

STUDENT SENATE MINUTES
4th Meeting, 78th Session
5:00 P.M., Thursday, March 6, 2008
MU Heritage, Memorial Union

I. Call to Order

Vice President Hadley called the fourth meeting of the seventy-eighth session of the Associated Student Government to order at 5:01 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: Blaufuss, Dvorak, Fitzsimmons, Foster, Grove, Haller, Hadley, Hill, Jordan, Kuhlmann, Lane, McGinnis, McHenry, Meyerhoff, Miller, Newton, Padgett, Rivers, Schulte, Smarsh, Stueve, Youngers

Excused: Boczek, Smith

Absent: Parker, Magee

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator McHenry moved to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Senator Jordan and passed favorably 22-0-0.

IV. Presidential Remarks

President George announced there were four organizations nominated for Outstanding Recognized Student Organization of the Year. These organizations were: Alpha Kappa Lambda, Black Student Union, KNEASN, and Sigma Alpha Pi. Their applications are due on March 14, 2008, and President George thanked those Senators who are on the selection committee. She then announced that the Dr. Hirsh Student Involvement Scholarship is due April 11, 2008, and said that the Equal Opportunity Fund recipients will be decided tonight by the selection committee. President George informed Senate that they will be looking back into the issue of switching from the New York Times readership program to the USA Today readership program. Faculty Senate heard a bill on first readings on March 4th, about revised General Education requirements. There is much discussion to be had over the issue, and President George asked Senate and gallery to raise their hands to show if they felt a history course should be required as part of the General Education requirements. Faculty Senate will meet again in April, and President George will share the poll results with them and continue the discussion over the issue. Candice Wright then presented the new Community Hornet, a community service program.

V. Vice Presidential remarks

Vice President Hadley announced the resignation of Senator Parker. She also encouraged Senators to continue logging their office hours, and announced that she had lots of projects that needed to be done if committees don't have a lot to be worked on.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Fiscal Affairs - Senator McGinnis

Senator McGinnis announced the new reserve fund total as \$3728.41. She then gave an update and overview on the allocation hearings. Senator McGinnis then asked Senate to thank her committee for the hard work they put into allocation meetings over the last week.

b. Senate Operations - Senator Schulte

Senator Schulte announced that there was one recognition on first readings, and that rescissions have started again. She encouraged Senators to check with those RSOs who are up for rescission, and encourage them to get their new officer information updated. The Student Bill of Rights is being looked over by an attorney, and she hopes for it to be on the agenda before the end of the year. Senator Schulte then talked about possible revisions to the Student Academic Handbook Planner. Senator McGinnis asked if Senate could receive an updated rescissions list, and Senator Schulte said she would email the revisions soon. Senator Miller asked if these rescissions were due to community service hours or lack of updated information, and Senator Schulte said these rescissions were due to not having updated information.

c. Student Rights and Special Projects - Senator Padgett

Senator Padgett announced that ASG Banquet is almost all planned, and that soon everything will be confirmed so she can start sharing details. Senator Padgett asked for Senators to let her know who will be attending banquet. She then asked Senators to please line up after meeting to have a picture taken. The MIR3 emergency text messaging system was presented to ESU faculty on Friday, February 29th, 2008, and she will give more information when she knows their final decision. The Adopt-A-Campus program will be facing some changes which include: a check off list in the Center for Student Involvement and the trash bags will be located in the Center for Student Involvement for RSOs to pick up. Senator Padgett encouraged Senate to enjoy the last part of this ASG term and to continue supporting each other.

d. University Affairs - Senator Meyerhoff

Senator Meyerhoff announced that University Affairs is still working on e-transcripts and that they have some great ideas for this project. She also announced that they will be looking back into the New York Times/ USA Today readership programs. University Affairs will also start planning the Big Event soon. If Senate has any ideas that they want to share about the Big Event, please let Senator Meyerhoff or her committee know. The Big Event is an important event for ASG and Senator Meyerhoff wants to continue the momentum of participation by ESU students. University Affairs is going to be busy these last two months, but with it will come great progress and success.

Treasurer – Jessica Doll

Treasurer Doll had no report.

Executive Assistant - Ashley McCullough

Executive Assistant McCullough announced that there will be a blood drive on Wednesday, March 12th, from 12:30-6:00 PM, and on Thursday, March 13th, from 10:00-4:00 PM in Webb Lecture Hall. She then announced that brochures on ways to help revamp Peter Pan Playground are in the Senate mailboxes. Executive Assistant McCullough encouraged Senators to help this project if at all possible.

Legislative Director- Jonathan Krueger

Legislative Director Krueger asked Senators to please continue their contact with RSOs, and asked Senators to please remind them about ESU Day on the Hill which is on March 25th. Participating RSOs material needs to be approved as soon as possible. For those Senators attending ESU Day on the Hill, transportation will be provided. Transportation will be departing around 6:15 AM on Tuesday, March 25th. Please remember that this will be a professional dress day and that participants will be representing ESU. If Senators could wear black, white, or gold, as well as their nametag; it would be greatly

appreciated. Participants will be returning after the noon hour. Legislative Director Kruger ended by asking Senators to please remember to use the resources such as media resources, to inform RSOs of upcoming events that may influence them and to prepare for ESU Day on the Hill.

President Pro-Tempore- Senator Schulte

Senator Schulte announced that quorum has to be present, which is 2/3, in order for business to take place during meeting. As of now, that means 18 Senators must be present in order to vote, and hold meeting.

Election Commissioner- Senator McHenry

Senator McHenry announced that there were seventeen Senator petitions handed out, and that there will be eleven Senator Candidates on the ballot. For the Teachers College there are four candidates; two for the School of Business, five for The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and zero for SLIM and Graduate positions. There were three candidates who chose to buy out. Senator McHenry reminded Senate that the debates were to take place after meeting. She also encouraged Senate to keep promoting for students to vote. Senator McHenry reminded Senate that the elections will take place starting 12 AM on Monday, March 10th, and will close at 5 PM on Wednesday, March 12th. She passed around the election table sign-up sheet again, and stressed that this is only for those not rerunning for office. Senator McHenry ended by saying she hopes to have the election results posted by 5:30 PM Wednesday night.

First Readings

SB 08047 “Recognition of Asian Culture Bee” was read in full by Senator Youngers. Senator Dvorak moved to make a friendly amendment to change the committee vote to 6-0-0 and Senator Younger accepted the amendment. SB 08048 “Rescinding Student Organizations” was read in full by Senator Schulte. Senator Dvorak moved to a friendly amendment to change the committee vote to 6-0-0 and Senator Schulte accepted. Senator Schulte moved to make a textual amendment to strike ESU Young Democrats, ESU National Science Teachers Association, Public Affairs Club, and Association for Computing Machinery from the rescission list and Senator Jordan seconded. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0.

VII. General Order

SB 08042 “Reserve Fund Request For Didde Catholic Campus Center” was summarized by Senator McGinnis and she moved to pass it favorably. Senator Padgett seconded it and Senator Blaufuss asked for representation in the gallery. Thomas Vehige responded. Senator Schulte asked Senator McGinnis if \$500 or \$250 was being allocated, and Senator McGinnis said \$500 was the correct amount as amended at last meeting. Senator Jordan moved to grant Thomas Vehige speaking privileges, and Senator Haller seconded it. Senator Foster asked for a definition of the event and Mr. Vehige explained the purpose of the event. Senator Blaufuss asked if the event has been successful in the past, and Thomas Vehige explained the successes of the past. Senator Fitzsimmons asked who the speaker was, and Mr. Vehige said the speaker was changed but went on to explain who the new speaker was. Senator McGinnis moved to make a textual amendment to change Matt Maher to Todd Salvester and it was seconded by Senator Foster. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0. Senator Jordan moved to call to question and Senator Meyerhoff seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 21-0-1. SB 08043 “Reserve Fund Request For Saudi Club” was summarized by Senator

McGinnis and she moved to pass it favorably. It was seconded by Senator Rivers. Senator Jordan asked for representation in the gallery and Qassim Almkhtar responded. Senator Fitzsimmons moved to grant him speaking privileges and Senator Jordan seconded it. Senator Schulte asked what their trip was for, and he explained the purpose of the conference. Senator Fitzsimmons asked who the speaker was, and Qassim Almkhtar explained that he was not sure, but that they would present over different issues. Senator McHenry asked how this conference would benefit their organization, and he explained how they hoped to gain new, helpful information. Senator Padgett asked where this conference was, and Senator McGinnis said there seems to be confusion over what the funding is for. She explained the situation and Senator Padgett pointed out that the Saudi Club has been very active and encouraged Senate to support them. Senator Padgett moved to call to question and it was seconded by Senator Miller. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0. SB 08044 "Reserve Fund Request For Newman-Kansas Association of Nursing Students" was summarized by Senator Blaufuss and she moved to table the bill due to neither representative being able to attend. Senator Jordan seconded the motion to table SB 08044. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0. SB 08045 "Reserve Fund Request For Alpha Phi Alpha" was summarized by Senator Smarsh and he moved to pass it favorably. Senator Jordan seconded it. Senator Padgett asked for representation in the gallery and Anthony Whetstone responded. Senator Lane moved to grant him speaking privileges and Senator Meyerhoff seconded it. Senator Smarsh asked what the convention was about, and Mr. Whetstone explained how Alpha Phi Alpha has to be present at this conference in order to be considered to be re-chartered. Senator Meyerhoff asked what Alpha Week is, and he explained the purpose and activities that will go on during Alpha Week. Senator Padgett asked for clarification on what the allocation money would be used for, and Senator McGinnis explained the allocation. Senator McHenry asked who the speaker will be for Alpha Week and Anthony Whetstone told about some of the possibilities. Senator Schulte asked if any fundraising has been done, and he explained yes, but with only four members it is difficult to raise a lot of money. Senator McHenry asked if they were actively recruiting, and he explained their situation and how it is hard to recruit when the group is not official yet. Senator Stueve moved to call to question and Senator Smarsh seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 19-1-2. SB 08046 "Reserve Fund Request For Beta Alpha Psi" was summarized by Senator Fitzsimmons and he moved to pass it favorably. Senator Meyerhoff seconded it. Senator Newton asked for representation in the gallery, and no one responded. Senator McGinnis moved to table SB 08046 and Senator McHenry seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0. Senator McGinnis moved to remove SB 08036 "Reserve Fund Request For Student Athlete Advisory Committee" off the table and Senator Fitzsimmons seconded it. Senator McGinnis summarized SB 08036 "Reserve Fund Request For Student Athlete Advisory Committee" and she moved to pass it favorably. It was seconded by Senator Jordan. Senator Hadley asked for representation in the gallery and Megan Grissel responded. Senator Grove moved to grant her speaking privileges and Senator Kuhlmann seconded it. Senator Blaufuss asked what the money will be used for, Megan Grissel explained the Senior Citizen Prom and that the money would be used for publicity and personal invitations. Senator McHenry asked how many senior citizens have attended the event in the past. Megan Grissel said that 60 attended last year, but more are expected for this year

since personal invitations will be sent out to all senior citizens who are registered voters in the area. Senator Rivers moved to call to question and Senator Grove seconded it. It was voted on and passed favorably 22-0-0.

VIII. Third Readings

Vice President Hadley summarized the evening's decisions and vote counts as follows: SB 08042 "Reserve Fund Request For Didde Catholic Campus Center" passed 21-0-1; SB 08043 "Reserve Fund Request For Saudi Club" passed 22-0-0; SB 08044 "Reserve Fund Request For Newman-Kansas Association of Nursing Students" was tabled; SB 08045 "Reserve Fund Request For Alpha Phi Alpha" passed 19-1-2; SB 08046 "Reserve Fund Request For Beta Alpha Psi" was tabled; SB 08036 "Reserve Fund Request For Student Athlete Advisory Committee" passed 22-0-0.

IX. Good of the University

Senator Padgett announced that ESU's Got Talent is being sponsored by UAC and that is taking place on March 13th and has a prize of \$50 for the MU Bookstore. Senator Blaufuss announced that Safe Spring Break will be on March 12th, and encouraged Senators to attend. Senator McGinnis encouraged Senators to participate in the Blood Drive sponsored by Xi Phi so that ESU can beat Fort Hays in the competition. Senator Schulte asked when the Blood Drive table sign-up will be, and Senator McGinnis gave the dates and times. Senator Blaufuss announced the Blaufuss Memorial Run/Walk is on April 19th, and encouraged Senators to participate because all money goes towards the ESU general scholarship fund. Senator Haller encouraged eligible Senators to apply for Xi Phi, and explained some of their activities. Dr. Williams announced that the John R. Webb Leadership Scholarship is now available and that it will be awarded at the LEAD Award Banquet. He encouraged Senators to apply, and said Mary Shivley will be part of the selection process. Dr. Williams explained that midterm grades will not be held if students owe ESU money, but that transcripts will be held if students owe money. He also announced that enrollment for summer is going on now and that fall enrollment is coming up soon. Mary Shivley asked Senate to congratulate Senator McHenry on her hard work with elections. She also encouraged everyone to vote and participate in the Community Hornet program. Vice President Hadley encouraged Senators to also tell RSOs about the Community Hornet program. Treasurer Doll announced that she will be emailing Senate the usernames and passwords for the program. Senator McGinnis moved to close Good of the University and it was seconded by Senator Rivers. It was voted on and passed 22-0-0.

X. Final Roll Call

Present: Blaufuss, Dvorak, Fitzsimmons, Foster, Grove, Haller, Hadley, Hill, Jordan, Kuhlmann, Lane, McGinnis, McHenry, Meyerhoff, Miller, Newton, Padgett, Rivers, Schulte, Smarsh, Stueve, Youngers

Excused: Boczek, Smith

Absent: Magee

XI. Adjournment

Senator Hadley moved to adjourn and was seconded by Senator Padgett.
Those in favor: all. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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