I. Call to Order
   Meeting called to order at 5:03pm

II. Roll Call
   Absent: Valdez-Delgado, Clay Schwartzwalter (both had proxy)
   Late: Neupane, Shresta, Beneke

III. Chair Sauvageau asked to amend the agenda: Sauvageau’s and Salscheider’s names were listed in the wrong place. (Sauvageau, Danielson)
   Approval of the Agenda (Danielson, Tomko)

IV. Approval of the Minutes (Danielson, Salscheider)

V. Public Hearing
   a. John Goerke and Russell Curley from the Records Office came to talk to the Senate about experiences students have had with their office.

      The Add/Drop Policy
      Curley: Student must drop within five days for full refund. Wonders why there is a hesitancy to have a “W” on your transcript

      Anderson: The W’s can be pretty detrimental when applying to graduate school.

      Tomko: Satisfactory Academic Progress – can hurt this, 4 yr. degree in six years, the W count against your total hours.

      Danielson – One concern is that you lose all that money.

      Bernier – Question: If we drop a class to take the same class in a different section, is there a charge?

      Curley: No, if you take another class.

      Goerke: Are the dates to Drop/Add clearly stated? Are they understandable?

      Bernier: They need to update the word “FREE” in regards to the first week of the Add/Drop period, because it is not free. There is still a charge.

      Peck: Hasn’t experienced any problems, the dates for Add/Drop are clearly marked in the planner, covered in orientation
Danielson: I go on the website to look for information – but I find mixed information. Getting the new website update would be very helpful. Needs to be told elsewhere for older students, advisors maybe should say something.

Awosika: Misleading planner wording. Professors will sometimes mention that the Add/Drop period is coming up.

Curley: Students don’t read their campus email- so sending out email reminders is moot.

Anderson: Let faculty know when Drop/Add dates are. Students should be held responsible with their campus email.

Peck: Make the email more clear – this is important.

Frericks: Putting the information in the Advocate, maybe?

Goerke: Only 12 people read the Advocate and half of them are in this room.

Russell: Facebook?

Flo: Have a place where we can go to reference the policy. Q&A with students?

Awosika: Facebook – potential there

**DARS**

Curley: Is it understandable?

Ferguson: It’s terrible. As a freshman, I didn’t understand it at all. Perhaps having a hyperlink from DARS to your LASC goals would be helpful. I had to have frequent meetings with advisors to understand DARS.

Curley: Gave an explanation of what DARS is. Stated that we can’t make any changes to it because it is a MNSCU thing.

Danielson: I still don’t understand it. Maybe have a class or a workshop about it.

Bernier: Like being able to see grades, middle and inner core classes aren’t shown and it is misleading.

Curley: The middle and inner core classes were a part of Dragon Core. It was extremely difficult to understand even for faculty.

Salscheider: Doesn’t remember going over DARS at orientation. Had to be more proactive. Had a few issues, but otherwise fine.
Pope: Was a transfer student, and her advisor was clueless.

Curley: Transfer credits, how did that go for you?

Thurston: Had to retake a class because the credits didn’t transfer. He even used the same book in the class he took at MSUM.

Frericks: Took 100 and 200 English in HS, none of the credits transferred. Had to go back to his high school to get the information sent over.

Tri-College

Peck: Has never seen an offer of being able to use the tri-college system. Show students how to do this. Need a campaign to raise awareness.

Curley: Records Office and Website - what kind of service did you get?

Danielson: Had a very bad experience. Records office insisted that they get superfluous credits from when she was at cosmetology school that wouldn’t count at all. Was never told that transcripts had to be sent in a sealed envelope. The person in the office was very rude to her.

Peck: Does the records office deal with advisors at all?

Curley: They do, during registration.

The general consensus from the group was that advisors are clueless or else bogged down. Maybe it would be beneficial to have more advisors.

Curley: University is hiring two full time advisors.

Bernier: Get the website polished up. Graduating students don’t realize there are things they need to do.

a. Jasmine from the Society for Professional Journalism explained what their group does on campus.
   - Explained that they will be promoting a Debate Watch in the CMU Ballroom.
   - Want people to be informed about the issues
   - Need about $800-900 to finance the event. They are asking Senate for $50-200 from Senate

Anderson: Have you gone through the SABC?

Bernier: What other funding have you tried to obtain?
Jasmine: Talked to other deans, but having some trouble with them. Everyone wants to know the other is giving before they will commit.
Beneke: What will the money be spent on?
Jasmine: Food, we have to go through Sodexo since we are having the event in the ballroom, so it will cost more.
Bernier: Can we allocate money and have them give back if they get the money elsewhere?
Beneke: We will talk about this issue later in the meeting. We will let Jasmine know soon what the decision is.

b. MSUSA Powerpoint: Bernier
Went over Voter Registration Form – how to fill out correctly. If you have any questions, please talk to her.

VI. Advisor Boschee’s Report
- Key requests submitted
- Homecoming – Is Senate sponsoring a Clean Start Event?
  Ferguson: Meeting to determine this tomorrow.
- Homecoming next week
- Voter registration: students are looking to Senate as leaders. Fill out a voter registration form and have Bernier spot check it. There is typically a lot of voter apathy with college students, but if we show up in greater numbers, they will know that we are paying attention to issues. Educate ourselves, encourage people to vote

Peck: Question about coming into vote and a student’s name isn’t on a water bill or any other bill from the house, how can they prove they live here?

Boschee: Bring a copy of a lease, that will be sufficient.

Danielson: Fargo Forum website has all candidates and voting precincts for ND
Bernier: In MN, look up your precinct on the Secretary of State website, will tell you issues, and candidates.

VII. Officer Reports
a. Secretary Salonek
  - Senators now have a place for folders in the office with their names on it.
    Will work on putting tags down for chairs next week.
  - Posted hours form – starting next week
  - Pictures: need pics of certain people still

b. Treasurer Danielson
• Met with Boschee and Schaub.
• Our budget is $19368.72, does not include last week’s expenditures.
• Making an excel spreadsheet that she will update every week.
• Buying copy paper – only want to purchase through the bookstore, will be working with Salonek on ordering.
• Write a bill if purchasing anything – talk to Exec to see if it’s a good idea. Give receipts to her. Don’t make her angry.
• Campus housing: Still need to submit a list to city council to who is living in the dorms.
• Looking for pole watchers for election day
• Commented that we really need to get students out to vote. It was a tough battle with the City of Moorhead to get a polling place here on campus.

Anderson: City can’t take the polling station away for 10 years until next census.

Bernier: Asked for a repeat of the budget, stated that after payroll for the year, we are really at about $8000 for the year

c. Vice President Beneke
• Sorry he was late – he doesn’t speed
• Was at a MNSCU policy meeting in the Cities and was uber excited about it.
• Thank you Jessica for getting tables set up for the meeting tonight
• MSUSA looking to set up a budget, need two people from MSUM to be on the committee

d. President Ferguson
• OohLala – free mobile app for events, students can download information about Senate events from their phones. Just in the beginning stages still. Met with Blackhurst – Academic realignment – looking for student input.
• Trying to find a more engaging class instead of Health 112.
• Gallery: That class is stupid.
• Stumpfl resigned. Need senators for Arts and Humanities
• Dragons After Dark event tomorrow – come!

VIII. Committee Reports
a. Academic Affairs Chair
• Salscheider: Setting up meeting with Blackhurst next week
• Get other students input
• Problems with advisors, bring that forward, will meet with Russell.

b. Campus Affairs Chair
   Pinneke:
   • Res Life setting up an event - Senate in the Halls. Will Go to six main
class halls and have senators talk to students. Need seniors to
volunteer. This will be on October 1, 7-8pm. Hot seat debate topics.
• SCIC meeting
   Bernier: Look into why we have so many construction projects and so
many unfinished projects
   Pinneke: Has a meeting regarding this next week, so will ask.
• Campus Affairs – Wed. at 4:30pm
   Ferguson: Crosswalk on 12th and 9th is faded, a lot are faded.
   Anderson: This is more likely an issue with the City of Moorhead.
• Comment boxes going out on Friday.

c. Diversity Chair
   Ibrahim:
   • First meeting this week Wed. at 2pm
   • April 8-12th Diversity week Events – comedian, talent show,
   • Meeting with Pierce (Diversity and Inclusion) regarding funding
   Beneke: Senate funds our Diversity week
   Bernier: MSUSA could co-sponsor an event this semester

d. Leg IA Chair
   Anderson:
   • Bike rental program, text based survey program would be set up to see if
students would use the bikes. Getting posters from NDSU so we get info
from those for our own posters.
   • Will be asking for money from Senate
   • Mark Altenberg getting CC involved with bike rental, renter program
   • Tuesday noon: press conference Voter ID issue on the ballot. Here or
   Eventide
   • WE should learn how to pronounce each other’s names.
   Frericks: There are signs missing around his apartment complex, he would
like to see them get replaced
   Anderson: Call the city to tell them the sign is missing
Ferguson: Has been approached by a group of students who told him they are going to start protesting the parking changes. The changes negatively impact them. Want to talk to the Senate. Let CC know about this.

Anderson: Will let them know.

Peck: Was this a group of on or off campus students?

Ferguson: Not sure

Anderson: 3 hour limit is only on the campus streets. The problem was more so that staff was parking on the street all day. There is a free lot K down by Nemzek. People don’t understand there is a lot of parking available.

Frericks: Lot on 4th Avenue that is free

Pope: Bad parking at Gamma Phi. They only have a limited amount of parking spots and there is no overnight parking in the lot closest to their house.

Bernier: There are many houses around campus that have multiple bedrooms, but only two parking spots.

Anderson: Will talk to Mark Alterberg regarding these issues.

Bernier:
- MSUSA conference this weekend
- Made a giant voter registration form, if they screw it up, doesn’t know what to say.
- Tabling for National Voter Registration Day next Tuesday
- Will go over forms tomorrow at 3:00 in the Senate office.
- So far we have registered 363 students.
- SPJ – talked to Jasmine, MSUSA will help sponsor. Bill coming up for Senate to fund.

Schaunaman:
- Need people next Saturday at 10:30am for the parade
- Working on Jeopardy game for DAD
- Making signs for floats Wed at 7pm

Bernier: Are we decorating office for HC?

Schaunaman: NO.

Sauvageau:
- Committee meets tomorrow
• Making posters to get the word out about committees.
• Went to the Town Hall meeting – basically the same thing as we heard last week.
• Meeting with faculty regarding student retention.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Appointments (Anderson, Bernier)
   Sauvageau – Appointed Senate members to various committees
   Close committee appointments (Anderson, Bernier, Beneke objects, not sure why)

b. New Senators – Two students are interested in Senate potions
   • Ben Johnson  Snarr Hall Senator
   • Kelsey Erhlich – Business and Industry Senator

Motion to suspend rules (Anderson, Peck)

Senators briefly asked Johnson and Erhlich questions about why they wanted to
be a senator and what strengths they could bring to the Senate.

Motion to move into executive session (Anderson, Danielson)
There was some confusion about senator seats. We will need to wait till next
week to vote for Johnson since Valdez-Delgado still holds the Snarr seat.

Motion to exit executive session (Anderson, Beneke)

Ferguson: Erhlich, welcome to Senate. Ben, explain why can’t be appointed. Can
happen next week at beginning of meeting.

c. Text Based Survey for Bike Share Bill (Anderson, Danielson)
   Allocate no more than $50 to fund a Text Based survey about Bike Share
   Danielson: It’s a good cause
   Frericks: Will we need to pay to for posters?
   Anderson: Yes, around $40, that will be forthcoming.
   **Roll call vote (Danielson, Anderson)**
   12 yay, zero nays, bill passes

d. National Presidential Debate Bill (Bernier, Beneke)
   Looking for funding for debate event at the CMU.
   Motion to fund SPJ $100 if they should not get any other funding
Bernier: Originally left amount blank, feels Senate should get behind this because it’s non-partisan.
Beneke: It’s a fine motion
Frericks: Will there be a table with forms on it at their event?
Bernier: We can talk before and after and having a table should not be an issue.
Peck: What are their other sources of funding?
Bernier: Dean of Business, MSUSA

Roll Call vote (Anderson, Salscheider)
13 yay, 2 nay, bill passes

XI. Points for the Good of the Order
Tomko: Be professional; let’s have more productive meetings in the future
Ferguson: A little disruptive, will keep it in mind
Sauvageau: It would help to make the meeting go faster
Ferguson: Will try to go faster
Awosika: Three hours is a long time, so sometimes a little fun is ok.

Ferguson: Blackhurst was very impressed with us. Round of applause.

XII. Announcements
Beneke: Interested in MSUSA budget committee, talk to him
Schaunaman: Need ten more questions for Jeopardy
Danielson: Strange Like Me - October 2, 7pm CMU Ballroom
Minority leader from DFL here 2pm Thursday, September 27 CMU 273
Bernier: Homecoming Court announcement tomorrow morning

XIII. Adjournment (Bernier, Beneke)

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Salonek
Senate Secretary

Comment [S6]: Same as above, each individual vote needs to be recorded.