November 13, 2003

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

Called to Order:  5:00pm

Roll call

Guests:  President Roland Barden, Katherine Kelly, Karen Mehnert-Meland, and Barbie Porter (Advocate)

Proxies:  Krysten Edwards, Nicki Elkin, Ian Hopkins, and Adrian Welle

Agenda Approved

Minutes from 11--06-03 Approved

ATTENDANCE PAGE

Meet and Discuss with President Barden

Maier:  Thank You for joining us.
Barden:  Thank you for having me.  VP Wiese is unable to be here today, Thomas Lane is his Proxy. Academic Affairs officer is in Bemidji meeting with Bemidji’s Academic Affairs officer to exchange info and discuss decision process. Dr. Crockett asked if there are issues concerning other officers if they could be invited back at a later date. We started this year with uncertainty about the financial situation but we think we have a good plan. Students came in with diligence as well as professors that promote teaching and learning. We are aware of the 15% tuition increase and the projected increase for next year is 15%. After student consultation last year it was recommended by senate to keep it at 10%, but we are watching the labor negotiations closely. We'll look at all possibilities to see if we can get closer to 10%. Some labor settlements look as though they will go through. In the spring we will be back for further student consultation. Regarding the current issue requesting we start collecting $50 fee during the spring semester for the Health and Wellness center, I'm not sure if we will implement it this semester. It's not a problem with policies but with mechanics. We're waiting for VP Wiese to see if it can
be done. The Campus Master plan update is due during the spring semester and has to include the wellness center on it. It is significant to have it on 14th street and we are looking at possibilities to cover 14th street. The university is trying to get funding for the first major piece of Skyway Systems. There are a lot of possibilities for the campus if we can get the traffic on 14th street out of here. We need a concept before we can get pre-designed. Need to see what that will cost, the fee cannot go over $50. There have been many conversations with government officials about closing the street. We can give students a timeline with better options. It will be a student funded and student ran building run by a student manager...it would be a different set up. For the Health and Wellness center we need money in the bank to pay for pre-design. We are dealing with the major parts of the groundwork. We plan on using the new science hall next fall, and also renovate Hagen Hall. I appreciate the work of the group last year, it's not easy to try new things on campus because we are congested. Health and Wellness centers location is good and close to the parking lots. I appreciate the further support for a new wellness center. Be patient the time from recommending the fee and it going through is complicated. The board of Trustees will hear a presentation on the issue.

Wicker: Thank you for coming. What I understand from Warren is that we are at a stand still until we have dollars to proceed?

Barden: We are at a stand still in the formal process but are still doing internal work. We are still trying to work out the logistics. We spending a lot to renovate other buildings and it will cost a lot for technical mechanics. This is going to be a major activity to see if we can do two construction projects at one time.

Bergley: What are your feelings about St. Cloud dropping out of MSUSA?

Barden: I haven't heard a lot of details but read the article. It's not a new issue. 2 or 3 years ago they were very unhappy. They feel they pay a good deal of the money that goes into MSUSA and if they kept it they would do better. Those of you that go to MSUSA conferences probably know that. I know that when leaders of senate come to chat about an issue with me, they have been satisfied. They have had input and are engaged in the process. The MSUSA office is very effective and diligent.

Young: How will people get across 14th street with the construction?

Barden: It will be fenced off and the walkway will have to be moved. It's a concern that will have to be part of the discussion.

Rustand: What can we do as student senators to influence policies at the state level?

Barden: Meet and Discuss', get minutes for the Senate President and write letters to the Board of Trustees. The
MSUSA Board and the student senates work by giving the student's voice to MnSCU.

**Williams:** What's with the petition that students are signing about a professor not getting tenure, supposedly due to sexism?

**Barden:** It has to do with a faculty member, labor contracts, tenure and guided interactions. I can't discuss this in public.

**Pepple:** With a 15% increase last year, what will happen next year if we don't have fewer expenses?

**Barden:** We are estimating but facts are being distorted in the media. We are waiting for information and direction from the state and as that comes in we will consult. The Senate President must write a letter of consultation to MnSCU as the voice of the students.

**Wicker:** Do you look at surveys from the classes? How are tenure decisions made?

**Barden:** Labor contracts need to be given to people who prove they can be an effective teacher. Student evaluations are effective as well as the criticism of your peers. Publications to professional associations are expected by scholars.

**Maier:** What are your feelings of the Green Fee?

**Barden:** It is consistent with the goals of our campus. Also heard the anticipation of a wind energy program which would be interesting given the rise of gas and electricity prices.

**McCoy:** How are you dealing with the concern of increased class size?

**Barden:** Trying to achieve an efficient cost of instruction. We're also trying to see what others are doing to see if we're much different. We're trying to keep costs down but still give a good learning environment. We offer people a level of sophisticated intelligent teachers.

**Doerer:** Last April we had to use a portion of our reserves. How are the reserves doing?

**Barden:** With all of the cuts and reallocations the balances of some accounts are very low. That doesn't mean we don't have money set aside. With freezes on bookstore department, so far so good. Plan is to get back to a comfortable level next year.

**Barden:** We will let you know of anything that comes up.

**Mehnert-Meland:** Presentation on the FY2004 CMU budget.

**Pepple:** If St. Cloud leaves MSUSA will that change the mandates set now?

**Mehnert-Meland:** They may leave MSUSA but they cannot leave MnSCU.

**Rustand:** Where do you get the increase that you get? Are there statistics they come from?

**Mehnert-Meland:** MnSCU mandates that we have increases based on standard industry.

**McCoy:** Are there any added expenditures due to the Health and Wellness Center?

**Mehnert-Meland:** No it would not be our additional expenses.
Pepple: Why does it start up again in 2006?
Mehnert-Meland: Because I have not got it ready for them.
Cailao: What is the penalty for dropping below our mandated reserve?
Mehnert-Meland: Presidents are responsible; if we had no reserves they would be increased.
Lane: It could have an impact on the amount of bonds allocated.
Williams: What would you use the reserves for?
Mehnert-Meland: A plan has to be written that expresses the intentions of the money. It can’t be spent unless allocated.
Wicker: President Barden mentioned money that we're getting from the state?
Mehnert-Meland: No we will not, plans will remain the same for the CMU.

**Public Hearing**

Molden: There are three service areas in the CMU that are not open when you go for dinner.
Lane: It has to do with Sodexho and the hours the have to operate and if they are not being used.
Williams: Computers in the CMU gallery are slow and freeze up at times.
Meyer: Is there someone who is removing posters from random spots?
Lane: In the CMU, Compass employees are supposed to do that.
Elkin: After putting out monitors I noticed there are recycling cans next to them; we should be more responsible with recycling.
Rustand: Transfer students are not getting help with advisor.
Davis: The information at the bottom of Advisor sheets was wrong.

**Reports**

**Warren Wiese (Advisor):**

Proxy Thomas Lane (Associate Director of Student Union and Activities)

- No Report

**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:**

- Went to cabinet on Monday night at 9pm. Discussed many issues that might be coming up.

- Had a Wellness Forum Committee meeting on Tuesday @ 4pm. Planning a Wellness Center Forum for possibly Wednesday November 19th.

- Made deposits to the Student Senate budget: reimbursements from MSUSA for conferences.

- Had an executive board meeting on Wednesday night. Had a good discussion and came up with some things that we will be implementing.

- Goals will be up in the office they were supposed to be up before but halfway through I realized I didn't have all the supplies. But they will be in the office this week. If you have any questions before then or have some things that you might want to get started on from the goals just let me know.

**Vice President Wicker:**

- Attended Cabinet on Monday

- Attended Student Activity Fee Review Committee on
Tuesday, and if you have any questions about the Comstock Memorial Union's budget that was proposed, please see me, Travis, or Amy B.

- Several of us are planning an Open Forum on the Health and Wellness Center Fee that we passed to implement next semester, and it will be on Wednesday, November 19th at 2:00 in the CMU Main Lounge...so get people there to ask the questions we've been hearing all about concerning the fee, the Health and Wellness Center, and everything else concerning it.

- Emailed Wade Kline with MetCOG about the MetCOG meeting we were invited to tonight, but informed him about our Meet and Discuss with President Barden, which is why none of us would be there.

- Executive Board met on Wednesday, and we got a lot of things accomplished.

- There is an organizational assembly on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 in CMU 205, so I hope we can have some representation from Senate there since I have a final and won't be able to make it, and Travis will still be out of town

President Maier:

No Report Submitted!

Campus Affairs (Chair Palmer)-

- Discussed the problem with not being able to make Local calls from on campus phones, we will be contacting Mark Rice and Rachel Vandyke for more information on this situation.

- We decided to show the short version of the video A Journey to a Hate Free Millennium on November 20th during Public Forum in our Senate Meeting, we will also be having the Stop the Hate Facilitator join us for any questions after the movie.

- I am negotiating with Jamie Tate the Safe Zone Training for Senate, my committee decided to leave this training for next semester seeing that we do not
have many weeks left in this semester.

- Corbett will be meeting with Ferman Woodberry the Interim Director for Campus Security about the Littering issue, we will continue to pursue this issue to find an effective way in maintaining our campus clean and presentable.

- The issue about the 10% Society not accepting Bi-Sexuals was misinformed, this was a situation that occurred between students of NDSU against an MSUM student, this issue has been addressed by the 10% society.

Committee on Committees (Chair Bjornson)

No Report Submitted!!

Legislative/Internal Affairs (Chair Doerer)

No Report Submitted!!

Marketing (Co-Chairs Goehner and Williams)

- We worked on the formats for our newsletter.

- We got a few ideas together for the Senate name plaques for our meetings and we are planning on making our purchases on Friday.

- The Senate has agreed to host an open forum to address students' questions for the Health and Wellness Center.

- We have made posters and this coming week plan on posting them around campus to get the information out to the students.

- The open forum will be held on Wednesday at 2:00 in the CMU main lounge.

- Also we are finishing up our senator profiles to hang up in the various Academic colleges and departments here on campus.

Tuition and Fees Oversight (Chair Pepple)
-Talked about the recycling of the computers purchased with student fees

- Discussed a motion about using role call vote, but later thought it was not needed

**Other Reports**

**Campus Rep (Nicki Elkin)**

No Report Submitted!!

**Cultural Diversity Rep (Ian Hopkins)**

- Finally in contact with I.S.O.
- Contacted A.A.A. B.S.A. and 10%
- Making my swing in November to meet with Organizations
- Working on C.D. Conference things

**Election Board (Chair Ian Hopkins)**

- Filled my committee: Amy "Jiggy" Trap, Amanda Welte, Kathryn Johnson, and Angie Schneider
- Copied and hung up fliers
- Made mail box stuffers for Residents Halls
- Hung up posters in CMU and in Residents Halls
- Talked In Dahl/Ballard Hall Council and NGH Hall Council
- Reserved computers for elections
- Reserved tables in the CMU. Center For Business, and across from the Dragon Stop in MacLean
- Met individually with my committee to give them
tasks
- They hung up posters and talked to people and encouraged them to file
- Meeting with my committee Tuesday night (11/18/2003) at 4:30 in the Senate office

- Thank you to Chair Goehner, Senator Bergley, and Secretary Edwards for their help with election stuff.

RHA Liaison (Adrian Welle)

No Report Submitted!!

Old Business

Move to Untable Motion 40-04 - Doerer/Hopkins
Motion Passes

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 40-04 Passes

New Business

Motion 44-04 Marketing

Whereas there is an open forum next week concerning the Health and Wellness Center.
Whereas it is important that students be aware of this. Be it resolved that Student Senate allocate up to $7.00 for poster for the Health and Wellness Center Open Forum.

Motion Passes Unanimously

Motion to open COC nominations - Cailao/Welle

APAC

Steph Agnew

Activity Fee Review Committee

Katie Rustand

Cultural Diversity

Njeri Mwangi

All Nominations Pass

Motion to close COC nominations - Edwards/Elkin

Points for the Good of the Order

Davis: We went over a lot of stuff, welcome new proxies. Wicker: Thank you for representing the student body well, thank you for listening. Hopkins: Thanks for proxying, thank you to President Barden. Bergley: There are only two senate meetings left. We will be here working on MSUSA commitments. I got a letter from Vinson. "Vinson": Help carry on Senate's past and more importantly the future Elkin: Thank you President Barden and Karen Mehnert-Meland and thank you Secretary Edwards for writing the long minutes. Fossey: We all are looking very nice, thank you. Williams: I love being on senate and on the Senior Gift Committee. If any one has any ideas for SHC let me know. Edwards: Check your attendance! Molden: We should do something about the attendance Maier: We all look pretty. Thank you to the gallery; Lane, Barden, Karen. Thanks for going over the information with us. Everyone did well. Doogie: We had an excellent meeting tonight. We should put a lot of thought into what we have to work on.
**Announcements**

**Wicker:** Neal Peterson is leaving for Montana. Last football game is on Saturday. A Health and Wellness open forum will be wed the 19th at 2:00pm and there is an Organizational Assembly the 19th at 7:00pm.

**Hopkins:** Filing for elections end November 19th at 5:00pm. More info will be given next week

**Maier:** Stop the Hate Monday the 17th free for participants.

**Elkin:** DZ initiation is next week so I won't be here. PSK initiation is this week, wish them good luck!

**Rustand:** Talk to your teachers about talking in class.

**Edwards:** Doing the minutes, get your reports in and keep track of your attendance!

**Davis:** My birthday is on the @5th of November, I'll be 22!

**Maier:** No senate on Thursday, Thanksgiving week, no meeting on study day.

**Adjournment**

Meyer/Fossey 8:15 PM

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