

Student Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2025

Attendees:

Houré, Samten, Sylvester, Nisha, Jacob, Gabriel, Amira, April, Monte.

Club/Orgs Reps: Kassidy (Art), Heather (PLSA), Shantae (SNA), Gloria (BSU), Lynette (Psychology), Matthew (Anime/Game), Muna (Salam), Dylan (Anime/Game), D'Jonae (IVCF)

Absent: Shantell Gill

Guests:

Tarsha Davis-Martin, Jessica Fraser, Michael Mui, Dawn Belko, Diego Gonzalez, Nabil Kalif, Lindsay Fort, Derrick Lindstrom

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

- **Who:** Gabriel

2. Roll Call (Attendance & Icebreaker)

- **Who:** Gabriel
- Icebreaker Question: "What were your two favorite snacks and cereals growing up?"
- All members introduced themselves and shared their two favorite childhood snacks and cereals.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- **Who:** Gabriel
- Motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

4. New Business (Topics for the Meeting)

A. FY26 Tuition Increase

- **Presenter:** Dawn Belko
- **Summary:** Discussion on proposed tuition increase and its impact on students.

B. Facilities Updates – Bidet Attachments and Reflection/Prayer Room

- **Presenter:** Salam Club, Dawn Belko
- **Summary:** Updates on facility improvements and accommodations for students.

C. Student Senate Elections for 2025-2026

- **Presenters:** Jacob Boe, Monte Stewart
- **Key Dates:**
 - Applications open until **March 28**
 - Voting period: **April 7-10**

D. Free Hour Conversation (No Classes 12 PM - 1 PM Daily)

- **Presenter:** Senate
- **Summary:** Discussion on creating a social hour without disrupting student schedules, potential survey to determine best timing.

E. Extending Math Resource Center Hours

- **Presenters:** Nabil Kalif, Mariam Gad
- **Summary:** Proposal to extend hours to 8 PM, increase Friday/weekend availability, and relocate tutoring after library hours.

F. Club/Org Fair

- **Presenter:** Tarsha Davis-Martin
- **Date & Time:** Thursday, April 17 (11 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 6 PM)

G. Academic Success Group Feedback

- **Presenters:** Jessica Fraser, Michael Mui

- **Summary:** Discussion on academic resources and support services.

5. Club & Organization Sharing

- **Who:** Various Club Representatives
- **Time:** 10 min
- **Summary:** Clubs shared upcoming events and recaps.

6. Campus Administrators Updates

- **Who:** Executive Team
- **Time:** 10 min
- **Summary:** Updates on campus initiatives and student concerns.

7. General Announcements

- **Parent Study Space Name Survey:** Responses due by **March 31** [Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/D1vLPeSXAj>]
- **Advising Priority Registration Week** continues today and tomorrow.
- **LeadMN Campus Visit & Workshop Sessions – April 3 (9 AM - 2 PM)**
 - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM: **LeadMN Info Tabling** (Campus Center)
 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: **Resume Workshop** (Helling Hall in CBT)
 - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: **Leadership Workshop & Free Lunch** (Helling Hall in CBT)
 - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: **Campus Community Hangout & Bingo** (Campus Center)
- **NHCC Scholarship Applications Open Until May 16** [Apply at: <http://www.nhcc.edu/scholarships>]
- **Spring 2025 Senate Attendance Incentives for Clubs/Orgs**
 - Attend **4 of the first 5** full senate meetings → Earn **\$100**
 - Attend **all 5 meetings** → Earn **\$125** (+\$25 bonus)
 - **6th and final meeting:** Food party to celebrate attendance!

Meeting Recording Link:

<https://minnstate.zoom.us/rec/share/HjSjUmbWr7AN2EO74wr8vLC0ftbTHO6towyDzO945A4atuzpC-yy-7qSXk0ZoHqX.lpn1o3Y0XI5cxIFi>