

## Meeting Agenda

### Full senate meeting of May 01, 2025

#### Attendees:

Senate: Gabriel, Monte, Houre, Muna, Nisha, Bailey, Ryan, D’Jonaé, Sylvester, April, Kristel, Saif, Beloved

Exec Leadership Team: President Garcia, Dawn, Derrick, Julio, Lindsay

Club/Orgs Reps: Matthew (Anime Game Club), Dylan (Anime Game Club), Kassidy (Art), Heather (PLSA), Lynette (Psych), Gloria (BSU), Shante (SNA), Anne (SNA)

Guests: Cheyenne Vaughn (Policy Committee)

Absent: Amira, Kwadwo

#### ***I. Call to Order***

**Who:** VP Gabriel Alagha

- Opening remarks, review of meeting purpose.

#### ***II. Roll Call (Attendance & Icebreaker)***

**Who:** VP Gabriel Alagha

- Attendees say their name, organization they represent, and answer the icebreaker question: *What’s been the highlight of this semester and why? What are you looking forward to this summer?*

#### ***III. Adoption of Agenda (Agreeing to this Document)***

**Who:** All members

- Review and approve the agenda for this meeting. Motion by Lynette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew.

#### ***IV. New Business (Topics for the Meeting)***

##### **a. 25-26 Senate Election Results**

**Who:** Jacob Boe, Monte Stewart

- **i. Run-off Election:** Discuss results of the election and next steps.
- **ii. Swearing in new members:** Swearing in the newly elected members.

##### **b. Special Election Candidates**

- **Secretary Candidate:** Houre
  - *Houre for Secretary:* Strong organizational and communication leadership skills, responsible team player, good at problem-solving, committed to supporting students and improving campus life.
- **Diversity & Equity Coordinator Candidate:** Nisha
  - *Nisha for Diversity and Equity Coordinator:* Friendly, energetic, problem solver, critical thinker, advocate, passionate about economic stability, public health, and safety.
- **Senator at Large Candidates:** Ryan and Beloved
  - *Ryan for Senator at Large:* Passionate about student advocacy, helping students connect to campus resources, increasing awareness of student services.
  - *Beloved for Senator at Large:* Focuses on curiosity and leadership, experienced as class president and social prefect, aims to be an advocate for students.

##### **c. Advocacy Day Impact**

**Who:** Nisha Thomas

- **Advocacy Day Results:** Requested \$465 million for Minnesota State budget over two years, received \$1 million. North Star Promise was kept. Discuss next steps and implications for future advocacy efforts.

##### **d. Policy Committee – Policies currently under review**

**Who:** Cheyenne Vaughn

- Update on policies under review, discussion of amendments, and feedback.

## **e. College Budget & Tuition Increase**

**Who:** Dawn Belko

- Discussion on proposed budget and possible tuition increases. Impact on students and resources available for financial support.

## **f. Constitution Amendments (Senate)**

- Discussion of proposed amendments to the student senate constitution.
- **Clarification on Voting Rights:** A reminder to clubs about voting representation – senators cannot vote on behalf of a club if they hold another leadership position (e.g., club president cannot vote as senator for that club). Clarification on changes in Article 5 regarding this.

## ***V. Club & Organization Sharing***

**Who:** All clubs and organizations

- **Note to clubs:** If you are part of multiple clubs, you can only represent one club when it pertains to official senate voting.
- **What events do you have coming up/event recaps?**
  - Upcoming events and club plans.
  - **Art Club:** Minneapolis Institute of Art trip recap and upcoming events.
  - **Paralegal Club:** Recap of game day event, new president nomination.
  - **Psychology Club:** Conferences attended and end-of-year party.
  - **Black Student Union:** Fundraisers and upcoming potluck for graduating students.
  - **Business Club:** Luncheon party recap and future plans for engagement and social media branding.
  - **Zelda and Beta Delta:** Community engagement updates.
  - **Disco Club:** Successful Disco event recap and future event planning.
  - **Student Nurses Association:** Final meeting announcement for the semester on Monday at 3 PM.

## ***VI. Campus Administrators Updates***

- Updates from college leadership on long-term plans, campus changes, and any upcoming developments.
- Discussion of summer operations: Coffee shop and wristbands limited hours, available Monday through Thursday mornings.
- **Mascot Announcement:** Final choice between hedgehog and river otter to be revealed on Monday. Marketing team to begin mascot renderings and costume creation.
- **Campus Improvements:** Updates on recent campus improvements, including new carpeting in the LRC and accessible doorway changes. Initial conversations about launching a gaming lab for next fall.

## ***VII. General Announcements***

- 25-26 NHCC Scholarship Applications open now through May 16; apply at <http://www.nhcc.edu/scholarships>.
- Reminder for students to apply for scholarships before the deadline.

## ***VIII. Adjournment***

- Closing remarks and official adjournment of the meeting.

### **Action Items:**

- **Deadline:** May 16th for scholarship applications.
- **Additional Items:** Follow-up on advocacy day results, review of constitution amendments, and finalizing plans for the mascot.

Meeting link:

<https://minnstate.zoom.us/rec/share/sqPYYCgKD3EfMKMf01ShQM5JqLEfn6fa1xEK1bv9pP46BVxz25JU6SJmQc6kYH4.NlnEsiFBU4QBoPHH?startTime=1746127855000>

