I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

II. Roll Call
Absent: Sarah Danielson, Mary Salonek, Clay Swartzwalter (proxy), Shresta Ajay

III. Amendment of the Agenda – Change agenda from September 26th to September 27th

IV. Approval of Minutes (Anderson, Bernier)

V. Public Hearing
   a. Raul Valdez-Delgado- resigned from Snarr seat and running for seat.
      Awosika- What is your best trait?
   b. Ben Johnson and Raul Valdez-Delgado- Appointed
   c. Heather Phillips (director of housing and residential life)
      a. The future renovation of West Snarr Hall (presented via PowerPoint)
      b. Hoping to get support of Senate for the renovations of West Snarr
      c. Phillips: Project funded through Revenue Bonds. Kind of like a mortgage,
paid back over 20 years. Kise and Dahl funded through Revenue Bonds.
Phillips presented the master plan- analysis of existing facilities. Explained
the goals of the master plan. Talked about future options for renovations.
Explained West Snarr Hall current layout and history. Wanted to have student
input and weighed designs on the responses. Explained the scope of the work
(ie- electrical, HVAC, updating furniture and finishes. Remove hazardous
material, maintain bed count). Compared the old and new 1st floor plans.
   
   Ferguson: is there a theme for the new design?
      Phillips: The project is still in pre-design stage so there isn’t one yet. The
      multipurpose room would ideally serve as that theme- caters to all students

   Ehrlich: More computers or a business center. Dahl has the main lounge
   and a nice kitchen. Would the kitchen in West Snarr be THE Snarr kitchen?
   Phillips: The idea would have the main kitchen serve for the whole Snarr
   complex.
   
   Nape: Are the kitchens on the 2nd-4th floor going to be kept?
   Phillips: Yes. 2nd-4th old and new floor plan presented.
   
   Johnson: are there going to be study rooms on each floor?
Phillips: The floor lounges could be used for studying. Also the idea of the multi-purpose room.

Bernier: Are the floors co-ed still?
Phillips: The floors will still be co-ed. Offering more privacy but to keep more options.

Ehrlich: Are they going to have those weird urinals?
Phillips: No urinals. Increasing fixture count.

Ferguson: What kind of sustainability measures are being taken?
Phillips: We follow the spirit of the sustainability standards.

Ehrlich: Putting white boards like in Dahl?
Phillips: Yes, it’s a cool idea and thinks students enjoy it.

Schaunaman: Is the Revenue Fund the same as the one as the CMU?
Phillips: We have a debt capacity. Housing’s debt capacity is different than the CMU’s debt capacity.

Ferguson: We have Laine Anderson coming in to talk about the CMU renovations.
Phillips: The bonds still work through the campus. The budget comes to a grand total of $4,900,000.

Anderson: Where are you going to put the students that are normally going to be put in West Snarr?
Phillips: We still have about 100 vacant beds. We can close the building and still be able to place students in beds who want to live on campus. Dahl was tough to renovate due to the size.

Beneke: All mailboxes in West Snarr. What is the plan for that?
Phillips: RA’s and area directors making plans. Still figuring out how to offer the services that would be located in West Snarr.

Ehrlich: How will construction effect people living in South and East Snarr?
Phillips: Can’t say for sure. The noisiest is the demolition and abatement. Won’t occupy East or South Snarr this summer. Sensitive to the concern.

Bernier: Summer housing- Noone living in Snarr. Where are they going to live?
Phillips: A different hall. Got options.

Frericks: Office number in case people had questions?

Ehrlich: It would probably be most effective to discuss it as a Senate when Heather isn’t here.

Anderson: Writing up a proposal for New Business.
Pope: (to Phillips) How did you pick West Snarr over other facilities?
Phillips: Hard to figure out what to do what when. Grantham was ½ completed. Dahl was very outdated. West Snarr would improve our community and utilize space more. It was a reasonable project to get done. There is a lot of deferred maintenance in many buildings.

Boschee: Doesn’t see a need for executive session since that is supposed to be on more confidential matters.

VI. Advisor Boschee’s Report
a. Need members on Student Activity Budget Committee (SABC) & Student Organization Advisory Committee (SOAC) - judicial branch
b. SABC meets Monday’s 2-4 p.m.
Valdez-Delgado: On SOAC so questions can be directed to him
Tomko to Boschee- If on advisor committee and also on the club is there a conflict of interest?
Boschee: That is a personal choice.

VII. Officer’s Report
a. Secretary Salonek
---Not in attendance
Ferguson: The board outside Senate office needs to be updated and filled.
Ehrlich: Inform students to attend one meeting before they are able to be on
b. Treasurer Danielson
c. Vice President Beneke
a. Sent email to Alumni house about the Galla.
b. Posted Edna’s office hours on Facebook. Encourages us to let students know about Edna’s office hours.
Awosika: Office hours consistent or is it temporary?
Boschee: It is as admin is scheduled. Admin should give us more notice than the day before. Meet and Confer is to alleviate that tension.
d. President Ferguson
a. Thanks everyone for DAD event. Didn’t register as many voters, still a great bonding experience.
b. Tabling was great. Senator Ehrlich the BEST tabler ever seen in his life. She is wonderful. Anderson is good as well
c. MSUSA Conference this last weekend. Learning experience. Got to hear issues from Winona- starting up a health care program, but is having difficulty
d. OHHLALA- Mobile app to help get Senate voice out there. Peck and Ferguson has a conference call

e. Board Members talked about implementing a new fee since enrollment is down. Charging the students insurance company for a visit.

f. Write a letter to Heather Phillips giving her the good graces of the Senate to go ahead with the West Snarr project.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs Chair
   Salscheider: Had first meeting this week. Mondays at 5:30.
   - Talked about committee goals to see what group would like to see happen.
   - Need to prioritize goals for the year.

b. Campus Affairs Chair
   Pinneke:
   - First meeting yesterday with Russel, Brian, and Jordan
   - Senate in the Halls- programs in each building a different day of the week
   - Starts Oct. 1st 7-8 in Snarr Lounge.
   - Main Goals: Get students registered, fill Senate committees, get students passionate about a topic. Will have a debate between Republicans and Democrats on campus.
   Peck: Travis Remche wanted to attend
   Pinneke: Would need both sides there.
   Beneke: Advertising
   Pinneke: Cheap route- making them in the Arc?
   Bernier- Pseters okay’d?
   Pinneke- Yes will present to housing in Ballard.

c. Diversity Chair
   Ibrahim:
   - Met with Matt Fersey- talked about budget for diversity week. Had about $1200 to spend. Just wants to be updated on what we do. Wanted to move the date to earlier in the semester- maybe late February or early March.
   Met with Josie Green- Going to bring up diversity week.
   - Event this semester would be around the holidays - donate x-mas gifts

d. Leg IA Chair
   Anderson:
   - Meeting time Tuesdays at 5:30 pm.
- Met with Mark Altonberg with Jessica Bernier. Talked about bike docks and would have city support.
- Land was purchased by Burger Time for the purpose of student high rise apartments.
- Rentors database was updated. No reviews, but it rates renters stars (1-4)
- Writing up proposal for text-based survey for the bikes.
- Parking- talked to Mark Altenberg. They can protest and can contact him if they’d like to. Delta Zeta House- go to Edna directly and talk to her about that concern then.

e. MSUSA Coordinator
Bernier:
- Registered 95 voters this week. 80 voter reminder cards.
- Winona registered 283 voters on Tuesday alone. Issue: half campus lives in North Dakota
- Conference call with Winona and Southwest- told we can do pledges for our North Dakota voters.
- Councilman Altenberg- mentioned wanted to do a march on Oct. 30th or voter I.D. amendment and marriage amendment. Good PR for MSUSA. Media attention at the event.
- Come up with a way to get message across that it isn’t just President or Vice President.
- Do class raps for voters
- We could do a video serious/funny- post on YouTube.
- Looking up polling places in Fargo and Moorhead.
- Looking up ND amendments and then inform students
- MSUSA Conference went well.
- Start planning for delegates (month and a half in advance. Want 15 people)
- If tabled email and tell Bernier how long- get t-shirts.
Questions:
Beneke: how many delegates for the conference?  
Bernier: hoping for 10.
Anderson: suggestion for video. “Somebody I used to Vote”
Frericks: How do we go about doing class raps? 
Bernier: sent an email on Monday roughly outlining class raps.
Tomko: ND pledge forms count for MSUSA contest? 
Bernier: Yes

f. Public Relations Chair
Schaunaman:
• Homecoming Parade Saturday at 11 am. Floats ready by 10:30 am. Peck and Shaunaman made signs last night.

Ehrlich: how long is the parade?
Ferguson: 20 minutes.
Beneke: Last group to leave main lot.

Tomko: Where meet?
Ferguson: Senate office 10:30 am.
Anderson: Senate is responsible for the board across from the Bookstore. Need to get it cleaned up. Non-glossy paper can be recycled.

g. Student Affairs Chair
Sauvegeau:
• First meeting last week Friday- IB Yannis and Flo.
• Established goals- getting committees filled right away. Getting ideas together on what the fliers are going to say and how to get that message out. Good meeting. Productive. 2 new AdHoc committees on list.
  o 1. Facilities and grounds committee (landscape and design committee. Need 2 students)
  o 2. SAFRC- student activity fee review committee
Pinneke: What does that committee do
Flo: has to do with President Edna’s vision. More on the planning and budgeting side- more specialized. Can forward an email about that.

IX. Old Business
a. None

X. New Business
a. Senate providing a letter of support. (Anderson, Beneke)
  Anderson: Do the dorms need to be renovated?
  Beneke: School has a good plan of what projects are attainable and reasonable. Large picture concerns should be more the focus.
  Tomko: Snarr feels blocky and closed off. Not convenient. Snare is claustrophobic. In favor of this.
  Salscheider: lived in East Snarr. The renovations looks awesome. Nice to have a more open student lounge.
  Ferguson: Taken as a general consensus that we are in support. Any concerns are what we want to focus on.
  Awosika: Concerned about the noise from construction:
  Phillips: Aware of noise. There is separation with the breeze ways. Optimistic that the school can make it work. Is sensitive to minimize disruption to students.
Schaunaman: Concerning economics. Feels like a lot of the students don’t have much say on renovations. As a student feels like we (students) can’t dictate where money goes. Feels there is a lot of money being spent.

Phillips: Started planning in 2009 and Phillips has been to Senate and other meetings and this plan is not new. There isn’t consistency in the students who are attending these meetings. Group turnover might be a reason why there is concern about the money being spent on the West Snarr renovation.

Schaunaman: Seems like these are elaborate living standards. Would rather live with a little bit less and pay a little bit less, but students in the future might be effected financially.

Anderson: Most of the money comes from the state for projects specifically designed for renovations. It does not come out of tuition or fees.

Beneke: Call to questions with a roll call vote (seconded by Salscheider)
Motion passes unanimously
b. Appointments- Diversity Chair- Nadin Ibrahim
c. Women’s Studies- Kelsey Ehrlich
d. Parking- Derek Vetsch
e. SABAC-Anna Wilson

XI. Points for the Good of the Order
Awoskia: Good job debating issues
Ferguson: Will be tough discussions and need to attack the debate, not the person.
Beneke: Make sure the topic of discussion is directed to President Ferguson. No discussion between members. Russel can ask person to answer. Chair must recognize before public can speak.
Savageau: Great meeting. Went really well. Got some major discussion done. Good job y’all.

XII. Announcements
Beneke: Office hours for Heather Phillips

XIII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm (Bernier, Beneke)

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Salonek
MSUM Senate Secretary