

**THE COLLEGE OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA  
STUDENT SENATE  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**LOCATION: S3211**  
**DATE: Sunday, 02/10/2008**  
**TIME: 8:00 pm**

**CHAIRPERSON: Alissa Kaake, President**  
**RECORDER: Kyle Heffner, Administrative Vice President**

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
Call To Order		President Kaake calls the Senate to order at 8:00 pm.
Attendance	The following Senators are absent: Bridget Alldritt Daniel Dodge Angela Marsolek Ethan Scrivner Peter Sparby Kelly Splonskowski Tommy Werner Wes Westermann-Schley	Note, there are 24 voting Senators present.
Approval of Current Meeting Agenda	Under V c x add Dignitas Thanksgiving in the spring dinner fundraising	Agenda stands with noted changes.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Last week's dates on the minutes were incorrect and have been changed	Minutes stand with noted changes.
Immediate Action	<p>Guest Speaker Scott McMahan</p> <p>Scott McMahan from MAPCS is present to brief everyone about Day at the Capital. CSS has traditionally had the largest delegation at Day at the Capital. One challenge he presents to CSS is to return the trophy. The main reason for Day at the Capital is that it is the goal of the private schools to target the state grant program so that the grant does not get reduced or forgotten about. This grant makes it possible for low to middle income students to attend CSS and others schools across Minnesota. This is important because 36% of the students at CSS receive the state grant. 25% of the students across the state receive this grant. Last year there was three million dollars given to CSS. The average award is about \$3,600.00 per year. This helps us to reach out to more students. Day at the Capital is February 27<sup>th</sup> for CSS students. You are set up to meet with a delegate from your community when you sign up to attend Day at the Capital This is a good</p>	

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	<p>way to get the word out our legislators that this program is very important to us. It is also very important to stay active in this program. The activities planned are 3-4 hours long. There will be a training seminar to learn how to be effective lobbyists. There will be a few speakers to speak to the group. Then you will meet with your legislator. At the end of the day there will be some debriefing. The MN state government is currently experiencing a deficit and the deficit is climbing. The state will then have to make cuts to try and reverse this deficit. One of the proposed cuts is the state grant program. If this gets cut it will hinder people's ability to go into higher education. We will go there to explain the value of the program. There is an opportunity to take money from the federal government to help with this program as well. It is also effective to have people explain why people choose to go to CSS. In order for this Day at the Capital to be a success, we must increase our numbers from last year for attendance. Scott encourages people to spread the word, attend, and inform other students. This is a very important program for CSS and all of the students in the state.</p> <p><b>New club proposal</b> The Rotaract club would like to become a new club here on campus. This is a branch of the rotary club and is community based. They will do community service and many other projects. Student activities committee moves to accept the Rotaract club as the newest club on campus. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. A vote is taken. There are 24 ayes 0 naves and 1 abstention noted. Motion passes</p> <p><b>Unbudgeted</b></p> <p><b>Northern explorers.</b> Northern Explorers will be taking their annual spring break trip in cooperation with Outdoor Pursuit. The request is by the handbook. The Finance moves to allocate \$3,576.80 to Northern Explorers. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. A vote is taken. There are 24 ayes 0 naves and 1 abstention. Motion passes.</p> <p><b>United for Africa</b> They are going to have an African heritage festival on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Finance committee move to allocate \$6,000.00 to United for Africa. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. They have done a lot of fundraising for this already. They also have other clubs helping to pay for this. There will be representatives from many different organizations at this conference. This is open to all students. The students' rate is 6 dollars and there are other rates for</p>	<p>Senate recognizes the Rotaract Club as the newest club here on campus.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$3,576.80 to Northern Explorers.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$6,000.00 to United for Africa.</p>
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	<p>community members. A vote is taken. There are 25 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions noted. Motion passes.</p> <p>Peer Ministry, Intersivity, Calling all Catholics Peer Ministry is going to have a concrete mixer. They are going to have a lot of the religious groups on campus attending. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$70.00 to Peer Ministry. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. A vote is taken. There are 24 ayes 0 naves and 1 abstentions noted. Motion passes.</p> <p>KMC There will be many events at this years black history month celebration. Finance committee moves to allocate 1743 to KMC. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. A vote is taken. There are 25 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions. Motion passes.</p> <p>Asian Fun Club The Asian Fun Club will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with a fireworks display. They are requesting funding from senate to make this possible. The display will take place at 8pm on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Finance moves to allocate \$2,385.40 to Asian fun club. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. A vote is taken. Division is called. There are 22 ayes 2 naves and 0 abstentions. Motion passes.</p> <p>PASS Jake Miller is present representing the Psychology Association of Saint Scholastica. They are requesting funding to have club memorabilia for their members. They will be giving mugs to their members. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$75.00 to PASS. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. A vote is taken. There are 25 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions noted. Motion passes.</p> <p>Intersivity Intersivity will be taking a retreat at Miracle Bible Camp where they will train next year's leaders. They will meet with other Clubs there as well. Senator Johnson moves to table the request until next meeting. Senator Bass seconds. A vote is taken. There are 20 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions noted. Motion passes.</p> <p>Vicky Bass Senator Bass will be taking a trip to Philadelphia to an actions camp about the Iraq</p>	<p>Senate allocates \$70.00 to Peer Ministry.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$1743.00 to KMC.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$2,385.40 to the Asian Fun Club.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$75.00 to PASS.</p> <p>Intersivity's request will be tabled until next meeting.</p>
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	<p>minutes. The new request will no be \$37.50 since she has gotten travel and lodging scholarships. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$37.50 to Vicky Bass. A vote is taken. There are 24 ayes 0 naves and 1 abstention. Motion passes.</p> <p>Dignitas Clothesline project The Dignitas Clothesline Project will be giving out t shirts and painting their t shirts. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$482.00 to the Dignitas Clothesline Project. A vote is taken. There are 25 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions. Motion Passes.</p> <p>Thanksgiving in the Spring There has been extensive fund raising already for this event. A video is shown from last year's event. FVP Hackenmueller moves to allocate \$2,000.00 to Thanksgiving in the Spring. Senator Johnson seconds. A vote is taken. There are 25 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions noted. Motion passes.</p>	<p>Senate allocates \$37.50 to Vicky Bass.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$482.00 to the Dignitas Clothesline Project.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$2,000.00 to Thanksgiving in the Spring.</p>
<p>Reports of Executive Officers</p>	<p>a. President- Alissa Kaake</p> <p>Senate Endeavor fund The New Senate Endeavor Fund idea is presented to Senate. The fund is set up so that excess money in the General Fund can be given back to the students in the form of one large project per year. There will be two committees. There will be a Selections committee which selects which projects will happen. Next, there will be a Coordinating committee. The Coordinating committee will put the selected plans into action and also advertise the process. The request to put the Senate Endeavor Fund in the Constitution will be tabled until Internal Affairs can propose it.</p> <p>Executive Election Committee President Kaake asks for an elections committee to be formed for the upcoming Executive Elections. Vice President Schrandt will chair the committee. Internal affairs committee members will also sit on the committee. Other members who volunteer will be: Senator Tracey, Senator Nellis, and President Kaake. A vote is taken to accept these members of the committee. There are 14 ayes 0 naves and 12 abstentions noted. Motion passes</p> <p>b. Executive Vice President- Chad Schrandt</p>	<p>Senate forms the Executive Elections Committee.</p>

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	<p>c. Financial Vice President- Amanda Hackenmueller  i. Account Balances  Project Fund \$142,704.57  General Fund \$80,815.61  Senate Operating Account \$6,242.86</p> <p>d. Administrative Vice President- Kyle Heffner  Senators are encouraged to pick up their apparel in the Senate office.</p>	
<p>Reports of Standing Committees</p>	<p>a. Collegiate Affairs- Brendan McColgan  i. Grievances Updates  ii. New Grievances  The announcements box on the screen savers is incredibly old.  There is a broken computer in the tutor center.  The senate website is out of date.  The Board of Trustees would like to see the minutes on the Senate website.  One of the pool balls and cue sticks in the penthouse is missing.  There are no carpets in the tunnels making them very slippery.</p> <p>b. External &amp; Legislative Affairs- Peter Sparby  External &amp; Legislative Affairs will be tabling this week and sending out mail to all students to inform them about Day at the Capital.</p> <p>c. Finance- Josie Johnson  Budgeted requests  SHIMA- \$200.00  CJL- \$50.00  SHIMA- \$25.00  Climbing club- \$500.00  Storms Advocates- \$600.00, \$100.00</p> <p>d. Internal Affairs- Aayush Kanodia  Senator resignation  Chris Rubesch officially resigns his full voting seat on Student Senate.</p> <p>Senator Resignation  Lacora Bradford officially resigns her full voting seat on Student Senate.</p> <p>New senator appointment  With the new Full Voting position on Student Senate, Internal affairs moves to accept Tommy Werner as the newest full voting senator. Since it is a</p>	<p>Senate accepts Tommy Werner as the newest</p>

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	<p>committee motion it does not require a second. A vote is taken. There are 25 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions. Motion passes.</p> <p><b>Constitution Revision</b> Internal Affairs presents the revision to the constitution to allow Senior students the right to vote in the Executive Elections. Senator Grout moves to limit debate to 10 minutes. Senator McElrath seconds. A vote is taken. There are 24 ayes 1 naves and 0 abstentions. Motion passes. Debate is limited to 9:55pm. Internal affairs moves to accept the revision to the constitution. A vote is taken 19 ayes 5 naves 2 abstentions. Motion passes.</p> <p><b>Endeavor fund proposal</b> Internal affairs moves to accept the Senate Endeavor Fund being added to the constitution. Since it is a committee motion it does not require a second. Senator McColgan moves to change that the Senate Advisor has voting rights to read that another student has voting rights. Senator Kallemeyn seconds. A vote is taken. There are 14 ayes 8 naves and 2 abstentions. Motion passes. The senate advisor cannot vote on the committee and a student will fill the voting seat. A vote is taken on accepting the proposition. There are 25 ayes 0 naves and 0 abstentions. Motion passes.</p> <p>e. Student Activities- Tierra Hansen Snowball went really well this year. Betsey Kneepkens emailed everyone and explained how pleased she was with the results. There were very few violations (2). Senator Leighton points out that it showed very well on our Student Senate that none of the senators had been drinking too heavily before the dance.</p> <p>f. Board of Trustees Student Representative- Andy Hadrich Student Trustee Hadrich reports on the latest board meeting. They added the undergrad major in Spanish, a MBA, and a Masters in Athletic Training. They also eliminated masters of education program. The displaced professors will be placed in other classes. The ADEP program enrollment has been reviewed and there have been many big changes to try and increase enrollment. They will increase money into the marketing of ADEP. Football is working well by increasing the number of male applicants and they are all applying to programs where we have open seats. They will be releasing a new marketing campaign for the school soon. The new slogan will be "direction for life". Tuition will be increased by 6% next year. 3% increase in</p>	<p>full voting member of Student Senate.</p> <p>Senate accepts the revision to the Constitution.</p> <p>Senate adds the Senate Endeavor Fund to the Constitution.</p>
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	<p>graduate tuition. Somers dorms have increased their rent by 4%. Food service increased 4%. The medieval pictures in the hallway will be relocated to make the hallway more inviting to prospective students. The soccer field will be turfed and home games will be played there and football will practice there. There may be new auditorium seats with a power and data option so you can plug in your computer. The Board of Trustees also expressed that they were very pleased with the turnout of Snowball this year.</p>	
<p>Reports of Special Committees</p>	<p>Human Emergencies Committee Senator Nellis reports on the last Human Emergencies Committee meeting. They have been working on updating the emergency contact information in all of the school vehicles in case they get into an accident.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Constitution revision Senator Johnson has reviewed the constitution and cites that you may propose a revision to the constitution with a signed petition of 15 senators. She recommends that Senate revise it's constitution to read that seniors should be allowed 7 seats reserved for them on Senate for them to fill in the Spring General Elections. Vice President Schrandt points out that it is hard to fill normal general election seats and it would be even harder to fill the seats of Seniors who will be leaving in less than two months. Senator Johnson states that all students should get voting rights to represent their class. Senator McColgan points out that he feels a need to have the seats available to the Senior students. AVP Heffner points out that the Senate Advisor Steve Lyons has sent an email with his feelings on the matter. Senator Bass points out that if this passes we can word it properly to state that as soon as they graduate they are no longer a student and their seats would then be filled by incoming Freshmen in the Fall General Elections. Student Trustee Hadrich points out that we are fighting for a group of people's rights when they are not fighting for their rights themselves. Senator Kanodia points out that the attendance policy allows Senators to miss up the 3 meetings without any repercussions. This would mean that if the Seniors got on Senate in the Spring General Elections, they could miss every meeting and still be considered a Senator. Sean Adams points out that we could always just extend the term of a Senior senator into the remainder of the year. Senator McColgan states that he thinks we do not as a senate have the right to limit other people's rights for running for senate. It is pointed out that we will not be limiting their rights because they choose not to express those rights. AVP Heffner calls to question. Senator Johnson moves to accept the proposed revision to the constitution which would allow Seniors to run for 7 reserved seats in the Spring General Elections. Senator McColgan seconds. A vote is taken. There are 6 ayes 14 naves and 3 abstentions. Motion fails.</p>	

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	Senate retreat. February 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> will be the dates for the Student Senate Retreat. The check in and check out can happen at any time. Please let Vicky know by Wednesday at noon if you will be attending. The retreat will happen at camp Amnicon.	
Old Business		
Announcements	<p><b>NCEC</b> This week is heat reduction week. Students are reminded to turn down your heat for the week.</p> <p><b>SCCS</b> Will be privatizing the water this week. This means that this week students will have to “pay” to drink water this week in order to show how upsetting it would be to have to pay for your water like you would in a third world country. This will take place in the Union.</p> <p><b>ABLAZE</b> There will be a concrete mixer for ABLAZE.</p> <p><b>Relay for Life</b> Will be in April inside the wellness center instead of on the science lawn. This week relay for life will be in the union to buy your crush a crush. You can also spend money to save a hockey player from Testicular Cancer.</p> <p><b>Tampon Drive</b> Third Waivers are starting an initiative to raise awareness that some third world countries do not have the ability to buy and use Feminine Hygiene Products. You can donate these to Third Waivers.</p> <p>RHA got the bid for the No Frills Conference and Thanks Senate for their funding.</p>	
Adjournment	President Kaake asks for dissent to adjournment. There is none.	The Senate adjourns at 11:12pm. The Student Senate will recess until Sunday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> 2008.