

**Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC)**  
**March 29, 2019**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

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[**In these minutes:** SSCC Updates; Approval of Docket for April 4 Student Senate Meeting; Discussion on Student Advisory Council’s Food Insecurity Proclamation by Governor Walz]

**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

**REGRETS:** Elizabeth Pascuzzi

**ABSENT:** Ethan Johnson

**GUESTS:** Ryan Machtmes, student senator, College of Education and Human Development; Tayler Loiselle, student senator, College of Education and Human Development

**OTHERS:** Julie Reuvers

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:

- Mckenzie Englund stated that the University of Minnesota Rochester Student Association (RSA) is working on expanding multiple spaces around the campus for living and study spaces.
- Kelly Wallin stated that the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) had its last general assembly on Tuesday and passed or endorsed several resolutions relating to disabilities education and faculty sexual misconduct. Additionally, they are still working on a campaign to combat stigma around mental health issues.
- Amy Ma reported that the Minnesota Student Association (MSA) heard from a few administrators including the Center for Gender and Sexuality and University Services. MSA’s Sexual Assault Task Force created a resolution urging the University to maintain a high standard in regards to Title IX protections. In addition, the “It Ends Here” campaign will be re-launched next week.
- Sierra Brown said the University of Minnesota Morris Campus Student Association (MCSA) is having its Prairie Gala that evening. MCSA is also conducting a wellbeing program known as the “Healthier U” campaign. Their final meeting of the year is happening next week where technology fees will be allocated.

- Austin Evenson said the University of Minnesota Duluth Student Association (UMDSA) is presently conducting its elections. He said that the quick advising event for students was very popular and had a good turnout. Additionally, they are looking at revising language within the student application process, from class requirements to class recommendations, in order to avoid confusion when graduating.
- Beulah Momanyi stated that the Professional Student Government (PSG) is finishing the year with several social events including a Minnesota Twins game. They are also working on finalizing a statement on the proposed Academic and Student Resources fee changes. Next week is graduate and professional student appreciation week and PSG will be wrapping up their internal officer elections.
- Castro commented that next week is Support the U Day at the State Capitol and MSA has launched a video on how to talk to legislators. Additionally, she and Wallin will be talking to select regents soon to further discuss the Task Force on Building Names and Institutional History.

**2. Approval of Docket for April 4 Student Senate Meeting** - Castro then gave an overview of the proposed [docket](#) for the April 4, 2019, Student Senate meeting. Castro introduced Ryan Machtmes, student senator, College of Education and Human Development, and Tayler Loiselle, student senator, College of Education and Human Development, to discuss the Resolution on Education Around Best Practices for Disability Accommodations and Supporting Students with Disabilities. Machtmes then gave an overview about the process the resolution has gone through and listed the many committees and groups that have endorsed the resolution. Loiselle added that she is supportive of the resolution due to her own experiences as a teaching assistant with students as she never received adequate training.

Wallin moved to approve the docket for the April 4, 2019, Student Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Englund. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**3. Discussion on Student Advisory Council's Food Insecurity Proclamation by Governor Walz** - Castro presented the Student Advisory Council's [Food Insecurity Proclamation](#) by Governor Walz. She stated that she has been working with student leaders from the other higher education systems of Minnesota. She then asked the committee for comments and questions.

Ma noted that some statistics were included from Ohio University and asked if any information from Minnesota-based research would be included. Wallin agreed that the University has some great research and data on this topic.

Evenson stated that food insecurity is a great issue where raising awareness is needed and UMD has used the "Swipe Out Hunger" campaign to at least anecdotally address some of the needs of students in Duluth. Brown added that the University of Minnesota Morris could benefit from a similar program.

Castro stated that she has been working to gather stories from the various system campuses in order to provide some good messaging from the campaign. Englund added that she would be happy to contribute stories as UMR has no meal plan for students and is considered a "food

desert.” Additionally, Wallin stated that COGS has recently begun looking at graduate student income. She said they make little money but not so little that they qualify for food assistance.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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