I. Call to Order (5:09)

II. Roll Call
(Taylor, Fog, Chu, Hoeck- absent)

III. Approval of the Agenda
(Anderson; Trefethren, approved)

IV. Approval of the Minutes
(Danielson; Bernier, approved)

V. Public Hearing
   a. Greg Lemke (Parking): Thanks for making time for me, I’m the director of Public Safety. There are some changes and we want your feedback about it. Parking tickets are not being reduced to 10 dollars they will be still 25 dollars. Make sure the right information is going out there. We had 2 forums on Friday, they went well.

   Raza: Violation proper display of permit?
   Lemke: That is the one we reduced.

   Beneke: Looking at new ways to get the students to utilize the lots? What can Public Safety or we do to help get students to use them?
   Lemke: We do hear there is no place to park but there are spots. It is not close to where they want to be. We’ve talked about charging less for further spots and also talk of a shuttle. By Nemzek and by us it’s mainly faculty and staff.
   Beneke: I have heard rumors of a per credit permit?
   Lemke: It has been explored and other schools that do it. I don’t know if that would be feasible, lot more students bring cars and no spots.
   Benke: Fall semester permits?
   Lemke: That is being proposed, that is mainly for students who are graduating or don’t have the cash to get the full one up front.

   Bernier: Student said there was a charge to pay their ticket online, why is that?
   Lemke: We go through a company for that. I talked to IT they think they can help us out with setting up a paypal account to buy permits and pay for tickets. Students can also call with their credit card for no charge if they want.

   Anderson: Last week talked about remote lots, dorm residents can park their car and hold it there and use it for when they need it.
Lemke: We have not thought about it, I like it. We ticket at night there but I would like that better. We ticket right now because apartment building residents have been parking there overnight.

Thomas: Any option for a prorated permit?
Lemke: It is possible but I don’t know how hard it would be to do.

Trivedi: The lot that is next to Hagen, a lot of the faculty spots are open... look at opening more spots that aren’t used by them?
Lemke: We are looking at opening more general spots.
Trivedi: Override one jump-start for free, cost for more?
Lemke: There is not one but we don’t want it abused.

Beneke: Hour car program, is that feasible?
Lemke: I don’t know how well we would be involved. My opinion is that it’s a cultural thing, I think in the cities its good but here they want their cars.

Anderson: I know they can take the cars on the weekend too. It would be something the city and other colleges could team up with that as well. I think that it is worth looking into as well.
Lemke: Sure.
Danielson: Safety concerns in parking spots and around campus at night, low lighting and not as many call areas. People don’t like walking to their cars.
Lemke: That is part of the night staffs job, I will be looking over that and making sure they are all doing what they should be.

Raza: Use colored parking lots more wisely so Public safety can check lots more efficiently.
Lemke: We are trying to move away from too many colors to make it easier.
Raza:...
Lemke: Prorating the permits, etc. We could definitely look into that or make all the permits one color.

Benke: I think pro-rating would make a bigger problem, people would wait to buy their permit.
Lemke: That is possible, we have had problems with pro-rating in the past. That is one of the reasons we are looking into Fall permits.

Danielson: Electric signs brought up to tell about open parking spots, may not work but it was talked about. What about changing the current signage to something easier for commuters/visitors- they think general parking means anyone can park there without permit?
Lemke: The signs are being ordered and we are looking at options for that.

Benke: Can students buy reserved lot permits?
Lemke: I’m not sure.... I think they can.
Danielson: They can, it’s quite a bit more.
Lemke: There are talks of lowering that as well

b. Mark Altenberg: You met with parking last week the consulting group that is doing the study. How did that go? Okay? Good. About timeline and proposal. We had good representation from the parking forum. No proposals have been brought to the city at this point. We saw the same proposal as you. We need you to fill out the survey, get many people to do it. That will be used in the data that they bring to us. There will be some identifying marks, but no names. We will not see anything till April, there will be comment board for that and I have been getting them already. The focus group is very concerned about the students and they want them to be a big part of the process. Proposals that once we meet a solution and have the city stop tinkering and not impose anything unneeded once that solution is met. We saw the data and the maps; I think they are good maps to help us move forward. Outside perspective so it’s not the city. Neighbors defending students surprising too.

Anderson: I heard that the survey from the forum is worded different then the one we took, if you could look into? The resident surveys questions worded different and such.
Altenberg: I will take a look into that, do a follow-up on that.

Bernier: Could you tell us how Concordia is standing on it?
Altenberg: They are not happy about me coming here, they don’t want me in it at all. They want more technical data. Empty threats were made from attending forum members over there to me, Julian was there. Their parking is free so they don’t want anything to change that. Staff we haven’t heard anything from them. We haven’t heard much from them, they are holding that very close to their chest.
Bernier: I can’t speak for everyone but I would vote for you.

Raza: The communication gap between the council and the firm. The night was only done till 9:30 and it can drastically change throughout the night. Rental houses, more tenants than spots in driveway. Encourage challenge them to say how the data was taken, etc.
Altenberg: You think because of the times there are reports of underutilization in data because of that?
Raza: Yes because after 9:30 many students are still coming home from work and other things and the utilization data needs to be correct.
Altenberg: Same concerns coming from the neighbors, they don’t want any parking on their streets. We are looking at getting all the signs to be consistent and read the same way and what ways they should be restricted.
Raza: I am very critical about data. The council will take a hit on this not the firm.
Altenberg: I didn’t take a close look at the survey; I hope it’s not quantitative results on qualitative questions. It’s not fair. I will talk to them about that. We need more public comment on it as well, only 40 showed up and there were hundreds sent out. I appreciate that.
Trivedi: Where is the survey?
Ehrlich: It hasn’t been sent out by the list
Altenberg: I’ll see if we can postpone it so we can get more people to take it. Municipal redistricting update. Judges came out, polling places on campus. Time set aside in March for municipal districting. Deadline April 3rd. As soon as I know we will let Ehrlich know. This is the point your input will matter the most. Letters from faculty to send multiple letters of support as well. Now is the time to put forth that effort to get the polling place.

Anderson: Lean on Jill to include Romkey, can you?
Altenberg: Human rights council Bibusha in that, they are presenting a letter. Candace from the women’s center is also presenting a letter. Romkey is the highest population of poverty and also low transportation. There is a polling place across the street but they have to go far away.
Anderson: We had them here for a polling location here in the CMU, it will if just sub-precinct. If the public is included it would be in Nemzek but if you can see if they will do the CMU anyways.
Altenberg: We need your input, very badly, we need student support for that. CMU v. Nemzek, she is looking for multiple locations, so if we could have multiple precinct locations then it could be both. Get letters to Edna from staff and you, make sure they are saying the same thing.
Ehrlich: Talk to them next week.
Altenberg: They are on the same page. Edna is on the same page, so is the staff. They are impressed with you and want you to vote easily on campus

Anderson: Who do you need letters from?
Altenberg: Student Senate; Include areas with enough parking and what that will mean... no classes, sectioned off areas, etc. Give it Jill and CC the mayor and council. This will go in front of the entire council. Letters from administration, faculty senate, Director Lemke, Ashley Attebery.... I would make sure it’s coming from more than just the students. Make sure students are considered in this round of voting. The things that will come up is if the representation from Ward 2 equally represented. Democratic and Republican party sides, the partisan issue will come out on letting a large amount of students voting. Put in that you want to bring up the next generation of election judges because that is becoming a problem in Minnesota. We need people who know how to do that process. In the next 6 weeks, this will be decided.

One last thing, not here speaking on my part on the issue, petition was passed through the community. Vast majority of people thrown off the petition are students. We don’t know what happened. The question is, you had several hundred people removed from this petition. My concern is that there are people removed from the democratic process and they are my constituents, I don’t want them turned away. To the best of my knowledge there was no conspiracy to throw them off. It was a legal petition signed standing up, the names not legible, there is 30 days to fix this. My concern is that people will be turned away from the democratic process that aren’t registered. Student senate making sure people are registered next fall. Voter ID registration amendment, address on id where you vote. We need to get students pre-registered so we can avoid them getting questioned at the polls.
Marriage Equality Amendment, Voter ID Amendment, 60% tax increase coming up to vote on. This all affects you and it’s up to you how you want to engage students next fall. Any questions? Feel free, 75 percent pop under 44 and 90 percent of calls I get are from over 60. We don’t hear from the younger population, so I encourage any questions or concerns to be called in or emailed.

Anderson: Posters with yours and Heidi’s face on it?
Altenberg: Talk to Ehrlich’s partner on that, he’s done good work before. If you live in the 4th Ward don’t just contact me contact your representative. You don’t have to say you’re a student, but that you’re a citizen and are concerned about something. The Council really does take that seriously, especially if it’s a new comment from someone we don’t hear from. We really look hard into those. After parking is housing, we’re trying to get more student housing downtown. We talk about you all the time and sometimes you’re not there and sometimes you are. We would really love your input and always want it on matters. Looking at downtown and how we want it to look and looking into downtown housing. Let us know if you want to live downtown or do you want it in other areas and what prices they want for them, what kind of options you want. We want more students in Moorhead instead of Fargo. We want to make more at the education destination as Brenda put it. “You are a company town and the company is higher education.” That made council rethink and change their perspective that they all represent you.

McNamara: Is there any type of construction plan on Main Ave?
Altenberg: That is called the metropolitan state aid that money will repair that this year and the timing of the lights to work with trains.

Ferguson: Housing, I was recently looking for 4-bedroom home, looked on craigslist. 8 or 9 groups of 4 people coming to look at the house, the tenant comes out and doesn’t know who we are and there was horrible houses with no electricity, water, ect. Homeowner didn’t tell anyone we were coming. 4 bedroom houses in demand.
Altenberg: I went over to a house of a student to see how the housing was for them. There were holes in the wall, black mold, carpets bad, outdated appliances, etc. Single-family housing conversion hard. The utilities more expensive. Dr. Kramer talked about a reputable list being made for MSUM students. Ask yourself local owner, required to shovel snow, lawnmower available, need to mow lawn, utilities spelled out? The new buildings that were built we had a waiting list of students for those housing. If we knew about this demand we would have addressed the problem sooner. Put in your comments and tell them what you want so then we can provide the housing that the students want. Older people are outbidding younger people on houses, which are outdated for appliances, carpet, heating, etc. They can become a landlord and focus on cash flow and not update things for years, there are good landlords, too. That’s what we’re hearing. How far from campus are you willing to live? Are there conditions for that such as mass transportation, etc? We have developers that can build these things and they would be full.
Ferguson: Townhouses in the cities full and tons of areas to live with mass transportation available.
Alt: If you can tell us and we can let the developers know, they will build it. They need to know what to make so they can build them. Condos above pyromaniacs empty because no one asked what the people wanted. We need to know that there is pent up demand for 4 bedroom houses, etc. Make sure in the mean time you do a check up on your landlord before you rent from them. You have to work with a reputable company and landlord. Make sure they are registered and they have local contacts and they've done this before.
Ferguson: Suggestion for displaying that?
Alt: Send me an email and I can get the to FM homebuilders and Scott Hutchinson. Terry said he would love 400 college students downtown. 2-5 years down the road imagine a downtown that caters to college students in Moorhead.

Anderson: I think having those better developments in those areas will put pressure on the problem landlords to be better.
Alt: That’s part of the reason I was disappointed on the housing survey because we want to know why people are moving into those places. Instead of the city coming and removing housing, we would like to do market competition. New versus dumpy housing will solve problems.
Anderson: Downtown experience some negative feedback.
Alt: Run by campus (not anymore) and tenants don’t want to live under campus rules there. Neighbors don’t dislike students, they dislike the landlords that aren’t doing anything to keep up the houses. We want you back from SW Fargo into Moorhead.

Ehrlich: When I was looking for apartments in downtown Fargo the new one was already full, I live across from the condos and now I love living there.
Altenberg: Downtown Moorhead has lots of things, it is prime for development as long as they know demand is there for it.

Butze: In horizon we have a train of 10 cars coming and going to campus from there everyday. The nearest bus stop half a mile away, we need it closer.
Alt: We are having a problem getting them to go that far and we’re having problems with the bus period. There were solutions we saw like zip cars and free permits for car poolers. There are solutions out there we just need to see what we can implement here. Transportation issue we are trying to solve soon. We love students at the meetings.

c. Anderson: Physical education 1 credit courses being eliminated student coming to talk possibly. Raza: SOAC heard about it?
Anderson: No
d. Julian Dahlquist: Volunteering with petition, not for the issue but the principle of people being thrown out. For me it’s a matter of making sure student voices are heard, especially since it’s an election year. A very small percentage of the names were incomplete and I think the big thing
was that students were not city residents. We are trying to get ahold of them, we can’t knock on doors we have to email them. Trying to get ahold of people.

Bernier: What can we do to help?
Dahlquist: Access is the biggest thing. With this we’re looking at 20-25 percent of people, and we have 4 people knocking on doors now. The highest concentration is on campus here and we want those voices heard.

Ferguson: How do we get registered?
Dahlquist: I can get the form to you. (phone number given)

Thomas: If they get registered, does that validate their signature?
Altenberg: They have 30 days to fix the petition, they cannot collect more but with the registered it could be a clerical error. Because they were not able to decipher the names, they threw those names out. We believe that if they register that would validate as long as it’s done within the 30 days. They needed 1800 signatures, they turned in 3000, only 1100 were kept. That means 1700 were thrown out. A lot of those were my constituents and on campus here. If you talk to the people on campus, they can gather the people in their dorms who got thrown off and get it fixed. They need 600 some left, we think it should go to a vote but they are not letting us.

Dahlquist: First day I went knocking, I got 4 signatures total in 4 hours. These people are all legal voters, they just aren’t registered in the city or the signature didn’t register on the county registration. I think this will also help with the voter id amendment as well, showing the difficulty.
Bernier: I personally know several people on the list, if they registered...
Altenberg: Get ahold of Julian they have a single piece of paper that you can fill out and fix the problem. We’re dealing with something where people signed this petition and weren’t heard.
Bernier: Can you get us a bunch of those forms.
Dahlquist: I can get you some after the meeting.

Thomas: It seemed like in the paper they were treating it as an open and shut case.
Altenberg: The Forum was not kind about it. The folks that did this did not go out and get fake signatures. These are real people that live here and got thrown off. There are people who don’t want to see this on the ballet or any action taken on this. They think that referendum reverse should not be taken. There was a compressed 30 day period and it was rushed, now they have 30 days to fix it. Now these petitioners have an obligation to go out and make this right.

(motion to recess 10 minutes, McNamara;Bernier, divison 10 yay, 6 nay, passed)
Dahlquist: I’ll hang out until after the meeting for anyone that has questions.
VI. Advisor’s Report
   a. Advisor Wiese Blackhurst proxy for Weise.
      McNamara: Is he in the RV?
      I believe so yes.
      Anderson: We at senate would like him to know that we hope he has a good time.
      Trivedi: Anything happen with the faculty that we should know?
      Blackhurst: Questions about technology and the email system?
      Trivedi: Problems with the set-up
      Danielson: Quick fact sheet sent to everyone on how to use it, may make things go over a lot better.
      Blackhurst: I believe they are working on that as well.
      Bernier: Heckemen is coming next week for questions.
      Beneke: More spam with the email change from before.
      Blackhurst: There are some features that will be rolling out to protect our email from phishing, I’m sure he will speak on that next week.

VII. Officer’s Reports
   a. Secretary Danielson: Not a ton to say. I’m working on pictures, I’m doing something special with them so it’s taken longer. Please come see me if you haven’t taken your picture. Talk to Kim if you are going to be absent and find a proxy so that you can get 0 points if you are excused. Clean up after yourself, don’t be sloppy. I’m picky, it has improved, just would like a little more effort taken. Working on a bake sale fundraiser to get shirts for senate to wear at events so we are easily identified, I will be sending out emails soon.
      
      Bernier: Money for everyone even if they don’t help?
      Danielson: Yes, I know not everyone will be able to participate.
      
      Ferguson: Doodle?
      Danielson: I can do that, please fill it out if I do.
      
      Raza: Senators buy their shirts straight out?
      Danielson: I’d rather see how much we raise and talk about that afterwards, but I think that wouldn’t be a problem.
      
      Trivedi: Not baking savvy still help with tabling
      Danielson: Of course.
b. Treasurer Raza: Working 5 star recognition and budget update, working on stalls. Budget allocation: things that need to be voted on and things that don’t. If it is something on the budget line it needs to be voted on by the entire budget. Non-voted: Salaries for exec and chairs. Voted: Advertising.

Beneke: $50 stipend, how do we use that?
Raza: You use the account number and let me know so I can keep track of it, hand in receipt

c. Vice President Chu: Sorry not present. Spreadsheet getting made for perspective senators. CMU re-design committee is fun. Alumni project has been neglected by me. Senator Neupane your binder soon.

Bernier: Senators that have been on awhile do not have a binder.
Ehrlich: I will give the number to him.

d. President Ehrlich: Hestbeck resigned because he doesn’t have the time now but he has interest in the future. Prairie Public volunteer event, we need 4 people, I am sending around a sign up sheet. Peer Advisor and Dragon Ambassador applications still can be turned in, please do it if interested. Student Senate elections are coming up, I will be sending out the election chair application. March 1st it will be due. We will be reviewing all the seats as well to make sure the numbers are correct per college. Constitution can be amended at this time bring them to Chair Valdez Delgado. Come talk to exec with any questions you have about exec positions if you would like to run. Campaigning starts right after spring break. Next week we have a meeting with Edna. I have the tentative calendar here. Next week is Edna, Dan Heckamen. The next week faculty senate is coming, Oscar Flores will also be here about the honor program. March 22nd, Edna is coming about tuition. March 29th, Heather Phillips and maybe Damien as well. If you want to see anyone please let me know as soon as possible. I had a suggestion for the Academic Support director to come in but they are currently hiring for that position. Please email any questions you have for Edna and the cabinet beforehand. In the Advocate there was a lot about student senate, there was a comment from me in the hockey article that sounded off but it was out of context.

Lobby: Hockey cutting all 1 credit classes?
Anderson: I am looking into that.
Ehrlich: I have gotten an email about this. We are talking to Edna about that as well. There was an article about Kloubuchar as well. Senator and Chair of the quarter is coming out, we will vote on that next week.

Bernier: New deadline for Peer Advisor?
Ehrlich: She extended it a week.
Josh: I’d just encourage you to get it in.

Bernier: Volunteer hours due next week?
Ehrlich: Talking to Josh about it.

VIII. Committee Reports
a. Academic Affairs Chair Anderson: Meeting with Blackhurst and the tuition reset. Talked about getting academic programs more available to current students. Grad school workshop Priyanka and Fog are working on that. Any suggestions you should just send them to me.

Thomas: You have to hunt to find things for Distinction in Engagement and it is hard to read with the current setup.
Anderson: That is what we are working on with the faculty secure on offering it and vamping it up in general and better.

Beneke: I am working with IT on how to make that better and easier to use on the website

Trivedi: Meeting with Dean Gorsland about that as well.

b. Campus Affairs Chair Bernier: King Hall poster board replaced with the electronic one that senate voted on. Heckamen coming next week. No vegetarian food in freezer in Dragon Stop. Julian Dahlquist is called about the paraphenelia ban the signatures (400) got handed back that need to be validated.

Danielson: Mellow Moods working on canvassing, Starkey as well.
Bernier: He has been working on it as well.

c. Diversity Chair McNamara: Met with Dr. Cyznski 2 weeks ago, he has really good people for our religious event panel. We are going to have mix of students, pastors, rabbis, etc. Butze and Kelly for our midday event. Deepa has the movie we’re going to show. Putting forth a bill in the next couple weeks when we have that information. Yield to Trivedi to talk about movie.

Trivedi: Movie called “Everyday People” a little depressing but not as bad as “Crash,” 350 dollars to screen. Get account set up, anyone else have a better idea, let me know.

Valdez Delgado: Library then we can show it for free.
Trivedi: They said we can’t show library movies.

Bernier: Cost for rights?
Trivedi: 350 dollars.
Raza: Film majors show movie, contact them.
Trivedi: College distributors said it would be the same.
Ehrlich: Would be nice to have our own account.
Valdez: Pretty sure we have an account through diversity.

Anderson: Try going through the production company?
Trivedi: It’s HBO.

d. Leg IA Chair Valdez-Degado: Working on polling place, it’s working as you heard. I need a proxy for my University policy committee and they are all at weird times. If people can do that it would be great.

e. MSUSA Coordinator Hoeck: (Anderson proxy report) MSUSA supposed to be co-sponsoring Africa Night, supposed to meet with them and they haven’t gotten back to them. Thom can talk about that more. Singh and Hoeck met with Luke yesterday about co-sponsoring the rainbow prom. Go Dragons.

Trivedi: McNamara, aren’t we doing something with them too?
Beneke: We weren’t aware you were working on that as well, I think Diversity is going to work on their week and we’re going to sponsor this.

f. Public Relations Chair Ferguson: Table top tents, new bulletins called snapshot and we’re trying to get them put in the bathrooms. We are working with Dragons After Dark, they are letting us hand out bulletins and buttons (I have issues campaign) at the fill the fieldhouse event. We have the deal worked out because we have been helping them so much so keep that up. Radio show, we will be putting them on the website. New promotional video coming out to explain what student senate does, goal to be done by the end of March. Senator pictures in department offices has been approved, now getting them out there. Upcoming bills for advertising so the PR committee can pay for advertising for tabling supplies, bulletins, and frames for pictures.

Beneke: When is the deadline for our script?
Ferguson: I’d like it by next senate meeting.
Beneke: Can I have a proxy for the filming?

Ferguson: Another thing for D.A.D. they would like to help with our elections.

Anderson: Response from the snapshots?
Ferguson: Not much now, that’s why I’m talking to housing so that we can get the information out to students.
Anderson: If handing them out at the event, put recycling thing near by so when people throw them if they do they are recycling it.
McNamara: They have the flush, we can put something out called the wipe or grunt?
Ferguson: I think....

Beneke: That name is bad to be associated with senate.
Bernier: Campus wide would be harder with the physical plant and we would have to put them up.
Raza: The flush goes in 4 copies per RA so give them 4 copies and they will know that.
Beneke: Note that says hang in bathroom

g. Student Affairs Chair Beneke: Not a lot done this week. Fog working on rental issues. Thomas working on.. Danielson working on Global Studies. Email back about graduation resources not available up 4 weeks, we’re working on ways to get that easier to be available. Lots of committees available spots, need more senators, please see me.

Thomas: Email?
Beneke: I did and no one responded.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business
(motion to add PR bill to new business, Raza; Beneke, pass)
 a. Committee appointments (See Beneke)
 b. PR Bill:
   Ferguson: Want reimbursement
   Bunker: We have had awesome feedback from them.
   Anderson: Wonder if we can do it for other months too?
   Ferguson: not work
   (call to question, Bernier; Raza)
   (motion passes, 1 nay)
   (motion to add motion to table, McNamara; Butze, failed)
   (motion for election letter polling place to city council, Anderson; Bernier)
   (call to question, 1 nay, passes)

   Ehrlich: Get me letter next week.

XI. Points for the Good of the Order
Beneke: I think it would be good to put our names in it as well, more information (letter)
Anderson: We will draft something and add things to make it professional. (letter)
Ehrlich: Redundant talking is getting to be an issue. Be mindful of what others are saying around you, or if it’s something that can be brought up after the meeting. You also need to make sure you are asking for a follow-up if you want to talk again after asking a question.

Danielson: I’m going to be the mean one. Tonight’s meeting was a bit out of control. When we have people that are coming to campus to specifically talk to us and get our opinion on things, that’s a really big deal. Talking, eating, note passing, etc. is extremely disrespectful to our guests. We are all leaders here and adults. This also goes for when your peers are talking. Treat other people how you want to be treated. Eye-rolling, sighing, and not paying attention or goofing around while your peer is talking is disrespectful. You signed up to be here, stick with it. It also sets a bad example to people in the lobby, our guests, and new senators. Just be respectful, it shouldn’t need to be said.

XII. Announcements
   Bernier: Event tomorrow, laser tag, games, I’m going and you should come with me.
   Trivedi: Isn’t that on Saturday?
   Bernier: Isn’t that different?

XIII. Adjournment (8:30pm)