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## November 11th, 2004

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### Opening & Reports

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

President Maier Called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m. by the Senate Clock.

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**Maier**

- Veterans Day
- National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
- Pursuit of Happiness Week

### Roll call

**Guests:**

- President Roland Barden
- Executive Vice President of Development Operations Patrick Hundley
- Vice President of Academic Affairs Bette Midgarden
- Lindsay Kuntz

**Members Present:**

- Baxter
- Boother
- Cailao
- Dassinger
- Ellefson
- Fossey
- Frolek
- Giwa
- Goehner
Members Absent

- Scott (E)
- Randhawa (E)
- Goehner (1/2E)
- Wilson-Mattson (1/2E)

Proxies:

- Grace Pugsley - Senator Scott
- Billy Holmes - Senator Randhawa
- Kemi Oni - Treasurer Goehner
- Lindsay Kuntz - Senator Wilson-Mattson

Approval of the Agenda

Booth/Wilson-Mattson
- Call to Order
• Roll Call
• Approval of the Agenda
• Approval of the Minutes
• Public Hearing (Meet & Discuss with Administrators)
• Reports
• Old Business
• New Business
• Points for the Good of the Order
• Announcements
• Adjournment

Agenda Approved

Approval of the Minutes  Herbert/Welle

Minutes from 11-04-04 Approved

Public Hearing
Maier

• I would like to welcome President Barden and Executive Vice President Hundley.

Barden

• Thank you President Maier
• I would like to introduce Patrick Hundley, he was born and raised in Tennessee. He is the new Executive Vice President of Development Operations.

Hundley

• I have had a great experience here so far, my wife and I are building a house in South Moorhead and look forward to being here for awhile.

Barden

• I just wanted to say that tomorrow we will recognize an alumni, Mark Anderson, who donated $250,000 to the business program and scholarships for those students.

Cailao

• In relation to last summers alcohol abuse retreat, it is obvious that our community also plays an important role in the social norm of binge drinking. What do you see the Fargo/Moorhead area businesses doing to address this issue?

Barden

• I think there will be very good support for this issue within the
community. There is a steering group implemented to get ideas of businesses and on campus groups.

- We need to move forward in ways that have the best impact to our efforts.
- It is one thing to have 1 drink, it is another to have 8 drinks.

Maier

- I would also like to introduce Vice President Midgarden!

Wilson-Mattson

- Last week Susanne Williams came and spoke to us. She told us about the core survey that was done and that students number 1 concern was sexual assault. What efforts have been taken to address that problem on campus?

Barden

- We are very concerned with the safety on campus, in the past we have done many walk throughs with Senate to eliminate the unsafe areas on campus. We emphasize the responsibility of caring for one another and watching out for one another.
- One reason we are so concerned about alcohol and chemical abuse is that it leads to bad behavior in several areas.

Torpen

- What are the current developments on the differential tuition proposal?
- MSUSA is also lobbying for a tuition freeze, how do you feel that will effect the differential tuition?

Barden

- The Board of Trustee's at their last meeting was vigorously lobbied to move tuition to a 0% increases but they held firm at 4%.

Maier

- The Executive Director of MSUSA was here last week to speak to us about the tuition freeze. Do you see any drawbacks with the tuition freeze?

Barden

- One problem that we may incur is having tuition go way up in the years following.

Midgarden

- Philosophically I don't like differential tuition. What you face with there is a lack of money for supplies and equipment is do you have all the students tuition increase more, or only the
students using the programs that need the money.
- Next year we are facing a heavy supply budget in the Biology department. There are so many students in the program that we can't keep up financially with supplies.
- We are considering taking money out of programs who don't need more money and move that money to programs who do need it.
- Many programs that our students enroll in require computer programs which cost money!
- For instance, we are implementing a new nursing program to get nurses out in 3 years, differential tuition will have to go to the nursing program to supply them with everything they need for that program.
- Many of the differential tuition proposals from last year were cut out for not being well thought out or planned.
- We have asked for a 9% increase on a handful of courses (about 6). It is important that extra money be spent only on the courses they are designated for and only on what is stated beforehand.
- We will have to look at differential tuition again, we don't have enough money for programs and so we will need to fund those somehow.
- There will be an accounting system set up to monitor how the money is spent.

**Goehner**

- I am an art student, and we have a number of fees already. One concern of many art students is that if we have differential tuition, will we have to pay even more fees on top of what we are already paying?

**Midgarden**

- The art department did not submit a proposal for differential tuition last year. Graphic Design is the only program in the art department that might end up using this.

**Frolek**

- At MSUM and elsewhere, student may retake classes for credit if they have received a C or lower, but not if they receive a grade over a C. Many Universities have changed this policy, why doesn't MSUM change that policy as well?

**Midgarden**

- A C is considered a satisfactory grade and you should take that grade and continue on with your academic career.
- If you want to change that policy or other policies on campus come to me and I will help you set up a proposal for you to take to APAC.

**Barden**
- There is public policy like this because the public decides it does not want to subsidize students under defined circumstances.
- There have also been frequent discussions about student who withdraw from classes and then retake them, the issue is that other students could fill those seats and are not able to, so do you let the students who have withdrawn retake the course or let other students sign up for it first?
- Public interest in student choice is lessening.

**McCoy**

- We hear several advising complaints every year, problems with advisors not having their best interest in students. Is there a way to set a standard for advising so all students get the same attention?

**Midgarden**

- If you are unhappy with your advisor go to the Dean of the area. We need to know the advisor and the situation.
- Part of the faculty's work load is to do advising.

**Barden**

- There was an advising center set up about 3 years ago in Flora Frick Hall. You may stop in there and address your issues as well.
- Advising is part of faculty's job.

**Mihal**

- I have been a peer advisor and there is no standardization of requirements. Usually your advisor won't remember what they told you 4 years earlier. Students should have a track to go on when they first come to college.

**Midgarden**

- For students who take FYE, advising is a major point in that course.
- The downside of online registration is that it contributes to isolation. We used to do arena registration where all of the students registered in one room, and there were Deans present and people around to answer any questions the students had.
- I encourage you to invite Sarah Leigh from the advising center to come and talk to you.

**Barden**

- Could you imagine going to the arena scheduling, then for a month later you would have a full calendar of dates lined up from being in line with all of the other students. It was a great way to meet people!
- We were intrigued about the idea of putting more artwork on
campus. The University owns a lot of artwork. In order to put more artwork up on campus we would need someone to catalog, inventory, and be in charge of the artwork.

Maurina

- What is the status of Camtown?

Barden

- Camtown is a concept of the city of Moorhead
- The area being looked at for Camtown is the neighborhood between Concordia and Moorhead. The city leaders have expressed interest and commitment to changes in this area, and we are very pleased about the idea.
- Zoning changes are being debated now. We would like to see student friendly businesses closer to campus.

Midgarden

- This is a personal plea. APAC needs a liaison if anyone is interested. They meet twice a month on Tuesday at 3:00p.m.

Barden

- There was discussion on MSUM moving to Division 1 athletics. The image from the outside of campus is different from the image on the inside of campus. It may make sense to ourselves but not to the outside.
- We have a very strong liberal arts program and everybody has a view on what liberal studies should be.
- We are not going to Division 1 athletics, we want to be strong academically.

McCoy

- As a University we have a product we are trying to sell, ours is our students, is there a way we can promote that more?

Barden

- If you see our communications process is not effective tell us. If it doesn't work we've got to change it.
- We don't want to be the best at something that doesn't matter. We want to do what has to be done to protect our reputation and our students reputation.
- Senators, don't be bashful, tell us what you feel needs to be considered.
- We are out there to do the best we can, you should do the best you can do also.

Hundley

- We're only as good as our alumni. To have students leave here and go out and have a very successful life, that is what we are
Holmes

- Some students expressed more concern about security with drinking. How do you feel about the current level of security and do you see room for improvement?

Barden

- There is always room for improvement! We are very concerned about the security and we can do more in terms of hiring more officers and having more programs dealing with security.

Fossey

- RHA has been discussing ways to handle sexual assault and using programs for security. One idea they came up with was having security in dorms 24 hours. Would you consider having more security in the dorms as being a program?

Barden

- I have not heard of that, but if you would like to come and talk to me about it that would be good. We need to know what is the interest of the students.

Wiese

- Ferman Woodberry has been talking with Moorhead police, trying to set up some more programs.

Maier

- SABC was presented with organizations that overspent their budgets from last year. We work with them to help them repay the debt. This year 2 theatre programs were nearly $30,000 over budget. When they go over the budget the money is taken from the student activity fee. Is there a solution to prevent that from happening?

Barden

- We are putting more effort into ensuring that we have more money than before. We are also very concerned with the overspending of the budget.

Midgarden

- Does SABC have quarterly reports so their budget can be monitored?

Maier

- Quarterly reports would be a good idea. The problem I see is
that they spend the money without having accurate funding for
the program. My issue is that there was not a lot of remorse for
the problem and SABC was told it will probably happen again.

Cailao

- Dealing with the tuition freeze, if it is approved is there anyway
to measure the aftermath? Would it be anything like the
increase Oregon had in 1997?

Hundley

- In 1994 Oregon college of Pharmacy had a 100% increase in
tuition. Afterwards there were some very difficult scenarios
and it was much cheaper to go out of state for those students.

Barden

- Is there potential for a snapback? There probably would be one
if the tuition freeze continued for a period of time. I think 4%
would be a great cap for tuition.

Maier

- One big concern on our campus is that older students are not
getting the same scholarships that newer students receive. Is
there any plan to work on that?

Hundley

- We are always looking for ways to get more money for
students. I'm not at all convinced that people come here
because of scholarships however, I think most students are here
for the atmosphere, the area, the jobs, the school.
- Next to the Wellness Center, scholarships is one of our #1
priorities.

McCoy

- A large number of students I have talked to came because of
the Honors Apprentice scholarship. Is there any way that can
be increased?

Barden

- We are looking into increasing that. The Honors Apprentice
program is smaller now than it was 10 years ago. But we are
looking at that area.
- We could maybe do more as well to focus the spotlight on
scholarship holders.

Mihal

- What about those students without the best abilities. Example:
There are no remedial classes for writing. I think many
students are not prepared enough when they come to campus and end up dropping out.

Barden

- Class rank is a primary indicator in the eligibility process. Students in Minnesota not achieving that level are expected to start at a 2 year campus.
- MSCTC offers many classes and 24 credits later students may be transferred to us if they are in good academic standing there. That helps them to be more prepared for the University.
- The New Center gives students the opportunity to bring their skills up to a level of comfort for going into the University.
- The state Universities are not subsidized for remedial course work. However the 2 year campuses are subsidized by the state for remedial course work.

Midgarden

- There was a gateway program started about 8/9 years ago. They discovered that there were far more students who wanted to stay in the Fargo/Moorhead area but were not prepared enough for the University.
- There is work being done on figuring out a joint tuition plan for remedial courses. Students could be admitted to the University as well as at MSCTC.
- We also can't afford to provide all of the remedial courses needed.

Barden

- We want to set up an agreement with the NW Minnesota schools that if a student is admitted to one, they may attend all of them. We would also like to open MSCTC college in a way such as the Tri-College system.

Maier

- Thank you for attending!!

Barden

- Stand up and step forward to make a difference on campus, in the community, and in the nation.

- Move for 10 min. Recess McCoy - reconvene at 7:01

Mihal

- There have been many problems for students logging on to web mail accounts.
- A student was complaining about not being able to understand one of the professors who is not English speaking.
Torpen

- There was a complaint from a student who has to pay $100/semester for an International Student Fee.

Maurina

- That fee goes to the International Students Program office, for events, diplomats, clubs, office, activities. If you do not participate in anything it is just like the computer fee all students pay. If you have questions about it go to the International Students office.

Booth

- There have been a lot of positive comments with the chalk marking.
- In Lommen 94 the heater is loud and makes banging noises all day long.
- Laura Molden would like me to remind you that if you need a proxy she would like to do so.
- There have also been a lot of compliments about the new website.

Baxter

- I think that in Lommen the whole building's heating system needs to be fixed.
- In the computer lab in Bridges on the 1st floor the printer is very sporadic.

Frolek

- There is an $800 insurance fee for International students. A student thought that it covered Hendrix and medicine, but was told it does not.

Maier

- All student are welcome to free Hendrix visits.

Maurina

- 80% of the health insurance is covered, with no dental on the International Students insurance.
- Medication should also be 80% covered.

Zaman

- The International Students Insurance sucks. To this day nothing of mine has been covered, even though policy says it is supposed to be.

Reports
Advisor Wiese

- Contact Joe Holsin or Steve Frans from MnSCU about the International Students Insurance.

- There has been significant work done on the "Student Center Project" (The new name for the Health Wellness Center/Kise/CMU)

- We will soon ask Senate to appoint representatives to a group that will work as a design team for that project. 8 student spots will be on the steering team.

- That group will likely meet weekly for all of spring semester.

Rachel Goehner (Treasurer)

- Sorry I had to go.

- The budget is currently $16,260...but only $3,275 that we can spend with a cushion of $1,000.

Austin McCoy (Vice President)

- none

Travis Maier (President)

- Student Senate Elections are November 12 @ 8am - November 14 @ 4pm

- We will have a computer set up in MacLean for a polling station

- SABC: funded two requests, will receive FY06 budget packets next week

- Student Technology Fee: we didn't have student quorum

- We need to start planning lobby day; although it isn't until mid-February, we only have 5 senate meetings between now and then

- Tomorrow night will be our retreat, I’ve called for a special meeting and thus attendance will be taken

Grace Pugsley (Secretary)

- Hello!

- I typed the minutes

- Remember to send me your reports...Exec, Chairs, Co-Chairs, Sub-Chairs, members of MSUSA, Liaisons...my email address is MNStateSecreatry@yahoo.com
• I updated the attendance
  
  ○ For the first time this semester, every single senator completed an office hour!! Congratulations, I am so proud of you guys!!

• I updated profiles on the Website, for those of you who are new or who do not have a profile, there are forms in your mailbox to fill out and return to myself or to Treasurer Goehner!

• Everyone looks wonderful tonight!!

• I announced the Senate filing on my radio show Tuesday night from 5-7 to the 3-4 listeners we have!

• I changed the word of the week. Thank you Chair Herbert for that!

• I attended Cabinet on Monday at 8a.m.

• I eavesdropped on the COC meeting on Tuesday.

• I am considering dropping out of school to become a traveling salesperson. Senator Schneider and Wilson-Mattson will be going along, we are probably going to California due to the fact that Senator Wilson-Mattson believes we have a very strong assembly of people there to sell to. If anyone is interested in doing that with us just let me know!

• I am updating the Student Senate Contact Sheet!

• I am excited for the retreat!

Campus Affairs (Chair Mihal)

• Attendance - Thursday at 1:00
  
  ○ Fossey - E
  ○ Lovcik
  ○ Eidsmoe
  ○ Mihal
  ○ Randhawa

Guests
  
  ○ McCoy
  ○ Maier
  ○ Schwegel

• Al Bruer made up smoking materials with Senator Lovcik
- Went over the alcohol task force.

**Committee on Committees (Exec)**

- Attendance - Thursday at 3:30
  - Dassinger
  - Schwegel
  - Baxter
  - Maurina

- Made important contacts with some key players
- CUC needs a senate rep
- APAC needs a senate rep.

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

- Attendance - Fridays at 3:00
  - Scott
  - Cailao
  - Wilson-Mattson
  - Frolek
  - Herbert

- Reviewed a couple of constitutions and wrote motions for them.
- Discussed bringing our representation proposal to RHA
- Discussed Student Senators academic standing as it stands in our Constitution.
- Had a cactus eating contest
  - James won
  - Just kidding (we really didn't have a cactus eating contest - do you think we're crazy?)

**Marketing (Chair Booth)**

- Attendance - Thursday's at 11:00
  - Schneider
  - Booth
- Zaman
- Ellefson

- At our meeting we decided the finishing touches on the retreat.
- We decided to go shopping for retreat supplies Friday at 4:00.
- We talked about long-sleeve t-shirt options and made an informal survey to see what color shirts people would like.
- We continued to brainstorm ways to market Student Senate.
- We are working on editing our brochure, and plan to have that finished next week.

**Tuition and Fees Oversight (Chair Torpen)**

- Attendance - Wednesday at 5:00
  - Torpen!
  - Giwa
  - Welle - E
  - Mitchell - U

- Suzy Strickland attended our meeting and gave us pictures of fountains that we checked out.
- we have a meeting with Todd Stugelmayer about the fountain on Monday at 3pm.
- we also discussed the issues of light posts and new building signs.
- did research on the $100/semester international student fee. it is under review to either reduce or eliminate it, most likely.
- we talked about how to get a nice page of all the required fees in the student class schedules for summer 2005 and every semester after that.
- ALSO: if there are surveys in anyone's mailboxes, please send them out so that I can all the information before the end of the semester.

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

- Finished planning the cultural diversity open forum
- Talked about the $100 International Student Fee

**MSUSA Campus Rep (Holmes)**
• No Report

MSUSA Cultural Diversity Rep (Oni)

• Slavick Culture Club
  ○ Movie night on Friday
  ○ Country presentation - Poland
  ○ Russian lesson

• Muslim Student Association
  ○ Game on knowledge of Islam
  ○ Know your rights - what people should do when being interviewed by the police or law enforcement
  ○ Arabic lesson

• International Student Club
  ○ Country presentation - India
  ○ Problems affecting international students on campus

• Black Student Alliance
  ○ Cultural bash
  ○ Pan African conference (fundraising ideas)
  ○ Thanksgiving dinner

• I made flyers for the open forum

Old Business:

None!

New Business:

Motion 05-35 Legislative and Internal Affairs

Whereas the Graduate Student Organization for Counseling and Student Affairs has been reviewed and found in compliance with University Student Organization requirements,

Be it resolved Student Senate approve the aforementioned constitution.

Motion 05-35 passes unanimously

Motion 05-36 Legislative and Internal Affairs
Whereas the Athletic Training Students Association's constitution has been reviewed and found in compliance with University Student Organization requirements,

Be it resolved Student Senate approve the aforementioned constitution.

Motion 05-36 passes unanimously

**Motion 05-37 Torpen/Mihal**

Whereas MSUSA is lobbying for a 2 year tuition freeze,

Whereas tuition has increased nearly 30% over two years at MSUM,

Be it resolved MSUM supports MSUSA’s lobby efforts to promote a tuition freeze.

- Friendly amended to add nearly before 30%
- Gavel passed to VP McCoy at 7:54p.m.
- Move to table Welle/Dassinger - fails
- Call the Previous Question Dassinger/Mihal - pass

Motion 05-37 fails (1 abstention)

- Gavel passed back to Maier at 8:15p.m.

**Motion 05-38 Exec**

Whereas the deadline for filing for residential elections passed,

Be it resolved that student senate approves the aforementioned residential election ballot providing that students on the ballot are not on academic probation.

NGH  
Leigh Wilson-Mattson (I)  
Jermaine Maygo Okondo  
Brittany Fossey

Snarr  
Adrian Welle  
Alex Ellsworth
Motion 05-38 passes unanimously

Move to Open COC Nominations Schwegel/Herbert

Comstock Union Committee
Emily Hagen - pass
Tabish Javed - pass

University Events Committee
Tabish Javed - pass

Parking Committee
Tabish Javed - pass

Bookstore Committee
Kellie Meehlhause - pass

Performing Arts Advisory
Kellie Meehlhause - pass

Scholarship Awarding Committee
Daniel Schmitt - pass

APAC
Daniel Schmitt - pass
Motion 05-39 Campus Affairs

Whereas the Alcohol Task Force has created a "Strategic Plan for Reducing Beverage Alcohol Misuse Among MSUM Students" that outlines a plan to reduce heavy episodic drinking among MSUM's students,

Be it resolved that Student Senate support the Alcohol Task Force's mission to have students make responsible decisions when consuming alcohol; however, let it be noted that Senate has the following concerns about the strategic plan:

- Before the Student Senate "engage the student editors regarding voluntary, student-created guidelines for responsible beverage alcohol advertising in the Advocate" that Senate consider where the Advocate could get alternative sources of revenue;
- That Senate believes that making more Friday and eight am classes will not be effective to prevent the misuse of alcohol;
- That Senate encourages the university to implement an outreach program to the local community and public schools to promote alcohol awareness.

Be it further resolved that Senate continues to work closely with the Alcohol Task Force and to create a healthy dialogue in the discussion of alcohol misuse,

Be it finally resolved that Senate prohibit the taxi cab program from going bar to bar.

Motion 05-39 called Out of Order

- 5 Minute recess Mihal/Fossey - fails

Points for the Good of the Order:
Welle

- Senators need to remember that they are not higher than any other organizations. You can't expect to walk into a meeting and be placed at the top of their agenda.

Frolek

- I specifically said that it was not RHA's fault.
Herbert

- Senate should not have to clean up the mess of other organizations. We are not the babysitter.

Giwa

- Can a non-senator attend an MSUSA conference?

Maier

- Yes, any student can go. Ultimately it comes down to me deciding who can go. If a student requests to go they may not be able to if precedence is in favor of another student.

McCoy

- The last motion was about taking a stance. We might be sending mixed messages if we approved it.

Booth

- Treasurer Goehner wanted me to say she was sorry she had to leave, and that hopefully she will be better tomorrow.

Baxter

- I have personally experienced some taxi drivers not taking me bar to bar. Someone needs to tell them that they can do that.

Cailao

- I'll be the first person to support changing the culture of alcohol abuse on campus. Be we need to take a look at changing the contract, it is a big issue.

Maier

- The last motion was a very good motion but the Taxi cab part should not have been on there.
- The Alcohol Task Force is trying to reduce males drinking and driving, prohibiting them from going bar to bar promotes drinking and driving.

Giwa

- I just want to say that Ballard does get along with Dahl!

Mihal

- Before November 2nd I noticed tension between democrats and republicans in Senate, for instance I saw one senator refuse to give a French Fry to a senator of an opposing political party, but just today they were walking arm in arm!
I would like to see Points for the Good of the Order be for Points for the good of the order, not to tear one another apart.

**Pugsley**

- Congratulations to everyone for serving their office hours last week!!

**Booth**

- I am upset with the fact that it is November and it is the first time that everyone has served an office hour.

**Mihal**

- I think it is awesome that when we are at our fullest all of the office hours are being served!

**Maier**

- You do need to be respectful of your opponents!

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**Announcements**

**McCoy**

- Cabinet is Monday at 8:00 a.m.
- Also for new senators you need to take the A.R.S.

**Welle**

- Have fun tomorrow everyone!

**Booth**

- Meet in the office at 4:00 to go grocery shopping and if you need a ride or can drive people meet there at 8:30!

**Giwa**

- You should all attend the CD open forum!!

**Frolek**

- What time are we meeting at the Y?

**Maier**

- As early as 8, but try to be there by 9!
- Warren Wiese is one of my professors and next Wednesday I will be serving a 1/2 hour shift behind the bar at 10:00, at the I-Beam

**Mihal**

- I will be serving there at 9:30 if you would like to get a drink
from me!
- I need your pictures if you are running for Senate.
- Unormia!

Pugsley
- We are going to Buffalo Wild Wings after the meeting...again!
- We are also watching the OC at my house after the meeting...again.

Giwa
- How can I get microphones for the open forum?

Fossey
- RHA has microphones!

Pugsley
- Are we ever going to have the smoking open forum??

Mihal
- You can have your picture re-taken tonight if you want a different one.

Maier
- This is the longest meeting of the semester!!

Adjournment
(Schwegel/Eidsmoe)  Motion to adjourn passes
Adjourn at 8:42p.m.