

3 Year Long Range Strategic Plan

Century College Student Senate

Our Mission Statement: The Century College Student Senate is a student elected body whose purpose is to represent and support the student body and their rights to a quality campus and better education.

Goal 1: Students on Committees

Objective: To have maximum participation from students and to develop a more consistent meeting structure for campus wide committees. The committees give students the opportunity to know the status, and to have discussion on, current issues affecting students since it provides a direct link between students and the administration. We as the Student Senate feel that participation from students and a more consistent meeting structure is necessary. We want more structure for who, what, where, when, and why these committees are formed by the administration, faculty, and staff.

Timeline:

June 2007

- Executive committee will review all committees in detail with who, what, when, where, and why.

Aug - Sept 2007

- Executive committee members will meet with the President of the Student body to discuss what committees there will be in the following year and which of those students will a part be of.
- A list of the committee's students will serve on will be comprised with the number of students assigned to each committee along with approximate committee meeting times.

Aug - Sept 2007

- Students to serve on each of the committees will be recruited.

Sept 2007 through May 2008

- Student Senate members will find and post committee meeting times in a reasonable amount of time prior to the committee meetings, will keep and post records of committee reports, and continue to ensure that students are attending the meetings.

Goal 2: Academic Calendar

Objective: Implementing five day finals. Student concerns have been raised about the confusing consequences of four day finals. To ensure maximum student success, the Student Senate feels it imperative that this gets changed. The Student Senate will also review the academic calendar bi-annually to ensure student rights.

Timeline:

Sept 2007

- The Student Senate will recognize, and discuss the issue pertaining to five day finals and pass a motion to have these five day finals implemented.

Sept-Oct 2007

- Executive members will meet with planners of the academic calendar and discuss implementation. By the 08/09 academic year, five day finals should be implemented for students.

Goal 3: Maintain Communication between Senate and Administration

Objective: To keep in line with MNSCU board policy 2.3 the senate would like to insure that student opinion is being taken into consideration during the decision making process. In some instances in the past policy has been changed without the consideration of students. As the liaison between the students and administration, the senate feels obligated to ensure that provisions are in place to ensure that student representation is maintained between the senate, the student body, and the administration of Century College. To accomplish this, the Student Senate will ensure student attendance and participation on committees, as well as increasing the interaction between the administration and the students.

Timeline:

May-July 2007

- Student Senate will contact the Vice Presidents of Century College and set up times where each one can attend a Summer Executive Committee Student Senate Meeting to discuss their roles and visions for the Student Senate, and answer any questions the students may have with regards to their duties.

May 2007-April 2008

- The Student Senate will contact the President of Century College and set up a four meetings through out the year to meet along with the rest of the Executive Cabinet of the college.

Goal 4: Student Knowledge of Available Services

Objective: Increase knowledge students have of services including: academic support, trio programs, scholarship funding, online book buying, club involvement, the Bridge newsletter, capabilities of the student portal, D2L, GPS Life plan, and Student Senate involvement. The Student Senate recognizes that Century College students have little knowledge about many of the aforementioned services available to them and finds it beneficiary for students to obtain knowledge of these services.

Timeline:

Dec 2007- Jan 2008

- Student Senate members will contact the presenters of SOAR, and propose an additional session(s) pertaining to online services, and available clubs/organizations for new students. These session(s) would provide any assistance or answers the students may have.

Jan 2008- Mar 2008

- The Student Senate will find how and what ways services are being advertised to the student body and suggest new ideas to each individual service on acknowledging themselves on campus.
- The senate members will review all services available on campus.
- Executive Committee members will bring ideas and suggestions to the Vice President of student services, and the Marketing Committee to

improve knowledge of all services for the entire student body during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Goal5: Club Organization

Objective: To improve the methods of organizing Century College Clubs on campus. Over the past years clubs have been given funds to allow them the ability to offer annually, with clubs including those such as ASA, Geek Overload, and Alpha Omega. Furthermore, it is the Student Senate's duty to recognize individual clubs and the area they represent. Therefore throughout the next 3 academic school years the senate will improve the organization entirely through set guidelines and communication amongst clubs that are offered here at Century College.

Timeline:

Goal 6: Organization of Intercollegiate Athletics

Objective: To form information file of what intercollegiate athletic teams could benefit students at Century College. The Student Senate supports the return of intercollegiate athletics and so would like to plan for their participation in the future through the use of organization.

Timeline:

June 2007- Oct 2007

- Find out if any additional athletic teams are proposed to be added and what the timelines may be for them at Century College.
- Create a database of the intercollegiate athletic teams for the Student Senate.
- Make sure that a budget request has been submitted for soccer as an intercollegiate sport.

April 2008

- Begin process of changing soccer over from a club sport into an intercollegiate sport.
Review the progression of softball and baseball being started as a club sport for next spring.

Apr – Aug 2008

- Promote intercollegiate soccer and club sport softball and baseball for next year.

Oct 2009

- Make sure that a budget request has been submitted for softball and baseball as an intercollegiate sport.

Apr – Aug 2010

- Promote intercollegiate softball and baseball for next year.

Mar 2011

- The Student Senate will pose a survey for other options to look into for fall semester.
- Review all existing intercollegiate athletics and make the appropriate changes.
- Give written support of approves intercollegiate sports.

- Begin the process of obtaining other intercollegiate athletic options.

Goal 7: Improve Auxiliary Services to Students

Objective: The Student Senate finds it necessary to create a helpful and welcoming atmosphere to all students attending/visiting Century College. Student Senate members recognize the concerns of students pertaining to food service, the Connection, Century College bookstore and Busy Bee Daycare and will continue to work diligently to improve the conditions of these services.

Timeline:

June - Oct 2007

- Gather student comments, concerns and suggestions about the aforementioned services to improve quality.
- Executive members will sort and work through all legitimate concerns about Auxiliary services and will bring them to the Auxiliary Committee on progress/suggestions of anything pertaining to Auxiliary Services.

Goal 8: Parking Lot

Objective: For several years now the deteriorating condition of the parking lot has been a major concern to students, faculty and staff. The problems surrounding the parking lot are insufficient parking spaces, pot holes, and difficult and dangerous pedestrian movement to and from the parking lot.

Timeline:

Jan 2007 - Aug 2009

- Executive members will meet with the President of the Century College at least once every year to evaluate and discuss the major concerns of the parking lot.
- Executive members will find updated information concerning status of the parking lot project through the Parking and Safety Committee, and will request this information to be reported annually at a full Student Senate meeting.

Sept 2007 - May 2006

- Senate members will propose a “harsher penalty” provision that will deal with the human inflicted dangers of the parking lot to the Parking and Safety Committee and discuss harsher consequences to those who violate the rules of the parking lot and impose potential danger to Century College’s pedestrians.

Goal 9: Environmental Protection

Objective: To increase use of recycle bins on campus. In order to meet environmental standards set forth by the MnSCU board policy 5.17, and to set a good example for students, the Student Senate would like to implement environmentally friendly practices into Century College. Two years ago the senate tried to obtain recycle bins for every classroom but only ten were ordered. This is due to the fact that we do not have certain persons assigned to dispose or bring the recycling to a destination to store. There is also no main company that we are in business with to handle out recyclables. Over next year

and a half (by Fall 2008) the Senate will continue to work on the issues at hand so that more can be ordered.

Timeline:

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Aug 2007

- It is imperative we have student and faculty support, members of the Student Senate will create a petition along with description of the project to know if out bins will be used and if persons are willing to pay for this service.

Oct 2007

- A group of select students and Student Senate members will merge as devotees to this goal, their task will be to research and compare different companies to handle recyclables and report their findings during the Student Senate meeting.

Nov 2007 – Jan 2008

- Members will contact the selected companies; determine cost and what they are able to do for Century College.
- The contract of any chosen company will be discussed through the Student Senate where we will come to the final ultimatum.
- The Student Senate would also like to propose the idea of giving the school yellow bins to put in the parking lot at this time.

Mar 2008

- The Student Senate and selected group will have agreed upon a company and have the final contract in progress.

Aug – Sept 2008

- The Student Senate will go to the Facility Committee to start bringing more bins into the classrooms.

Goal 10: Technology

Objective: To enhance student learning opportunities on campus by creating new annuities for hardware and software provided for the students and their classrooms.

Timeline:

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Nov 2007- Feb 2008

- Director of Information Technology will compose a survey to students on what changes they would like to see in technology on campus, this information will then be sent to the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) whom will meet and propose necessary changes or upgrades for classrooms.
- ITAC will discuss and choose what classrooms will be “smart rooms.”

Mar - May 2008

- Any “smart rooms” and/or changes will be submitted to and reviewed by the Administration and Student Senate.
- The ITAC will set up a meeting to discuss and submitted request.

Goal 11: Develop a 3-year Strategic Plan

Objective: To develop and implement a long- range strategic plan for the Student Senate that would cover three years instead of one, to be reviewed annually with a fall semester. The senate feels this would be an important step towards creating a unified, goal-oriented organization.

Timeline:

May – Oct 2007

- Vice President will begin revising any obsolete or changes regarding the LRSP, to use over the next 3 years. The final document will be presented to the full Student Senate for implementation.

Goal 12: Capital Bonding Project

Objective: To support the Capital Bonding Request for the remodeling of the old science classrooms and libraries on both the east and west campus. We will include our support of the request for asset preservation to the current and existing facilities at Century College, and in the political process involving these requests.

Timeline:

Oct 2007

- Senate will pass a resolution and forward in writing this resolution to the chairs of the Capital Investments Committee of the House, the Senate, and the Governor's Office.