I. Call to Order - 503

II. Roll Call
(proxy Trivedi, Thomas absent)

III. Approval of the Agenda
(motion to move senator appointments to item i in new business, approved)
(Beneke; Bernier, passed)

IV. Approval of the Minutes
(Anderson; Trefethren, pass)

V. Public Hearing
   a. MSUSA Budget Proposal and Introduction (Elsbeth):
      Amanda and Nikki couldn’t come today, Tyler our treasurer prepared this budget. MSUSA was established in 1967, you pay .43 per credit. We represent MnScu and are the most powerful student association in the country. Arizona is similar to us. It is a collaboration of student and staff (overview of staff at the main office). Campus committees is a new thing, MSUSA campus committees are fun and really make a difference on a statewide level for more than just your university (Hoeck). We do a lot of work with MnScu, we try to get them prepared for the process and get them involved in the MnScu committees, we are working on that right now so that a student is representing on all of the committees. We meet with the chancellor. We communicate the student perspective to the Higher Education board. We advocate student issues.
      Some of the issues we’re working on this year are Student voter rights, affordable tuition, more state funding, and textbook prices. We want to be on campus so students know about us and contact us. We give scholarships, Penny and Jared P. Stine. The Alumni association is brand new still; we are trying to connect with them and get them involved through mentoring, advocacy, and networking. We are helping with the McCormick scholarship with MSCSA. We are trying to save you (students) money on tuition, get fair financial aid, worked on the 120 credit limit, election law (voter id), and textbook legislation (affordable and different formats). We had over 1200 students fill out the textbook survey. We are trying to get the task force into law, it is currently in legislation right now. In the past we’ve advocated on: tuition plans, waivers, cuts for Pell Grants, Pell Grant petitions, annual reports, Governor Dayton’s job summit, internship tax credit legislation, and MnScu strategic framework. The new Federal Student loan increase is what we are working on now. I’m presenting the budget, going to go over line by line. We first presented the budget proposal in the February Board/Campus committee conference, now presenting to every school senate in MnScu. For revenues we tried to predict low and for expenses we tried to predict high. For 2013 enrollment decrease, fees are projected lower for us. We didn’t budget for grants because we didn’t know if we would get them.
      Trefethren: Interest dividend decrease?
      Elsbeth: Not that high so we projected it down to be prepared. Administrative expense is 2% of association fees paid to campus administration to collect MSUSA fee. Awards: for giving out awards and certificates at banquets. Advertising: employment ads, etc. Audit Fees: based upon actual cost by IRS in the current year. Consultant fees: was for buying
a building, we are not seeking a new building anymore so that decreased. Dues, Subscriptions, Memberships: newspaper subscription for the office, subscription to Chronicle of Higher Ed, etc. Campus committee budget doubled for FY12 we kept it the same for GOTV and working with campuses. Employee pensions: we offer a match for employees who choose to put 4% into a pension plan. Employee benefits: medical, dental, etc. Equipment Rental: copier, phones, postage, etc. Insurance: workers comp, property, and casual. Legal fees: in case we need to consult an attorney. Office expenses: adjusted for new building. Payroll taxes: 7.65% of payroll. Payroll Fee: paid to payroll administrator. Partnership/Community support: for other events going on and getting projects off the ground. Scholarship/Sponsorship Support: Support for scholarship, attendance at MSCSA fundraisers, support for program, etc. MnScu: attendance at MnScu golf outing. Postage: based upon current year price. Public Relations and Printing: including for advocacy next year which is a budget year and GOTV work. Staff salary: this went down because people left and we are holding on hiring new positions (explanation). Staff development: to increase skills of staff and increase morale. Telecommunications and technology: we reimburse for staff cell phones, pay for conference calls, cables, mice, computers, software, etc. and it went down from last year because we have most of what we need already. Travel and Conference Expenses: based on spreadsheets created to predict these expenses we go to the farthest point which is Moorhead (you guys) and lodging for conferences, etc. Federal advocacy: we sometimes allow trips to DC as well as sponsor visits to campuses from federal legislatures. Unemployment: based upon current year. Rent payments: for building 33,000-48,000 a year, we projected this to the highest it could be. Misc. Expenses: for flowers, cards, etc. if a staff family member dies for example. This budget does not balance because we over projected and we have overage from the building search we were going to conduct. Questions?

Hoeck: What results we will see from e-tapestry? It seems too much for just 2 emails sent out a year?

Elsbeth: Good question! It’s beyond the 2 emails, it goes to all that sign up on the site as well (MSUSA updates), communicating with scholarship donors, surveys (submission and correspondence), and we plan to use it to contact legislatures as well.

Raza: 4 lines for public relations?
Elsbeth: Different items and budget material…
Raza: Staff development almost doubled?
Elsbeth: Not much was used last year, it increased because we need a new culture and spirit in the office. There was not a director in place before to organize it, I want to implement new ideas, skills, and tools to increase excitement within the association/staff.

Kim: Incentives to get more out of the job
Elsbeth: Without an executive director they didn’t know things like that were encouraged before

Chu: Conversation of diversity facilitator tabled, no budget added for them?
Elsbeth: Delegates can then add it in if they decide to get one.

(motion to move new business before advisor’s report Bernier;Anderson, passed)
VII. Officer’s Reports
   a. Secretary Danielson
   b. Treasurer Raza
   c. Vice President Chu
   d. President Ehrlich

VIII. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs Chair Anderson
   b. Campus Affairs Chair Bernier: There wasn't much for CA to do this week. I learned on
      Monday that a lab in Lommen was having problems with computers connecting to the printer. I
      sent Dan Heckaman an email and he responded saying that they were looking into it. I'll check
      on Wednesday to see if it's been fixed yet or not. I also sent an email regarding issues that
      students have been having in U-Lot with meters eating their change. Greg Lemke informed me
      that they are currently looking into installing a system similar to the one over the pay-lot by A-3 I
      believe, where students can pay with their credit cards and for the whole day before hand. They
      are currently unsure of the feasibility of it, but he will let me know what they figure out.
   c. Diversity Chair McNamara
   d. Leg IA Chair Valdez-Degado
   e. MSUSA Coordinator Hoeck
   f. Public Relations Chair Ferguson
   g. Student Affairs Chair Beneke
   h. Election Chair Bernier: As was discussed last week, the constitution states that all executive
      positions must hold a seat on senate for one semester before running. Right now, I believe that
      Leg. committee is working on rewording this so that it can be placed on the ballot to remove this
      stipulation for Vice President and Treasurer. At the meeting, we also discussed the questions to
      go on our ballot this year. I know that in our meeting we decided on five questions for the ballot,
      but I forgot about the need to place the constitution question on the ballot as well. I need the
      body to reply stating whether or not they approve of removing one of the five questions and
      placing the constitution on there instead, or keeping all of the questions and having this there as
      well (for a total of six things on the ballot). I need 2/3 of the body to vote, and I need a majority
      in order to decide one way or the other what we will do. THAT MEANS I NEED YOU TO RESPOND
      TO THIS EMAIL BY WEDNESDAY. IF PEOPLE DON'T RESPOND, I CANNOT CHANGE WHAT WE
      TALKED ABOUT AT THE MEETING AND THE CONSTITUTION WILL NOT GO ONTO THE BALLOT.
      I will hopefully be finding time to type up the framing for the questions for the ballot tomorrow
      for the election committee to approve and then I will forward the final questions on to the body
      to read before hand. If you have any questions for me, feel free to shoot me an email! Enjoy
      your weekend!!!

IX. Old Business

X. New Business
   (motion to add engagement fee to item c, Beneke; Trefethren, passed)
   a. Committee Appointments
      (made)
   b. Room and Board Rate Motion
      Sponsor Beneke: Heard the discussion last week and we think it is what they need to
      operate.
Second Bernier: Concur.

(motion to amend to 3.6 board, 4 room, Raza; Anderson, passed)
(motion passed, 1 abstain)

c. Non-Support for Engagement Fee Motion (Beneke; Chu)
Beneke: Ehrlich and I were looking at the MnScu Board of Trustees definition (reads), fee should go to those who contribute to campus community and community as a whole. The research and internship program wouldn’t benefit the community as a whole in my opinion. Board of trustees do not have a specific engagement fee- would be student life fee.$2.38 proposed will put us at the cap, we would not be able to fund student orgs or mat bus then next year. SABC set fees low this year knowing current fees would rise. Requested amounts have gone up and we’ve gotten less funding to give out. It’s not an appropriate thing to come from student fees.

Chu: Agreed, I think student fees and tuition dollar items shouldn’t be mixed together.

Anderson: I can understand the cap argument but I don’t agree that it doesn’t benefit the university community as a whole. I went to conference and presented as an undergrad, that says a lot about the university. The argument could be said for the SABC travel fund.

Raza: Point Of Information.. just engagement fee?
Beneke: Just engagement
Raza: I agree with the cap, MSUSA may future extend that cap, engagement fee is as important as any other fee. It benefits everyone because everyone has the same opportunity for internships, grants, skills, etc. It makes the campus prestigious. Think we should support the engagement fee.

Beneke: I’m comfortable with amending the motion to strike certain clauses. More important, is this the appropriate time to do this when the university is struggling with funding and budget? Will this solve the retention problem? I don’t think it’s practical because we are so close to the cap and it will have to be cut or something else will be cut in its place. I don’t know if I would be comfortable making that decision and setting up the next senate to fail. It would be very difficult to raise the fee cap, do we want to be the campus that starts that? We would be establishing more money going in. This should come out of tuition not fees, it would be better to propose it in the future when we have the money. We shouldn’t put our students further in debt.

Hoeck: I agree with a small part of this fee. Old fee $462,000 only $200,000 going to students, no description of the positions line itemed, not comfortable approving that. Professor said she is all for travel funding but full funding would be bad because students would stop writing grants for their research. I couldn’t see how this was different from departmental funding for students. I feel like this would make it chaotic. Support small travel funded overseen by SABC, or other committee already established. I don’t like the lack of information on the positions and programs. I feel like this is not the same thing that was proposed to us in the fall.

Ferguson: I am against the fee as well. We are in a deficit, we shouldn’t spend more money and we don’t have adequate information. Not benefitting all students, it will not help retain students. I am glad that you (Anderson) got to present at a conference, but I
don’t see how this would be beneficial to those outside of the sciences. Problem with retention is that student’s aren’t proud to be Dragons. Students hate this school, suitcase school, that’s why they go home on the weekends. No one’s proud to be here at the university, they come here just because it’s cheap and they will leave because we increased fees. I don’t think this will benefit many students at all.

Chu: I highly value these things, I love the undergraduate research. Time on SABC we have to assess how distinguished these groups are. I think these programs will be good for the future I think it should come from tuition though. I think the guideline doesn’t fit the office of the chancellor. SAFR we passed a 2.00 per credit reserve fee to make up for shortfall from enrollment. We don’t want to add even more. We are nearing a cap. What will happen next year? We will have to defund all the student fees which would kill the university. For internship program, it should be a part of career services and that should be their function, look into restructuring our current services.

Bernier: A lot of people getting at the same points, what this university needs to see is an improvement with the relationships students have with their faculty. We pride ourselves on that. You don’t get that opportunity until you get to upper-class. I believe more students would stay here if they felt accountable through a professor or an adult because of that relationship. Advisors are overwhelmed or under-trained. We’re not doing enough to get this done. Students involved are researching, we need a solution to fix students involvements (who are not already involved) and professors involved with us.

Raza: I agree with a lot of what the previous speaker’s said. I don’t like radical statements that next senate would fail. Raising the cap is on the MnScu level, it’s the option of the school to go there. A lot of schools have this fee, we don’t have the money, and I know that. There should be some incentive; some of this fee could benefit a lot of students. Underfund this, cut the fee down, and still be motivated to find other funding like grants. I know several people that come here just for the research. It’s important. Playback performance for the university, MnScu is cutting universities that do not have good retention; we could increase retention and be able to get more funding from state. I do agree we’re not ready right now, but I’m asking for a small percentage.

Ehrlich: We will be the only students looking over these fees, look closely.

Beneke: The other fee increases: Union fee, event fee, reserve fee, not sure that there will be an increase in enrollment from what I’ve heard in SAFR meetings. Tech fee possibly may be increasing. SABC is the some funding we have for students. It would have to be a separate agency not to reach that cap. Faculty development is what needs to be done here. They asked for it and have not received it. Doug Peters said best professors have most advisees showing the imbalance in development. Better faculty development is what we need. Repeat it over and over again. Treasurer Raza talked about transfers coming in for research which does not affect retention rate only first time students enrolled in fall count.

(move to amend motion to strike clause 5 Beneke; Bernier, passed)
(call to question by roll call vote, division, 4 yay, 10 nay, call to question fails)

Anderson: Been on senate for a while, during rebranding we designed to set us apart from others in the state and as an academic university. I also disagree with Chair
Ferguson, I am proud to be a Dragon and I know many others are as well. The retention is low because of cheaper tuition but students are still held to higher standard and that’s not put across to students coming in. Fee would be $1.06 if we only fund students, separate committee to disperse them. I disagree that this isn’t what we should be focusing on. Event fee overwhelmingly going towards community life and I don’t think we should put more focus on that. People don’t realize how much this gets our name out there and gives us credit. If you come to university in the Midwest and MN is the only one funding for research, next closest is South Dakota, give us a lot of recognition. I agree for partially funding this fee to help students excel them above their peers. Propose engagement fee of $1.06 to help students rise above their peers.

Ehrlich: Clarifying those students would have to be part of allocating those fees.
Raza: Fees go to departments?
Kim: Can’t, only for students
Anderson: SABC is travel, this can go for more than just that. We need something like this to get the academic rep.

Danielson: If we don’t support this fee I think something this university needs to work on is advertising. We have plenty of resources that are available to students but they don’t know about them. I didn’t know about scholarships, tutoring available, and research opportunities until I joined this body. Research is extremely important and would benefit all majors. I do not know a major on campus that research and internships don’t benefit. Internships help students for the future. Swimming research for Physical Education majors equipment proposed to tech fee committee, this is not just for social and natural sciences. This would help retention through getting our name out there, a lot of people come to this university for the business school accreditation and the education one as well. Things like this make schools more attractive. I am proud to be a student here and I know that this would benefit all demographics of majors on campus.

Trefethren: Pretty damn proud to be a dragon, know previous speaker said people weren’t. I was an at risk student, I got into the honor’s apprenticeship because of my fiancé. I didn’t get the scholarship, but it did get me in with a professor that helped me even though I didn’t and they paid me for it. It will help retention. Gives students another route to be involved academically, with a professor, and get a small wage. This will make it better, this will help and there is no other time for it. We need it now, I support it now. I love $1.06.

Hoeck: I hate the way this motion is written. Don’t agree with raising the cap, it opens body for barrage of students/admin coming to ask for money. Adamantly disagree that research doesn’t benefit retention. Students work on research from freshmen to beyond school. We seem to disagree involved students versus at risk, always ask what things we will get as involved students then get mad when they propose something to us. Marketing this program worries me. Why research/internships is great: recruitment, bragging rights, etc. I feel we should fund this partially.

Beneke: Small engagement fee, hypocritical to say it should not be in fees but since there is not enough room in tuition we should make it a fee anyways. There is a bill about internships in state congress circulation, talk to your legislature representatives and senators. Fees are for student community and community at large. Student fees are not the appropriate place for this. Create a committee for this, students can vote on and faculty to advise research proposals, I don’t think research proposals is something
someone like me or average students could know enough to approve. Regardless of the time to do it or not, it’s impractical to do it, this is spending outside your means.

(motion to limit discussion 5 min, 5 yay, 6 nay, 3 abstain, fails)

Ferguson: Majority of students don’t know what’s going on throughout, marketing is bad. I know what students are thinking and they are not proud, I side with Thom because this is a good argument. Not spending money you don’t have. Yield to lobby member.
Steve: I’m an RHA. Events on campus people don’t like them, we need better advertising to get them excited. I met all my teachers, anthropology major and research goes deep in with that. We need to step it up and show why we are better. I’m very active in this school.
Ferguson: Events held on campus could be better, think our focus should be there. Today is not the day.

Bernier: Research not as beneficial for some majors over others but I’m not disputing that, I’m a major that needs a full internship. Not a lot of discussion on internship portion of this so far. I always mention research on tours I’m giving. This fee is now taking a step back because it’s not putting emphasis to all parts, I suggest we start talking about amending the motion or voting on it.

Raza: Internships equally important to other events fees go for.

(move to amend, point of order not consistent with original motion, amendment fails)
(call to question by roll call vote, Raza; Trefethren)

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Yay
Raza: Nay
Danielson: Nay
Anderson: Nay
Bernier: Nay
Valdez Delgado: Nay
Hoeck: Nay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Nay
Bunker: Nay
Fog: Abstain
Singh: Yay
Trivedi (proxy): Nay
Trefethren: Nay
Kelly: Yay
Neupane: Nay

(motion passes, 8 yay, 7 nay, 1 abstain)

d. Election Ballot Approval
Bernier: It’s good, all GPA’s are satisfactory, please approve it so I can get the rest done and have it ready to turn in.
Hoeck: Agree...
d. Election Ballot Question Discussion and Approval
Bernier: Need to get questions decided for the ballot before break so I can have it all prepared.
(motion to suspend the rules Beneke; Hoeck, passes)
(motion to reinstate rules, Danielson; Beneke)

e. Tuition Increase Vote
Beneke: Why do we need the increase? We don’t seem to have gotten a lot of information about it.
Mahoney: Contractual increases, salary and fringe, for faculty. It would cover increases in operating cost and the decrease in state funding.

Motion to Support Increase (Sponsor Beneke; Second Bernier)
Beneke: I don’t see a way around it if you want to go to school next year we are going to have to support it. Grammar is good in motion.
Bernier: Concur.

(call to question by roll call vote, pass)

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Yay
Raza: Yay
Danielson: Yay
Anderson: Yay
Bernier: Yay
Valdez Delgado: Yay
Hoeck: Nay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Yay
Bunker: Yay
Fog: Yay
Singh: Yay
Trivedi (proxy): Yay
Trefethren: Nay
Kelly: Yay
Neupane: Yay

(Motion passes, 14 yay, 2 nay)

f. Student Fee Vote

Ehrlich: SAFR meets to talk about student fees
Hoeck: Tech fee committee members, how much money currently?
Bunker: $233,000…
Hoeck: How much requested?
Danielson: $131,000 but some referred, rough number, nothing voted on yet.
Bunker: Only about $80,000 under serious consideration.
Chu: All fees need to be presented next year, tech fee not presented to us.
Beneke: (explanation of SAFR funds) Union is better to have money in long run versus bonded money. Activity fee is not changing, receiving less money because of credits being projected, Athletic per credit decrease…
Raza: Event fee too?
Beneke: Typo. Health Services… looking into charging for office visits, only campus right now that doesn’t charge for that because Hendrix is at their cap, Wellness not asking for increase, event fee change, engagement fee added from proposal that we denied support, environmental fee the same, reserve went up to cover over allocation from last year (credit projection)… not services fault. Tech fee will change if the proposal.

Motion to Approve Proposed SAFR fees
(Sponsor Hoeck; Second Bernier)
Hoeck: Support SAFR, student representation has been strong and thorough on the committee this year. I believe it has been well looked into and discussed.
Bernier: Agree and the environmental fee in yellow at bottom if you are looking for it.

(Called to question with roll call vote, Trefethren; Benke, pass)

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Yay
Raza: Yay
Danielson: Yay
Anderson: Yay
Bernier: Yay
Valdez Delgado: Yay
Hoeck: Yay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Yay
Bunker: Yay
Fog: Yay
Singh: Yay
Trivedi (proxy): Yay
Trefethren: Yay
Kelly: Yay
Neupane: Yay

(motion passes, unanimously)

(motion to reconsider Tuition increase bill, Anderson; Beneke)

Anderson: Everyone got caught up in the emotional aspect of it, I did at least, I would feel better if it was discussed more.

Beneke: Agree.

Hoeck: I think our generation is used to not standing up to tuition increases and used to inflation. We need to see more documentation and need to discuss it.
Bunker: Did have discussion about it and I think it is an option we will have to do.

(motion to move into executive session, Beneke; Bernier, 15 yay, 1 nay)
(exit exec session)

Revote on Tuition Increase Support motion: 8 yay, 7nay, 1 abstain

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Abstain
Raza: Yay
Danielson: Nay
Anderson: Nay
Bernier: Nay
Valdez Delgado: Yay
Hoeck: Nay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Nay
Bunker: Yay
Fog: Yay
Singh: Yay
Trivedi (proxy): Yay
Trefethren: Nay
Kelly: Yay
Neupane: Nay

(motion passes 8 yay, 7nay, 1 abstain)
(move to recall vote, rescinded)

(motion to add Differential tuition to i, 13 yay, 3 nay, motion passes)

g. Double-Counting LASC Policy Vote
Provost: The part that is changing is the double counting classes

(Discussing at a later time)

h. Policy Consultation Discussion
(strike item until next week per President decision)

i. Differential Tuition Vote
Provost: changes in differential tuition, some classes reduced and some same or increased, used for courses
Beneke: Don’t see certain areas listed?
Provost: These are only new or changed classes
Beneke: Market driven tuition?
Provost: Allowable for justifiable market rationale, consistent with other programs of this type in region. Market increases. It is common for graduate classes to cost more.

Motion to Approve Proposed Student differential tuition rates (Bernier; Beneke)
(call to question by roll call vote Bernier; Anderson, pass)

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Yay
Raza: Yay
Danielson: Yay
Anderson: Yay
Bernier: Yay
Valdez Delgado: Yay
Hoeck: Yay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Nay
Bunker: Yay
Fog: Yay
Singh: Yay
Trivedi (proxy): Yay
Trefethren: Yay
Kelly: Yay
Neupane: Nay

(14 yay, 2 nay, motion passes)

Provost: …

j. Motion to Support Academic Engagement Fee (Raza; Anderson)
Raza: I agree with opposing and approving sides. We need to have some sort of an increase to support this program, I think this is so important and we're compromising to meet both sides.
Anderson: Bill for internships, legislature not supportive of higher education, I don't see why this shouldn't come out of student fees it's the same thing it's just not an activity. I could use an argument about how Wellness center or other events don't benefit me on campus, too. Marketing hasn't up-played academics, this will help. This is a compromise.

Bernier: Credits based on?
Anderson: 142,000
Beneke: Senate cannot create committees unless it is an internal senate committee. I just don't think it should be a part of student fees, it should come from tuition. Once this is created it will be difficult to cut, the cap may cause us to cut this next year. I cannot approve knowing that, it is irresponsible to do that.

Anderson: The motion is a show of support, we are not creating anything, I don't think we can just give tuition dollars to departments to fund it. Just a motion of support for a fee.

Chu: I value the subject but I don't think it is the correct source. I feel that we are voting on the same motion and suggesting the same thing

Raza: Different motion, I want to make it clear it will benefit us in the long term. It is pure work that will show up on an international level.

Ferguson: What kind of committee would be made to approve proposals?
Anderson: Like SCIC, students come and propose and we go over them as a group and have some faculty advisement.
(call to question, 10 yay, 4 nay, 2 abstain, pass)

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Nay
Raza: Yay
Danielson: Yay
Anderson: Yay
Bernier: Nay
Valdez Delgado: Yay
Hoeck: Yay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Nay
Bunker: Abstain
Fog: Nay
Singh: Nay
Trivedi (proxy): Nay
Trefethren: Yay
Kelly: Nay
Neupane: Yay

(motion passes, 8 yay, 7 nay, 1 abstain)

(motion to recall vote on tuition increase Raza; Danielson, fails)

k. Senator appointment:
AJ: Major is computer science, now double major, and I want to be involved and I’ve really enjoyed listening and want to join in the discussion.
Beneke: Academic seat?
AJ: No
Beneke: Why did you make that choice?
Chu: I advised him to take that seat because we needed people.
AJ: I would like to get better marketing on events to the students, applications and jobs no recruiting or jobs information.
Anderson: University or Senate committee?
AJ: Campus Affairs and MSUSA.

(motion to move to executive session, Beneke; Anderson, passes)
(exit executive session)

Ehrlich: We would like to welcome you to the student senate body, take a seat at the table.

I. Tech Fee Motion
Hoeck: We have to vote either way
Bernier: Concur

Beneke: Don’t think it is the right place for this. MnScu policy again.

Danielson: I think this would be helpful to retention and all students. Mixed feelings on certain aspects, would it revamp current programs, how it would be used, etc.
Ehrlich: The software helps with math and English

Anderson: The software already being used on campus?
Provost: Different, we use recruit, we prefer Starfish for the retention currently.
Anderson: English and Math labs good at other schools, this is tough.

Ehrlich: Software primarily to track student progress, alert professors and admin, and also allow students to schedule advising appointments.
Hoeck: Need coordinator?
Ehrlich: Not line itemed, what would it be used for?
Provost: First off MnScu policy was consulted, we wouldn’t go outside it. We need to make sure we have people available to staff/train people to use software and guide through labs.

Beneke: How is the tutor rooms different than this?
Provost: Going to a different model with math and English classes, much more 1-1 versus 3 hours of lecture each week. Emporium style model. Finish class faster.
Beneke: Seat time to be in lab? I can be in there scheduled.
Provost: Some assigned times, but stay as long as you want.
Beneke: Faculty have only certain times they have to be there
Provost: We don’t just bring this in to you, we made sure it complied.
Beneke: Lots of confusion, more info in that in the future.
Provost: I hear that, holding back and wanting more and it was like a bad dating situation.

Raza: I like it, mixed feelings, 3 priority you would choose.
Provost: Blackboard not as important as the others, students have the least direct interaction with that. Hard to answer after that.

Hoeck: Confused about lab coordinators and classes?
Provost: Connected to both classes and available for any student to use. Available for supplemental instruction, developmental instruction, etc.
Hoeck: I feel that if it was heavily connected to those classes that it would be differential tuition.

Singh: Retention software, Dr. Piercy is being trained to use this software. There is already someone working on that…
Provost: It’s Hobson’s recruit, it’s different this is retain.
Singh: I’m not sure…
Chu: Before he came here he implemented retention program at last school.
Provost: We would still need it on a university license.
Singh: I feel like the ODI is working hard on retention for diversity and low-income I think there should be more communication there when people are already working hard on these issues on campus. They were not aware of this. Donna focuses on a lot on retention.
Provost: I agree, but Donna was at a meeting this was presented at, so I’m sure what she was speaking on is a different

(motion to amend to $2.36 increase, Beneke; Bernier)
Beneke: Difference in the number I think we could make a compromise on the fee. If there was something to postpone I thought this would be it.
Bernier: I agree with that.

Hoeck: Am I correct in assuming increase would still have to go to tech fee committee to be approved?
Provost: Yes.
Chu: Want to keep the differentiation, academic.
Danielson: I think that number is good coordination for services.
Beneke: Directly used by students.
(call to question on amendment, passes)

Danielson: I think academics will bleed into fees in different ways. I think this would be helpful and it would be beneficial for students struggling, help with retention, voted on and distributed by students favorable. This is also technology, as it is labs just like the write site. Maybe coordinate tutor room and write site into this? Also think it will need to be well advertised.

Hoeck: Tech fee budget is high I think that it could be covered. I fear this will be an ongoing thing and turn tech fee into monster.
Raza: What would it be?
Hoeck: About $100,000...
Chu: I don’t think it is a bargain, I don’t think it is coming from the right area. Tight budget and 5 percent increase.
Trefethren: Wondering re-up fee for software discussion?
Provost: No
Danielson: Decreased…

(call to question with roll call vote, pass)

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Nay
Raza: Abstain
Danielson: Yay
Anderson: Yay
Bernier: Nay
Valdez Delgado: Nay
Hoeck: Nay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Yay
Bunker: Nay
Fog: Yay
Singh: Abstain
Trivedi (proxy): Nay
Trefethren: Yay
Kelly: Nay
AJ: Nay

(Motion fails, 6 yay, 8 nay, 2 abstain)
m. Tech Fee Dollar (same fee approval)
Hoeck: Increase didn’t go through, need to approve regular tech fee so we have one next year..
Beneke: Concur:

(call to question, Beneke; Bernier)

Roll Call Vote:
Chu: Yay
Raza: Yay
Danielson: Abstain
Anderson: Abstain
Bernier: Yay
Valdez Delgado: Yay
Hoeck: Yay
Ferguson: Yay
Beneke: Nay
Bunker: Nay
Fog: Nay
Singh: Nay
Trivedi (proxy): Yay
Trefethren: Nay
Kelly: Yay
AJ: Nay

(motion passes, 10 yay, 4 nay, 2 abstain)

XI. Points for the Good of the Order
Bernier: Committee election needs to stay after for 10 minutes to vote on ticket issue
Hoeck: Cabinet meeting after?
Ehrlich: No cabinet, all of you were awesome thank you for discussing things so well and being involved.

XII. Announcements
Trefethren: I think the body handled recount vote badly, we saw someone make a mistake and we should have allowed him to correct it. We all make mistakes, we’re here to learn and wrote it into the constitution so we could learn. It was a disgusting act to see people turn their back on a fellow member like that.
Beneke: thank you to VP and Provost for staying.
Hoeck: Thank you all for input tonight and still getting along in the end.
Chu: Suicide Awareness panel next week, please come.
Ferguson: Dodgeball tournament, ribbons, clothing drive, RHA co-sponsoring.

XIII. Adjournment (10:42)