

Senate Meeting Minutes

1-25-16

Call to order - 12:01pm

Executive Reports:

All future meetings will be held in the Digital Commons (green Heartland building) every other week.

Old Business:

Mini golf: February 23-25 begins the mini golf fun. You will be allowed to roam around from department to department and show the hole what your made of.

The SCTCC app will be used for additional communication about the golf holes. While you're in the app please join the Student Senate group.

The SCTCC app is also used as a communication tool to use throughout our campus to communicate with instructors, fellow students, event information, and more

Club Paperwork: With the new semester we had many changes to the clubs. Please update the club packets with any changes to the club (seats, fundraising etc...). Please choose a student council rep to receive e-mails, we would like advisors as well as a student in each club to help our communication with each club. On that note, we will now put your mail in your club advisor mailboxes.

Guest Speaker(s):

Kevin Parker- "MSCSA Student President"

Information about MSCSA:

It was founded in 1998 and has continued its goal to do everything for the students. Currently 35c from each student's tuition goes to MSCSA. They use these funds for expenses related to meeting with MN legislature on our behalf. MSCSA rally's for student's benefits on local, state, and national levels. They are FOR the students. The tuition freeze over the last two years was one result of MSCSA and next year we will begin to see decreases in tuition. They are working

to simplify college transfers and stop repeat credits due to course differences among colleges.

MSCSA loves student leaders. They would like to hear student stories from their college experience thus far and how they might use it to help represent many other students on the legislative stand point. Our story could become a specific example of an issue or strength to help persuade legislators to changes and support on a student's behalf.

MSCSA is offering scholarships to students. They are giving out 15-20 large scholarships every semester. See MSCSA.org and click scholarship for additional information.

Mike Dean- "Executive Director of MSCSA"

Debt Free Community College:

Minnesota is the 4th most expensive state for community colleges and 2 out of 3 jobs require some sort of post high school education (certificate or degree). Student loan debt is larger than credit card debt. "If education is a ladder to the middle class we shouldn't be forced into larger loan payments while we're trying to climb."

College funding has gone down by 50%, but MSCSA negotiations have managed to reclaim a part of it. We would need to rely on state support to fund free community college. Right now there is a pilot project to give some students free college, there is more info on MSCSA.org. To apply for this project simply fill out your FAFSA, spread the word!

Entertained motion to adjourn

Deca – motioned to adjourn

PTK – second the motion

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm