

Student Government Association Minutes November 4th, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:04.

Roll was taken.

Absent: Codi Thomas, Erika Lemer, and Joel Cartwright

Excused: Anzley Harmon

Minutes from the October 21st, 2013 meeting were reviewed. President Josh Sandy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. With no corrections the minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Alex Buchholz reported that we were only one senator short of a perfect week of office hours, great job everyone!

Co-Directors of Intramurals Luke Lietner and Casey Feldner reported that bowling ends tonight, football ended last week, and basketball sign up is ongoing.

Director of State Affairs Emily Anderson reported that NDSA met October 25-26. They passed three important bills and three ADHOC committees were also created. The sign-up sheet for the next NDSA was passed around. Last, discussion was held on Pathways. The most recent draft of Pathways is on the NDUS system page online.

Director of Marketing Ward Lamon reported that November 7th will be Battle of the Bands at 8pm. Ten bands are signed up so bring your friends and enjoy some free food and music.

Director of Media Relations Anzley Harmon was excused

Co-Directors of Entertainment Nikki Egge and Marley Kotylak reported that one November 6th there will be a double showing of We are the Millers. Sign up online for the Power of 100 Tie Blanket event (Friday, November 22nd).

Vice President of Finance Kelsey MacNaughton reported that Student Government has \$27,809.34, Student Activities has \$18,855.79, and Intramurals has \$10,005.51. Also the new senator jackets

President Josh Sandy reported that currently there is an opportunity to receive a million dollar grant due to the impact of oil boom on the community and university. Possible projects for the money may include: child care facility, more housing, or a veterans

center. Also talked about the student engagement honor role and the dead line is November 15th.

Advisor Leon Perzinski had nothing to report

Advisor Aaron Hughes had nothing to report

Advisor Dr. Jenkins was absent

Faculty Senate Representative Dr. Jean-Francois Mondon reported that faculty senate looked at getting a new online template for teacher evaluations.

Staff Senate Representative Linda Benson's reported that staff senate is going to have their holiday decorating contest, clubs and offices are welcome to compete, registration ends December 11th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marley Kotylak reported on MSU:Life being suspended until further notice.

Brittany Diegel reported on Child Care, which have been working with NDCCR&R. They all agreed that there needs to affordable child care on campus, but the same obstacles always come up. Where do we put the facility? How is it funded? Solutions are being brainstormed.

Breanna Benson reported on Food Service committee, which discussed installing the gate in the Beaver Dam around the bar, having a Thanksgiving dinner, and the Dam being open from 7am for coffee and food being served till 9pm. Also, unlimited meal plan can use one swipe per week per person in the Dam and flatbreads may be moving upstairs.

Brooke Domonoske reported on Faculty Senate, which discussed ideas for Augustana church and decided that LANG 105 is now a diversity credit. Also, the pilot program started and the Scantron system will be used for next semester's course evaluations.

Chelsea Geis reported on SAC, where Becky Lamboty discussed the Mental Health Crisis intervention available to students. United Health was chosen as primary health provider with a \$2000 a year deductible.

Hanna Borner reported on the Curriculum committee, which replaced PSY 503 with SPED 503, passed SPED 588, passed study abroad courses ARB 496, FREN 496 GERM 496, Lang451, and changed PSY 413 to PSY 476. Also, in Addiction Studies – BS Program – they removed BIO 150 and replaced it with PSY 465. Lastly, Geography minors and concentration programs are now easier to transfer into or out of MSU.

Zachary Niebuhr reported on SLAC, which set research goals for the year.

Haley Heiser reported on the General Education committee, which discussed the revised "Advising Worksheet" for the centennial curriculum. Among other discussion was of grandfathering the "wellness" and "diversity" courses into the curriculum.

Emily Anderson reported on IAC, which reviewed Executive Order 1314-04, created an AD HOC Committee, approved Strategic Plan and discussed technology updates.

Josh Sandy reported on ITAC, which talked about the pros and cons of open textbooks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wellness Center Survey was passed around. Additions include times, Wellness Center Survey, change usage to paying or charging a fee.

Faculty/Staff Wellness Center Survey was looked over for any corrections or additions.

Zachary Niebuhr moved to approve the two surveys with the new additions. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

Sodexo Manager Christine McIntosh talked about her professional experience and about the future of Sodexo at MSU. Some things in the works include: revamping the Beaver Dam, one meal swipe a week in the Dam, menu changes, Dam open till 9pm, and Starbucks possibly moving up to the Dam.

Association Motor Club had a little pitch for us. For 7 cents a day (25 dollars a year) you will receive roadside assistance anywhere with anyone. The fee could be placed in the Parking Fee or in Student Activity fees. Marley Kotylak moved to make an ADHOC committee to further research this topic. Motion passed. Phil Streccius and Zach Niebuhr are Co-Chairs. Callie Cook, Emily Anderson, Chelsea Geis and Marley Kotylak will also be on the committee.

Senator of the Month for October is Chelsea Geis!

Emily Anderson nominated Chelsea Geis

"She went to NDSA and wrote up a proposal for a Power of 100 project."

Zachary Niebuhr nominated Phillip Streccius

"Phil filled in for me at Gen Ed Committee."

Callie Cook nominated Zachary Niebuhr

"Zach is always in the office and ready to help out."

Marley Kotylak nominated Brittany Diegel

"Brittany always does work during her office hours and changed the date on a crazy amount of free spicy pie gift cards, took her a few days."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NDSA November 22-23 in Mayville

MSU:Life

November 22 – Tie Blankets

Intramural basketball sign-up on imleagues.com

ADJORNMENT

Without any further business President Josh Sandy adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Buchholz
SGA Secretary