

Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC)
March 1, 2019
Minutes of the Meeting

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[**In these minutes:** SSCC Updates; Approval of Docket for March 14 Student Senate Meeting]

PRESENT: Catalina Anampa Castro (chair), Aleksander Holleran (vice chair), Sophia Vrba (ranking student representative), Beulah Momanyi, Amy Ma, Austin Evenson, Kelly Wallin, Mckenzie Englund, Sierra Brown, Elizabeth Pascuzzi

REGRETS: Ethan Johnson

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

OTHERS: None

Chair Catalina Anampa Castro welcomed the committee, and members introduced themselves.

1. SSCC Updates - Castro asked each SSCC member to provide an update from their respective groups and the responses were as follows:

- Austin Evenson said the University of Minnesota Duluth Student Association (UMDSA) is continuing to work on bolstering undergraduate student advising. In addition, UMDSA just approved a new constitution to be voted upon by the student body during the spring elections.
- Kelly Wallin stated that the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) had a referendum approved to be included on the all campus election ballot. The question asks the Twin Cities student body, “**Should tenured faculty be held to the same standard as non-tenured faculty and staff when accused of sexual misconduct involving a student?**” She stated that the question stemmed from a high profile case brought forward by a graduate student. In addition, COGS is working to address issues concerning travel grants.
- Amy Ma reported that the Minnesota Student Association (MSA) is working on a voter registration resolution which passed at their most recent forum meeting. The plan is to bring the resolution forward to the Student Senate at the March 14, 2019 meeting. In addition, MSA also passed a resolution requesting more funding from the State of Minnesota for the University and created a new statement of support for the proposed change to the Academic Support Resources (ASR) fee at a lower rate of \$90. This statement was done in conjunction with COGS and PSG.

- McKenzie Englund stated that the University of Minnesota Rochester Student Association (RSA) will be having a meeting next Wednesday discussing UMR's financial policies around RSA.
- Sierra Brown said the University of Minnesota Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) is currently preparing setting up for their spring elections. They are also working on a mental health and wellness campaign that will provide coffee sleeves at coffee shops with tips and resources for dealing with mental health issues. In addition, preparations for the Prairie Gala and Auction are ongoing and the association is also preparing several resolutions dealing with the campus governance structure.
- Castro stated that the president's recommendations for the possible renaming of Twin Cities campus buildings was just released and asked committee members to review the report and recommendations after the meeting.
- Beulah Momanyi stated that the Professional Student Government (PSG) met this morning with representatives from ASR as well as Julie Tonneson, the University's Budget Director. The representatives were there to answer several questions posed by PSG, COGS, and MSA surrounding the records fee issue. Momanyi said that discussions are ongoing as it has been a struggle to get accurate information from the ASR office about their internal budgeting.

2. Approval of Docket for March 14 Student Senate Meeting - Castro then gave an overview of the proposed [docket](#) for the March 14, 2019 Student Senate meeting. Ma then gave an overview of the Student Senate Resolution for Institutionalized Voter Registration. She stated that the resolution came from MSA and was purposefully left a little more vague and broad in order to give the system campuses the flexibility to implement the recommendations. Wallin emphasized that any information about voter registration should be done electronically online. Ma agreed and stated that the author, Christina Laridaen, is meeting with University officials to discuss best practices for implementation. Evenson said that while he supports the intent of the resolution, he has concerns regarding the feasibility of implementation of the resolution at UMD. However, they are open to exploring options for providing this information to its students and appreciates that broad nature of the language. Wallin further stated that she appreciated the bipartisan nature of the resolution.

Brown moved to approve the docket for the March 14, 2019 Student Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Wallin. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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