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Student Government makes sweeping budget decisions, advocating for increased student pay.

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After over 10 hours of chaos and deliberation, a \$2.77 million allocation was recommended by the Minnesota State University, Mankato's Student Government with the meeting ending at 1:14 a.m this morning.

Main items that were discussed at the meeting included increasing pay for student leaders, referendum and difficult cuts inflicted on different organizations. During the meeting, a level of scrutiny was levied by the executive team to the senators in an attempt to keep the senators in order.

The meeting began with the senate questioning several invited speakers, including Music Ensembles, Theatre, and The Reporter.

After the recommended allocation from the Student Allocations Committee, the Student Events Team and Student Government chose to appeal and ask for more money, citing the inadequate pay of their student leaders.

A main directive of the current Student Government executive team has been addressing the pay of student leaders, stating that the stipends that many of them receive is not adequate when it comes to the time worked in those positions.

Tyler Pickel, the president of the Student Events Team, spoke to the pay of student leaders in



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Student Government Vice President Kara Svercl holds up a sign advocating for better compensation for student leaders at last night's budget meeting.

his organization.

"The ability to make an impact as well as remain a student is becoming increasingly difficult without adequate support," said Pickel.

Student Government President Reauna Stiff and Vice Pres-

ident Kara Svercl appealed to the senate, asking for money to better compensate the executive team for the Student Government in the future.

During their appeal, the senate was inquisitive of the increase, noting no pay for the

senators.

In addition to those, other organizations that appealed included Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Activities Administration and Campus Recreation.

Fraternity and Sorority Life had one third of their request

cut in SAC's recommendation, referring to a decrease in recruitment and a national trend of Greek Life funding from the university level.

At the beginning of the meeting Speaker Minahil Khan in-

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Down to four finalists for new Provost

By JULIA BARTON
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Minnesota State University, Mankato has finalized four candidates in the running for next year's provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

The candidates include Laurie Couch, Dennis Rome, Lara Luettehans and David Hood which have been scheduled for an open forum where a variety of student and faculty groups can ask them questions that will run throughout the week with the final forum ending Friday with David Hood.

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'Ukraine in Conflict' panel sparks a political discussion with students

By JENNA PETERSON
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Last night, Minnesota State University, Mankato's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Kessel Peace Institute hosted a discussion panel focusing on the current conflict in Ukraine.

Panelists included Tom Inglot, MSU professor of Political Science and director of international Relations, Matt Loayza, MSU professor of History and Dean of SBS, Ja-

meel Haque, associate professor of history and director of Kessel Peace Institute, Anaam Hashmi, MSU professor of International Business, and Glenn Kranking, Gustavus Adolphus College associate professor of History and director of Russian and Eastern European Studies.

Loayza served as the moderator for the discussion and set up three key questions for the panelists and audience to consider. These questions in-

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