

The fourth meeting of the Student Senate for 1994-95 was convened in 25 Law Building, Minneapolis Campus, on Thursday, May 18, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. Coordinate campuses were linked by telephone. Checking or signing the roll as present were 20 voting student members. Mr. Joel Bergstrom, Student Senate Chair, presided.

I. ELECTION OF 1995-96 STUDENT SENATE OFFICERS
Action by 1995-96 Student Senate Members

The duties and responsibilities of the Student Senate chair and vice chair positions were reviewed, after which Mr. Joel Bergstrom from the Twin Cities campus was elected Student Senate chair for 1995-96 and Mr. Malik Shabazz from the Morris campus was elected vice chair.

[The remaining items of business were addressed by the 1994-95 Student Senate membership.]

II. PROPOSED INTERNAL BUDGET CHANGES
Information

Mr. Rabun Taylor reported that the officers of the Student Senate Consultative Committee, the Student Senate, and the Student Committee on Committees met on May 17 to discuss budget issues and develop preliminary budget proposals for next year. He then reviewed the proposals which, when finalized, will be submitted to the Senate Office for consideration.

III. STUDENT SENATE HANDBOOK
Information and Discussion

Ms. Barbara Thompson informed senators that the Student Senate Handbook is in the final stages of development and will be available to students no later than the beginning of fall quarter. She also announced the Committee on Committees orientation for 1995-96 senators and committee members scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 1995, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

IV. UNIVERSITY BUDGET AND TUITION DISCUSSION

Mr. Cecil Smith reviewed some of the differences between the University's Partnership Proposal and the House, Senate, and Governor's recommendations for FY 1995-1997. It appears that the University will receive somewhere near the \$60 million mark, said Mr. Smith. He also reviewed several issues discussed in the Conference Committee that related to the University, including the continuation of the Duluth Medical School as a two-year program and the establishment of performance indicators. Next, he reported that the Higher Education Coordinating Board, as it currently exists, was officially abolished. However, it will be reorganized to continue its administrative role in such areas as the state grant program, financial aid, etc.

Mr. Rabun Taylor concluded this item by reviewing a handout prepared by the Tuition Advisory Committee.

V. UPDATE ON PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SENATE TUITION COMMITTEE Information

Senator Anne Sales reported on the proposal to establish a Senate Tuition Committee. Approximately two years ago, she said, the Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC) participated in efforts to establish Tuition Advisory Committees (TAC) on each of the U of M campuses. On the Twin Cities campus, the TAC's membership includes the MSA president, GAPSA president, SSCC chair, and chair of the Student Reps to Regents. It has met sporadically with the Vice President for Student Affairs. One of the problems with the current arrangement, Ms. Sales said, is that there is no formal linkage between these committees and the governance structure of the University. To try and remedy this, a proposal has been brought to the Senate Finance and Planning Committee to establish, under its jurisdiction, a permanent system-wide subcommittee on tuition and fees. The membership could include individuals who have been involved in the Tuition Advisory Committees on all campuses as well as members of the Finance and Planning Committee. Establishing such a committee in the governance structure would ensure regular discussion of tuition and fees issues and provide a mechanism for consultation among faculty, students and administrators. One issue, for example, that has not been addressed this year is the fact that for the first time it is possible for colleges to impose fees not included in tuition for certain courses. Some students are concerned that this practice will become widespread and colleges will utilize it as a means to gain additional revenue. Another issue that needs to be discussed is the level at which decisions are made, particularly in view of the reorganization of central administration. It appears that the administration plans to shift more of the decision-making authority to the provosts and chancellors. If this is the case in the area of tuition and fees, it would mean there needs to be three advisory committees on the Twin Cities campus, one for each provost, and one on each coordinate campus. The members of these committees would then serve on a central committee, hopefully a subcommittee of the Finance and Planning Committee.

Senator Taylor added that Vice President Infante believes the best level to discuss tuition is at the campus level instead of the all-University level. He suggested that if a committee were to be established it would be better to make it a committee of the Assembly instead of the Senate. Ms. Sales responded that until the reorganization of the Senate structure occurs there needs to be a central coordinating mechanism.

"Has a charge for the committee(s) been discussed?" asked one senator. Ms. Sales responded that no formal charge has been determined but one of its primary roles will be to provide a mechanism for the administration to consult with students and faculty before recommendations are forwarded to the Regents.

VI. INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATION ON SENATE COMMITTEES

Senator Barbara Thompson said students should refer to the Senate and Assembly Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules for committee descriptions and procedures until the Student Senate Handbook is available. She reminded

senators that Senate membership is not a prerequisite for committee service, but strongly encouraged their participation.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

At this time a motion to suspend the rules to consider an item of new business was approved. The following motion was then approved by a majority of members present and voting:

That the the recently elected Student Senate chair and vice chair shall also serve as the Student Senate Consultative Committee chair and vice chair until the pending constitutional amendments relating to the Student Senate officer positions are approved by the University Senate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Martha

Kvanbeck

Abstractor

APPENDIX A

ATTENDANCE OF STUDENT MEMBERS, 1994-95
[FACULTY ATTENDANCE APPEARS IN THE JUNE 8 MINUTES]

The Student Senate met 4 times during 1994-95.

(fm=forfeiture of membership for nonattendance)

	Attended	Notified Clerk of Nonattendance or Alternate Attended
STUDENTS		
Allen, Kristine	1	0
Bauer, Jeffrey (resigned 4/95)	2	0
Beer, Michael (fm 5/95)	1	0
Bergstrom, Joel	4	0
Biel, Tony	4	0
Billy, Gary (fm 5/95)	0	1
Boese, Mike (apptd. 1/95)	1	0
Brand, Rachel (resigned 1/95)	1	0
Burchinal, Debbie	3	1
Burdash, Nathan (fm 5/95)	1	0

Cunningham, Sarah	1	2
Czachor, Pete (apptd. 4/95)	2	0
Erickson, Carl (resigned 11/94)	0	0
Fuller, Ryan	1	1
Furst, Corey (apptd. 1/95)	1	0
Giovengo, Susan	1	0
Grady, George	1	1
Guitierrez, Jeff (apptd. 1/95 fm 5/95)	1	0
Hall, Kelly (apptd. 11/94)	2	0
Han, Alison (apptd. 1/95)	3	1
Hiykel, Edward (resigned 11/94)	0	0
Holm, Phil (resigned 1/95)	0	1
Hornstra, Sara (resigned 3/95)	2	0
Jaafara, Timothy	0	2
James, Kathy	4	0
Kaehler, Heather (resigned 2/95)	2	0
Khan, Mustafa (apptd. 1/95)	0	3
Klevin, Tom	1	1
Kopacek, Cory (apptd. 1//95 resigned 3/95)	1	1
Lander, Timothy	2	1
Lopez, Cisco (fm 5/95)	0	0
Maciejewski, Matt	2	1
McDonald, Rhonda	2	0
Meister, Steven	2	1
Michaelson, Lisa	0	2
Mielke, Brian (apptd. 1/95)	0	1
Mlekodaj, Bobbi	3	0
Nilsen, Ryan (fm 5/95)	1	0
Patterson, James	0	1
Pawlicki, Michael	2	0
Pon, Jennifer (apptd. 1/95)	2	0
Powers, Ben (apptd. 4/95)	4	0
Reuss, Scott	2	0
Sales, Anne	3	1
Sandmeier, Melissa	1	1
Sanford, Dena (resigned 1/95)	0	0
Schonhardt, Stacy	2	0
Schramm, Andreas	1	2
Schumacher, Carlton (apptd. 4/95)	1	0
Siqveland, Amy (resigned 1/95)	0	0
Skally, Matt (apptd. 1/95 resigned 4/95)	1	0
Smith, Cecil	3	1
Smith, Paul	0	4
Stone, John	1	0
Strauss, Eric (resigned 1/95)	1	0
Sullivan, Linda	1	3
Taggart, Jason (apptd. 1/95)	0	0
Tvedt, Chad (apptd. 2/95)	0	1
Wilson, Molly	3	1
Van Drasek, Barbara	4	0
Vatthauer, Dale (apptd. 1/95)	1	1
Whitmore, Brent	3	0
Ziermann, Phil (resigned 2/95)	0	0

STUDENT SENATE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Kopacek, Cory (apptd. 3/95)	0	0
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Lujan, Brandon	4	0
Mork, Jason (resigned 2/95)	2	0
Ness, Don	3	0
Pham, Linda (resigned 1/95)	1	0
Rabaey, Rachel (apptd. 3/95)	2	0
Reichwald, Chad	2	1
Skally, Matt (apptd. 4/95)	2	0
Stanislowski, Tim	2	0
Taylor, Rabun	4	0
Thompson, Barbara	4	0
Zierman, Phil (apptd. 2/95 resigned 3/95)	1	0