I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call (Redman absent)
III. Approval of the Agenda (Peck, Danielson amend to add c. budget plan to new business, passes)
IV. Approval of the Minutes (Pham, Danielson, change First to Furst, approved)
V. Public Hearing
   a. Meet and Confer
      Introductions first.
      i. Policy Review Process and Calendar
         Point of information, will email President the calendar to distribute. We have a policy review process now, installed it last year. Email or call and let us know what policy you would like reviewed or terminated by October 16th. You can do it as a student or as a senate. There is a yearlong process to review those and we will bring them back to you to approve.
      ii. Budget Update
         (Document given) It has 3 years of information for you. I will be talking about FY 14 and 15. We began FY 14 with some assumptions, students approved a 4% tuition increase. The legislature froze tuition and gave us the money we would be losing but we didn’t get the retaining faculty money. We also have an expenditure line item to set money aside in case we don’t meet our enrollment numbers. We had to dip into that. We had a 3.5 percent decline in enrollment. At the end of the day we are looking at a 2.2 million deficit. We are using some one time money to bridge that gap. We conservatively arrange our budget. We don’t fill some vacant positions and use that as one time money to fix things or do other things for the campus. FY 15 we are assuming that we are going to get the tuition freeze money from the state again. We assume we will have a flat enrollment. We assume a 3% decline in enrollment. We also have other inflationary increases in the budget. We project a 4.9 million deficit. We did get 17 million dollars for faculty retention, however we cannot use it for wages or bonuses. We are working with local legislatures to discuss the possibility of changing that money to continuous funding so we can use it for compensation increases. If we got that in FY14 it would lower
the deficit to 1.3 million and in FY 15 it would go down to 3.3 million which would be much better. The likelihood that the legislature will fund us for the 3 million is very remote. We are meeting with boards to figure out how to deal with the 4.9 million. We plan to offer some early retirement incentives to older faculty.

Edna: Of the 4.9 million some is lack of money from state, along with enrollment decline, and decrease in college aged students. We are 2/3 tuition funded. The issue was not the legislation, we were moving towards downsizing staff already.

Jan: Our state funding has declined over the years significantly. We haven't been able to balance everything.

Edna: I am working to balance the budget so my predecessor doesn't have to make tough decisions. We are decreasing faculty in some departments and we may get some bad press, but we hope to avoid it during the prime decision making so we look attractive to candidates.

Kelly: The employee compensation increased every year, why is that?

Mark: They have gone years without compensation increased. Cost of living has increased.

Kelly: Any thought to student cost of living

Mark: I won't say no, but it's one of the many factors.

Edna: Some of the compensation was done entirely separate from tuition bargaining and what was in our planning parameters.

Powell: Why is there a 20% decrease in state funding?

Edna: Over the decade they dropped significantly, it is a legislative issue. Rationale that it is an individual benefit versus a societal benefit, I hope you get into it more because it is way more than an individual benefit.

Peck: Looking at 4.9 million dollar deficit, do you expect that to fall within the next year to get better numbers once you know more?

Jan: We are fine tuning course schedules, we can be more efficient in course offerings and align it with our budget. Unlike
what we have done in the past. Also trying not to replace faculty.

Clay: Looking at FY15 change of 144,000 under tuition revenue, but no enrollment increase where is that coming from?
Not sure, I will get back to you with that information.

Struxness: Under 0 percent increase, have you accounted for a decrease of 3 percent?
Edna: Yes and that is in there somewhere. We are going to give you a more detailed form soon. We are putting 3 percent aside to cover that.

Peck: How much do we put in enrollment management reserve?
Edna: Roughly 3% and we refill it every year.
Peck: Is that about 400,000?
Jan: No in FY13 it was slightly 1% and in FY14 it was slightly over 2%.

Kelly: Any percent of the number that goes to student payroll?
Yes.
Kelly: Are there inflation/COL increases for student payroll?
I don’t know if there has been, we can definitely look into that.

Struxness: Feedback from IFO or vibe?
Anne: You’ll probably know before us. After today there were many more there to hear about the early retirement than new faculty. I felt they were responsive to that.
Struxness: If you get a lot of people that take it will you hire adjuncts?
We have set a limit to how many can retire and no more will be offered than that, if more want to they will be picked by lottery.
Struxness: Are you able to project on the 30 day numbers from enrollment?
Enrollment was down 3.5% across MnSCU and not much different than 10 day projection.

Pham: How will we fund the retirement?
One time funding. They would pay for themselves in 1.3 years, very quick payback.

Powell: If there were not a drop in students, any idea what the deficit would be?
That would be hard to say. It’s not just about the drop in enrollment, our grad rate is so low we have a challenge bringing students in. We are at 46%, we are lower than everyone else.

Committee about budget and fees again. It would be better than rumors started.
Schwartzwalter: Next step in working with us?
We’d like you to start the committee and start the consultation process sooner.
Struxness: There are a lot of concerns from faculty that I have gotten the last week and a half.
If the contract wears out we have to terminate all adjunct and fixed term faculty, we are trying to rush this so that doesn’t happen.
Struxness: What happens if you don’t get enough?
The hard part with this is retirement is the cleanest way to do this. We will solve this budget crisis and work around that and keep the hiring process frozen. The incentives will vary based on the individual until someone bids we won’t know completely.

iii. September 24th Campus Visit by Higher Ed Committee
Jan: Bonoff, Eken, and Lien will be visiting the local area. They will start at Concordia and then MState and the administration will then meet them there. They will come here to tour and meet with students. We are working on information to share with them. They believe we got a gift by increase in appropriation, but it didn’t help though we are grateful. The one time money doesn’t help us. We had 2 bargaining units AFSCME and MAPE they settled at the state level and we have zero input and we don’t have the money for the increases. We want to stress those things to them. We are pleased you got some tuition relief but the labor negotiations are what really hurt us.
Anne: We thought that it was with student leaders and faculty leaders, but we noticed it was the student body at large invited. We think you will be the most informed students and will be most beneficial being there.
Jan: We have been talking with Eken and Lien and they are working to keep the funding coming from us.
Edna: Pelowski is our biggest problem as Danielson knows.
Danielson: Pelowski is harder to speak to than most of the higher ed committee but I think if we talk to him as students we might be able to get him to listen.
Edna: They want to get rid of administration and they think we have reserves to take care of everything. We don’t have reserves and the flood made it worse. Our reserves cover roughly 2 payroll periods. The other issue with reserves, the shutdown and when we got excluded we had to use our reserves for that. When you look at one-time money I’m using that to bridge it, and reduction hurts that.
Jan: One time money is what we didn’t spend in our budget. Reserve is for financial emergency. It is 5.2 million right now on a 70 million budget.

Peck: What would be the main message we could sway Pelowski with?
Edna: I’m not sure. Rebuking students.
Danielson: Just come at him as a student.
Struxness: Put students on the spot and they didn’t have a unified plan before. We want to get together with that.
Edna: We will send you some information and making things easy to explain for you.
Jan: An example that I think about is attorneys hired at they system office level for 31 institutions, it is not a good use of money. Central office would be more financially responsible. Invest in higher ed it will be future.
Not just a state but compete with lower 48 and employees. Enter in US economy. Positionality. Work more on global scale.
Danielson: Do you want to meet with us before hand?
Struxness: Meet on smaller scale.
Tuesday morning. I'm also expecting a report in on the McScu level.

iv. Veterans’ Affairs Committee Update
Beyond the yellow ribbon task force faculty and students on how they served veterans and their families. Strategic plan on additional steps we can do to recognize those students and become a beyond the yellow ribbon campus. We are working to constantly improve on that. October 9th, 3pm and 3 students and 1 as a member of Vet Club.

v. Presidential Search

Donna Brown a part of all interviews. Looking at information we received and get that October 1st. Chancellor having listening sessions and we will have more information about dates and times. First time Chancellor holding search committee. Timeline fast and it will stay confidential help where I can.

Peck: Looking for same or different?

Illegal to hire on personality, but great questions to help Chancellor formulate. He will invite students.

Peck: Meet and greets?

Around January hopefully.

Powell: How long has it been going on?

Very recently. It is a seasonal.

Edna: I came because of faculty and students. Be proud, you are great.

Powell: Is this the final frontier?

Yes, I may do limited projects if needed. I was the oldest person installed here. I have been married 40 years and I want to enjoy life while we can and go hiking and go to Florida in the winter.

vi. MAT Bus

Struxness: Heated debate last year and have a couple questions. Had a meeting with Concordia and NDSU about theirs. Concordia 200 rides and NDSU has 1 million rides. My first question is when will the renegotiating happen again?

Jan: In contract for year, we're in FY and they're on calendar year. We would begin discussions this fall.

Struxness: Improved capture rates?

Jan: They can do that, they send us the raw data and our IT department goes through it and sorts it to make sure current students are using it. We can do multiple things to analyze that data.

Neupane: Increase in MAT bus rates?
Jan: There has been discussion at the public level but not university level.
Powell: Made a resolution to not drive car, I could be a lot of those rides.
Jan: different people not total rides, we’re in the thousands. I can share any information with you.
(Recess 10 min Kelly, Schwartzwalter, passed)

VI. Advisor Fox’s Report
Thank you for good questions. MSUSA does fellowship Penny Program, some scholarships are coming up on November 1st. Next, Homecoming is next week. (Poster and T-shirt design shown). I have some hard copy schedule for everyone.
Danielson: Happy birthday
Holm: When do they go on sale?
Next week.

VII. Officer Reports
a. Secretary Danielson
   I am taking pictures after the meeting so stick around. Thank you for dressing up. Make sure you do your office hours, otherwise you get points. If you have any general senate questions come talk to me.
   Powell: Points
   Demerit
b. Treasurer Neupane
   I met with Karen and we talked about MAT Bus she asked me to Anne what year did they follow and about increasing and costs. I will talk to Anne further about this. Revenue Fund Advisory meeting tomorrow.
   Powell: Student group?
   No.
   Powell: Just Revenue?
   Yes. Just advising administration. MnScu wide committee about revenue funded entities on campus.
c. Vice President McFarren
   Don’t forget to donate dragon blood on Sept. 23rd. People Pham, Davis, Brody, Maddy, Matty, John, Sarah, Betty, Clay, Erica, Adam, Anna for strengths quest. Once everyone takes this test, send your strengths to Advisor Fox. I need a permanent proxy for SABC Mondays 3-5p please let me know interest. Chairs your committee members are on the board so check that out. We need someone to move onto Student Affairs. If anyone is interested, let me know.
   Peck: Do you have a date for the retreat?
Yes and I’m behind on that, I’m working with the advisor to get all things sorted out for a date, place, and time.
Clay: Will you email us the codes?
We’ll figure it out.
Powell: I believe I took the test. I don’t know if it was or not.
We can talk after the meeting
Holm: Where is the test?
15-30 minutes online.
d. President Struxness
Thank you who helped with door hangers. House Party event tomorrow at 7:30pm I am sending the sheet around again to confirm, in Nemzek and you are expected to be there. Senate reunion talk again and the foundation will not give me any money we are the only people who can fund it. Dodgeball tournament needs to be discussed as well. Campus time capsule for 125 years, Senate sponsored to do it for a future date. We can either buy a cheap one or other people can pay for it and we will gather students and faculty to put things in there. Battleship next Tuesday, senate did bad last year and I want to win this year. Let’s do it and win, register soon let me know so we can do this. Tuesday at 8:30pm. Smoking stations on campus with policy review coming up, students complain about students smoking in places they shouldn’t be. It’s becoming a problem and I’m going to change the policy in the next couple weeks, West Gates and between Science Lab and Weld. Senate started them. Strengths, take it if you haven’t. Asking people on their input for service learning project so we can meet our hours. I want senate to keep their reputation. Plant sale is going on in Hagen tomorrow, I planted them. Small budget committee sheet.
Lavelle: Problems with smoking, punishment.
Written warning and later community service and probation if continuing.
Peck: Start committee to review it I will start that.
Powell: When is the committee?
Not decided yet, I’ll let you know when we get the list together.
Lavelle: Police department regulate these hours?
Atterbury deals with it.

(Battleship explanation)

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Campus Affairs Chair Kelly
Nothing too crazy. I didn’t have any meetings with my connections. I have arborist information about trees on campus. No feedback about Public Safety survey from Lemke. Parking Appeals 9am Monday morning committee needed members. Any suggestions about where I should put comment boxes let me know. Please be on the lookout about campus problems for me from students.

b. Diversity Chair Cunha
Two things, met with Pearcey and Karim from ODI for events and Diversity week. February to correlate with AA history month. Boon, talk about movie and diversity. Need a ticket to go.

c. Leg and Internal Affairs Chair Schwartzwalter
City elections information coming soon. I will be working with PR Chair Peck. We will start tabling and class raps soon. I will send doodle to committee members to set up a meeting time.

Powell: Slovak?
SOAC, constitutions.
Peck: Council meetings?
I might be able to so we'll see if I can’t.

d. MSUSA Coordinator Danielson
Town hall with Higher Ed committee, please attend and ask lots of questions.

e. Public Relations Chair Peck
Pass around Smoking policy review task sheet. 1-2 more people after Powell. Class raps Monday and Tuesday to talk about Senator Bonoff and plan to talk about in 2 minutes. I got a doodle sent to my committee for a time. Campus is setting aside funds for wind turbine or renewable energy source. Solar power car port outside Hagen and you can charge your car while you’re here. Have more updates on that later.

f. Student Affairs Chair Pham
We need Non-instructional advisory committee, senator 3rd Wednesday 9a-12pm. University Planning and Budget committee 8:30-10:30am. I will send a file with description and meeting times after this meeting, please review it, some do not have times because they haven’t met yet.

IX. Old Business
a. Senate Reunion Budget:
“Motion to approve funds for Alumni Reunion

**Sponsor:** Chair Shane Kelly   **Second:** Coordinator Sarah Danielson

Whereas Student Senate Alumni provide valuable counseling, feedback, wisdom, and potential donations;
Whereas Student Senate needs to communicate with and thank these alum for their service;
Let it be approved that student senate approve $275 for the purchase of catered goods (snacks) for our senate reunion that is already happening.
(removed from table Danielson, Schwartzwalter, passed 1 nay)
Kelly: Already in place, we need to secure funds to give snacks to the event. You all had a chance to look things over.
Danielson: This is a very promising event for Senate and very important for our future fundraising. Discretionary fund with alumni.
Stuxness: Senate has never had a discretionary fund in the past I set it up on Monday or Tuesday. Now we can receive donations. We are celebrating 125 years and fundraising.
Peck: Paying 18 dollars for water.
For the water for the cups, that’s their reasoning. I’m open to feedback about food and drinks. I do agree, it’s excessive. Maybe coffee or lemonade.
Peck: Reusable?
Lavelle: Costco has cheap water
Have to go through Sodexo.
Holm: Can I bring in water?
You have to get approved by Sodexo. I will ask though.
Powell: Only for Senate Alumni?
Open door, other events going on. I only sent the invites to Alumni Senators.
Clay: Confirmed number?
31 and their guests.
Fox: Expectations for people in the room.
I would like you to attend the events. They want to know what you’re doing as students. Personal conversations. I expect people to attend this event. Good networking tool.
(Call to question Cunha, Kelly, 1 nay, 1 abstain, passes)
(Motion passes, 1 abstain)

X. New Business
   a. Strengths Quest Bill:
“Sponsor: Executive
Whereas Strengths Quest is an iatrical part to finding out group compatibility;
Whereas it will be part of the senate fall retreat;
Hereby we agree to allocate $120 for 12 Strength Quest codes.”

McFarren: We did this last year, it really compliments the retreat. Scientifically based test about yourself and group.
Kevin: I was against this a year ago and I find it to be very empowering today. It may reassure some things you already know about yourself it really helps with the group dynamic as well.

Clay: Clarification, this test is provided by Gallup and it is used by many corporations. It helps with group work as well.
Powell: Is it imperative that I take this test to go on this retreat? Yes.
(Peck, Cunha roll call vote, 1 abstain, passes)
(15 yes, 1 no passes)
b. Committee Appointments
  2 appointments Jeffery Compton (UPBC) Remove Mcfarren from Academic Advisory Committee and appoint Davis
  (passes)
c. Budget
  Peck: What we can use our money for. I have a few ideas for it.
  Neupane: $2800 roughly to work with.
  Peck: Buy PR material, use it for sponsoring events, etc.
  Kelly: Specific things tonight?
  Talk about it tonight and next week.
  Cunha: Events
  Struxness: Detailed discussion next week.
  (Powell, Lavelle, 2 abstains, passes)

XI. Points for the Good of the Order
Clay: roll call question on bills
Peck: Meet two seconds after, smoking committee
Powell: How do I get my 2 part question answered.
Danielson: Followup, and interrupt.
Powell: Motion to suspend rules
Suspend rules
Neupane: Laying on table?
Have to take it off table
Pham: Tomorrow
Meet at front doors
Matty and Maddy: Good to go
Clay: Good job meet and confer

XII. Announcements
Club baseball on Saturday 5:30 and 7 and Sunday at 11 Jack Williams stadium.
Danielson: Bonoff event
Cunha: College Game Day
Struxness: Good job everyone, very impressed and proud of you.
Holm: Refreshments in Vetrans resource senator.
(Adjourn Lavelle, Clay, passes)

XIII. Adjournment

“I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.”
Pablo Picasso