an aerobics room, various courts, etc. The Taskforce talked to NDSU about their financial planning and they had enacted a $50 fee each semester for students and it seemed to work out well for them, so we decided to do the same. They also talked to St. Cloud, Winona, Mankato, and UND, who all have a Wellness Centers. The Taskforce did all that it could without funding, so a motion was brought to Student Senate to vote on the $50 fee to generate income. The Health and Wellness Center will not change the Hendrix Fee. The building would not be able to be funded by legislative dollars. The building will go on 14th Avenue and there are pros and cons with this location. In order to get money from the Board of Trustees we need to have an architect come in and make plans. The fee will be per semester not per credit. Surprised students have not heard about it since there was a lot of advertising. We could do presentations to organizations or residence halls on the Health and Wellness Center plans. Financial Aid will be re-worked next semester since the Health and Wellness Center fee will be mandatory. Talked to the person that is in charge to Financial Aid and they said that they have enough time to re-work everyone’s financial aid.

Smith: Are there any back up plans for the location?
Wiese: It will be on 14th Avenue, it just depends on how.
Smith: Will it be open to the public?
Wiese: State law prohibits the Health and Wellness Center to be open to the public.
Fossey: Someone told me that the only way the financial aid can be re-worked is if you get state grants or take out a loan.
Wiese: Everyone’s financial aid package is different.
Smith: Some people think that MSUM should have a parking ramp to help with parking.
Wiese: There was a plan 10-12 years ago to possibly get a parking ramp on campus where C-Lot is today, but it would be too expensive to build. We could possibly do diagonal parking around campus if it was more circular.
Smith: There is a grassy spot in the middle of the Neumaier parking lot. Why is it there when they spot could be turned into more parking spots? Does Senate deal with that?
Wiese: No, but they do listen to student input. There are
committees that deal with that.

**Powell:** President of Non-traditional Student Organization. 25% of the campus is non-traditional and many do not even know where the CMU is. They think the Health and Wellness Center is only for people who live in the dorms. People who are not going to use it should not pay for it.

**Wiese:** Hendrix Health Center is going to be located in the Health and Wellness Center and our statistics show that most of the people that use Hendrix are off-campus. You cannot take a fee off, it is a tax. Many people pay taxes that they never benefit from.

**Powell:** Commend the people that advertised when the Senate meeting was.

**Bjornson:** Heard the second week of school last year as an incoming freshman about the Wellness Center. Last year when it was a possibility that tuition was going up 15% no one came to Lobby Day. I am the COC chair and it is so hard to get students on committees. Hope a lot of you see both sides, a lot of the propaganda was untrue. Hope to see you all at Lobby Day.

**Corbett:** Every Thursday we say we represent our constituency and now our constituency is here and I don't think we are showing them much respect.

**Davis:** Everyone is making good points, but sometimes you have to trust the students before you in the decisions they made and realize that they want what is best. Senate wrote down it's goals for the year and the majority of the people put down the Health and Wellness Center.

**VP Wicker:** Informed my constituents about both sides of the issue. You pay a $50 fee, but you leave a legacy to the school and make the campus better. The CMU was paid for by students that started paying for it 6 years before it was built.

**Welte:** Need to make sure every student knows what is going on. Maybe we could get a news ticker.

**Young:** Is there a way we could post a detailed agenda before each Senate meeting?

**Kelly:** Maybe you could put an insert in the Advocate.

**Reports**

**Warren Wiese (Advisor):**

- Student Activity Review Committee will meet for the first time this week. The Student Union section needs to be in by December 1st.

- The Meet and Discuss with President Barden is next week. He can only be here for one hour so write good, efficient questions. Dr. Crockett will also be here so think of questions for him also.
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.

Treasurer Davis:
- Finished the budget with the approved changes to go before SABC. *
- Goals are going to be posted in the office. Right now I am making a huge poster board of all of the goals that you all wanted to see achieved from Senate (at least ones that you want to start on although there are many more). These goals will be there to look at to give you all an idea of things that you could possibly start working on during your office hours or things that can be worked on during committee.
- If anyone is interested in being a proxy for me for SABC please contact me and let me know.
- Talked with students about an ongoing issue that I will be bringing up in public hearing.

Vice President Wicker:
- Attended the Student Activity Fee Review Committee Tuesday morning
- Will give out new Constitutions to each of you once I receive the final copy
- I have more training manuals, so please see me if you need one

- If you haven't taken the Assessment of Required Skills (A.R.S.), please see me

- I still need some availability schedules from some of you

- Please give me any training ideas (things you may not know and want to be informed of or things we need to work on as a senate that you want me to address

President Maier:

- Meet and discuss with administration will be next Thursday

- I've been reviewing applications for the new athletic director

- Campus walk-through task force is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Dec. 3

- SCSU is trying to secede from MSUSA

- I will get everyone a password for office computers

- Attended activity fee review committee meeting - I will be talking to people who are over the limit in absences

- Cabinet will be Monday night at 9pm

Campus Affairs (Chair Palmer):

- Talked about starting the Campus Walkthrough with President Barden soon, asked President Maier to talk with Maxine Pianka to see what President Barden has open during the week. We would like this to take place during a weekday around 1:00 pm during the first week of December.

- We also discussed the Green Fee, what is it and when will it be implemented and how much will the fee be per semester.
- We talked about many students being against having the Wellness Center Fee implemented in the Spring of 2004, they would like more information on alternatives, location of where it will be built and when will this construction begin.

Committee on Committees (Chair Bjornson)

No Report Submitted!!

Legislative/Internal Affairs (Chair Doerer)

- We worked on developing a e-mail to send to members of congress about the Higher Education Reauthorization Act.

- We put up tuition flyers around campus. This will give students an opportunity to get involved.

- For the future we will be working on getting the ball rolling for Lobby Day. I will be happy if we could bring 500 students to the capital in Feb.

- The chair will be tying loose ends up as we get closer to the completion of the semester.

Marketing (Co-Chairs Goehner and Williams)

- Worked on the formats for our newsletter. We have a few ideas together and now are beginning to set up our templates.

- Worked on profile sheet ideas to put up in every college on campus to spread the word about senate.

- Helped Ian with his filing poster ideas.

- Finalized the poster idea with Ian.

- Finalized a group picture time with Darrell to be at 5:45 before our Thursday meeting.

- Will be working on promoting the Senate even more and finding more ways to make the student body aware of our actions and what we are doing.

- Look for the website to be more user friendly and
possibly more links for students to find information on the issues that we discuss.

Tuition and Fees Oversight (Chair Pepple)

No Report Submitted!!

Other Reports

Campus Rep (Nicki Elkin)

- St. Cloud possibly withdrawing from MSUSA
- Will email and get some more info
- No SABC this week
- Will be getting information on Lobby day and relevant new issues this year for leg committee
- If anyone else wants this info, email me or leave a note in my box
- Got a initial list of possible Lobby Day participants from the Gallery

Cultural Diversity Rep (Ian Hopkins)

- Meet with Asian American Student Association
- In contact with other orgs
- Went to MSUSA
- Moderated a break off session at MSUSA
- In Cultural Diversity meeting talked about Nelly Stone Johnson Dinner
- Talked about ideas for ideas for Cultural Diversity Conference
- Cultural Diversity conference will be held at Metro

Election Board (Chair Ian Hopkins)

No Report Submitted!!

RHA Liaison (Adrian Welle)

- Green Fee
  - 13-1 RHA passes in favor
Wellness Center Fee
- 10-4 RHA is against

Students were at the meeting asking why their senators are not meeting with their councils, and why their senators are not talking to their constituents about how to vote on issues.

Some halls have two reps, and they aren’t getting a single vote because the two senators vote differently and cancel each other out. They don’t think it is fair representation.

Old Business
Move to Unatable Motion 35-04 - Bjornson/ Bergley
Motion Passes

Motion 35-04 Bjornson/Cailao
Whereas the Green Fee has been reviewed and approved by Senate.
Whereas in order to effectively begin these environmentally friendly efforts it requires revenue.
Be it resolved Student Senate recommend the Green Fee of $3.00 per student, per semester, not to be exceed $6.00 per academic year, be implemented Spring Semester of 2004.
Motion 35-04 Passes Unanimously

New Business
Motion 40-04 Pugsley/Fossey
Whereas academic and residential senators are elected for one-year terms.
Whereas senators may change their academic or residential district during their term of office.
Be it resolved if a senator's district, academic or residential, changed during their term in office the senator shall continue to hold their original seat until the completion of their term.

Motion to Table - Williams/Pepple
Motion to Table Passes

Motion 41-04 Pugsley/Palmer
Whereas PSEO students have different issues on campus than undergraduates or graduates.
Whereas PSEO students tend to be active and motivated.
Whereas some PSEO students do not fulfill their college education at MSUM and only attend as PSEO for one academic year.
Be it resolved Student Senate shall create a non-voting PSEO liaison seat on Senate for a term of one year.
Their term shall begin when Senate starts in the fall semester, and shall terminate upon the final Senate meeting of the Spring semester. The appointment of this liaison will follow the guidelines of other appointments.

Motion to Call the Previous Question - Curr/Bjornson
Motion Passes
Motion 41-04 Passes Unanimously

Motion 42-04 Pugsley/Fossey
Whereas Residential senators representing residence halls are required to be knowledgeable about issues concerning their constituents.
Whereas Hall council provides a well-rounded view of issues pertaining to a particular residence hall and the views of the inhabitants of the residence hall.
Whereas Hall council members are concerned with happenings in Senate.

Be it resolved residential senators elected or appointed to represent a particular residence hall shall be required to attend every hall council meeting for that hall, or shall be required to provide a proxy to convey a Senate report to hall council members and gather information from hall council. If he/she fails to do so, one unexcused absence shall be awarded for each missed hall council meeting. If a proxy is provided there will be no absence awarded. The Secretary of the Senate shall monitor the hall council attendance, which may be supplied by the Secretary of each hall council.

Motion to Amend - Bjornson/Bergley
Change each "require" to "encourage" and remove the statement "If he/she fails to do so, one unexcused absence shall be awarded for each missed hall council meeting. If a proxy is provided there will be no absence awarded. The Secretary of the Senate shall monitor the hall council attendance, which may be supplied by the Secretary of each hall."

Motion to Amend Passes

Motion to Call the Question - Hopkins/Wicker
Motion Passes

Motion 42-04 Passes
Motion 43-04 Hopkins/Goehner
Whereas Fall Election time is upon us.
Whereas it is important to inform the students of filing deadlines and procedures and the election dates.
Be it resolved $100 dollars be allocated to the Election Committee to advertise and inform students of Fall Elections.
Motion Passes Unanimously

Points for the Good of the Order
Davis: We need to conduct ourselves like professionals. We do not always have to agree, but do not disregard others opinions.
Hopkins: Thank you Advisor Wiese.
Palmer: Thank you to Ryan Smith for still being at our meeting. I agree with Shapeera.
Molden: There was a lot of snapping at other people. There was a lot of good information and issues presented tonight.
Wicker: I am glad we are doing our jobs. It was well known the posters were made by senators, don't inform people of only one side of the issue. I am glad students were here. Thank you Advisor Wiese, you provided great information. Thank of questions for the meet and discuss. We should not bring personal issues in to Senate and do not take issues with you when we leave this room. Not enough respect. You can call a roll call vote if you want you constituents to see how you voted.
Elkin: Thank you to everyone in the gallery. Posters should have been made non-bias, but the people that made them had the right to do so. If people are voting together it is because we think the same about issue, but people should vote your conscience.
Edwards: The people who made the posters should not have. People who make faces when people make points and whisper in the back of the room are disrespectful. Never disrespect Advisor Wiese in meeting. Do not get personal in meeting. Some of us need to work on our ability to compromise.
Goehner: Accomplished a lot tonight. Will work on the website and hold your heads high and do not get personal.
Young: Thank Ryan for being in the Gallery. Tell people in your classes that you are Senators.
Fossey: My emotions show up on my face so deal with it.
Meyer: Sorry if I offended anyone with my morbid comment. Maybe a Gallery prep for Parliamentary Procedure. Senate did not pay for posters therefore they are okay. Be polite in Senate office. Have not felt animosity outside of senate, but in Senate
it is bad. One side of room voted together. Real quick to call people out of order. Do not end debate in order to leave. Inconsistent with Parliamentary Procedure. Than you Warren and thanks Ryan.

McCoy: Motions passed here will have an affect on all students. Do what is best for the students.

Palmer: Was going to resign. Do not assume because I do not agree with you I am going to spite you.

Bjornson: Sometimes when you are a leader you have to make unpopular decisions. Thank you Warren.

Bergley: Called people out of order because they were being disrespectful. Thank you Warren and Ryan. When we are adjourning to get ready to leave until we vote. Professional dress next week for meeting and picture.

Doer: The way we treat each other makes me sick.

Welle: Senate put the Heath and Wellness one way, the posters told me the other side.

Curt: Do not make faces when we discuss it is disrespectful.

Pepple: Respect each other.

President Maier: Thank you Dr. Crockett and Advisor Wiese for attending. Be aware of office conduct. Maybe I should be stricter with Parliamentary Procedure, but I like to be a little informal. It is my job to call people out of order. The intent of our motions are great, but they need more research and facts backing them up. When we pass motion in this body, as a member of this body you are also for the motion.

Wiese: If you are in other organizations and want a Health and Wellness Center presentation, I can arrange that. I am glad I could clarify. Because you are more knowledgeable about the issues, sometimes you have to vote against your constituents wishes. Not impressed that the media was here. You do not know how they are going to convey the issue. It may delay things or make them seem bigger that they are.

Announcements

President Maier: Cabinet after meeting.

Hopkins: Speech at 5:30 Monday

Pepple: Hendrix is doing a survey and you can get a 1 hour massage for $30.

VP Wicker: Thursday at 7:00pm MetCog meeting.

Meyer: Wireless Internet and Slam Poet on Tuesday 11th.

Palmer: Stop the Hate Mondays 6:00pm

Goehner: Pictures. Thursday 4:45pm. Dress up.

Adjournment

Hopkins/Young 9:10 PM
Our mission is to advocate the will of the student body to the administration, MnSCU, local, state & federal governments.