Montana State University
Associated Students of MSU Senate
SUB Conference Room 234
Thursday, October 16th, 2014

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm by Senate President Dana Dale

Minutes recorded by Senate Secretary Dani Clark

Roll Call: Burnett (excused), Hogart (excused), Mains (excused), Rep. Syminuik (excused)

Approval of Minutes:

- Rowe- move to approve. (seconded)
  - Vote: 12-0
  - Resolved: Minutes from October 9th, 2014 approved as written.

Public Comment:

- Ian Eastes- ASMSU Ambassador to Leadership Institute- Leadership in Broadcasting with PBS; Thursday, November, 6th - Michael McFaul, former US Ambassador to Russia; Leadership 2.0 lunches; Learning Leadership floor—learning leadership style.
- Bronwyn Rolph- Alumnus who graduated last year—a small group of students wanting to work with university to offer more coursework for international community development, would like ASMSU Senate support

Presentations:

- Romney Gym Renovations- Tracy Ellig, Executive Director of Communications for MSU- Montana Legislative Session begins January 5th, 2015. Major legislative initiatives MSU will move forward include Renovation of Romney Hall and other broader initiatives. Slideshow of current physical status of Romney Hall. 52,000 square feet that is mostly unused. MSU is largest and fastest growing university in Montana. Limited ventilation, no HV/AC. Reasons to renovate Romney: hub of academic services and classrooms, interdisciplinary rooms, increasing retention rate and graduation rate. 2013 Legislature charged the Montana University System to increase the percentage of students who stay in school year to year-retention-and increase the percentage of students who graduate. Home to: writing center, math center, tutoring, disability services, Veterans’ Center, classrooms, student collaboration rooms. Veterans’ Center and disability services are maxed out for usable space. 44% increase in all tutoring and help center usage in one year- math learning center, writing center, Allen Yarnell Center.
- Soares- move to extend time by 10 minutes. (seconded)
  - Vote: 16-0
  - Resolved: Presentation time extended.
• High demand of use. TEAL classrooms- peer to peer education. 44% of college students don’t make it through College Algebra the first time- TEAL course- 80%. Veteran growth is up 78% and could double in 5 years. 579 current students are veterans. Need the center for success, packed in less than 1000 square feet in basement of the SUB.
• Rowe- move to extend time until presentation is over. (seconded)
  o **Vote:** 16-0
  o **Resolved:** Presentation time extended.
• ADA enrollment increased as well. MUS as a whole will ask for $28million to renovate Romney- this is the number one priority for the university system. Need to convince legislature to fund this. Contact your legislators with your thoughts.
• Howell- obstacles?
  o Many- two ways to get $28 million, either by cash with simple majority vote of both houses. Most building projects do not go by cash, they use bonds—a bonding bill- HB5. 2/3s majority to pass bonding bill, extremely difficult because it requires bipartisan support. Getting the votes is an obstacle. Reluctance to spend money and to take on debt. Montana does not take on debt like the federal govt. Montana must have a balanced budget—debt must be included in that equation. $350 million surplus in the budget since last session. MSU’s own success is an obstacle, with private fundraising of the alumni foundation.
• Birky- rumors about other space used for HHD with additional space built?
  o $5 million to build a new space to move the Health and Human development labs and offices to move into fitness center. New storage for ROTC also.
• Windham- projected time table for renovation and use?
  o We would have to money and authority at the end of the session if passed, and design work would take one year. Spring of 2016 for ground breaking and spring of 2018 would possibly be finished. Accelerated renovation of floor in fitness center increase use starting spring 2015.
• Rowe- recognized Senator Cristando. (recognized)

**Senate Reports:**

• Erwin- process moving along with NAIC. KGLT is doing well.
• Hardcastle- University sustainability committee- doing a study on food waste for composting.
• Cristando- steering committee meeting tomorrow. Oct 28th will be the big presentation for CDC.
• Pratt- dead week activities- big study room in tennis courts during dead week and provide yoga and Thai massage for study breaks.
• Dove- November 10th thank you banner for Veterans’ Day and give to vet center.
• Rickman- student health center was flu clinic was last week.

**Unfinished Business:**

• Rowe- move to table 2014-R-12 for two weeks- October 30th. (seconded)
Vote: 16-0
Resolved: tabled until October 30th.

New Business:

- Dove- move to add approval of ASMSU President French’s recommendation for funding board appointment to new business.
  - Vote: 15-0-1 (Rowe abstained)
  - Resolved: Funding Board Appointment added to New Business.

Funding Board Appointment- Student At-Large-

- Dove- President French decided that Zachary Findley is the right person to appoint as student at large to funding board.
- Dove- move to approve. (seconded)
  - Vote: 15-0-1(Rowe abstained)
  - Resolved: Zachary Findley appointed to Funding Board as Student At-Large.
- Birky-move to add 2014-4-13 to new business. (seconded)
  - Vote:16-0 (Haskell changed vote to yes)

2014-R-13- Support for the College of Education, Health and Human Development Student Council- first reading

- Cristando- move to recess until MAS Conference Call has ended. (failed-no second)
- Haskell- move to suspend the rules to allow second reading of 2014-R-13 (seconded)
  - Vote: 8-8
  - Resolved: Motion failed- two-thirds vote required to suspend the rules.
- Erwin- move to recess until conclusion of MAS conference call. (seconded)
  - Vote: 7-9 (Cristando changed vote to no) 7-9
  - Resolved: Motion failed- no recess.
- Rowe- move to proceed to administration reports until MAS conference call is over. (seconded)
  - Vote:16-0
  - Resolved: Motion passed- move forward to admin reports.

 Administration Reports:

- Business Manager Katrina Wilhelm: update on reporting lines and funding issues move to provost’s office and then changing relationship and making an advisory council of leadership institute. Still operating on current MOU-unaware of rumors of new MOU being drafted. Reserve and supplemental funds update being finalized
- Senate President Dana Dale: attached to agenda are current organizational charts. Constitution-Audit Committee met and reorganizing-if you have changes or additions please let us know. ASMSU apparel link is live. Doodle poll for one-on-one meeting
times with leadership teams. Keep the office clean. Ad-hocs and liaisons will have contact info tomorrow.

- **Senate Vice President Billy Dove**: student code of conduct email went out. The changes are very important and senators need to look into this, this affects our peers and constituents. Meeting with Tammy Brown from student housing- 8 students living in lounges, those students don’t want to move out there. MSU is growing, but infrastructure, especially campus living option cannot keep up. I’m happy with how it’s getting better.

**Senate Announcements:**

- Pratt- met with Dean Gunnick, he would like to meet with asmsu senators soon.
- Cristando- parents have been calling ask us about if there will be busses taking students back and forth from airport.
  - Garceau- Res Life will be directing that process.
- Cowles- MAS conference call just ended- they moved to keep the original MAS budget. They realized that either way they will need to make cuts and will be looking into our proposed budget, having another conference call over the next couple days. PTAC committee about parking- E parking lots will be moving further away, possibly denying freshmen cars on campus, R1 permits changing to have one pass only instead of two passes. Budget Council working on new way of budgeting. Invoices from legal services-month of September- $1400. Working with legal service to getting info out to students.
- Rowe- recognize Sen Cowles. (recognized)

**Admin. Reports Continued:**

- **Student Body President Destini French**: Ice Cream Social sign up for shifts to be sent around, a chance to meet constituents; Holiday party- December 6th; November 5th and 6th, write to your legislator event-please post those in your department buildings.
- **Student Body Vice President Jordan Garceau**: Admin III position has been reposted, the person we hired, received a better offer. Going back to a Homecoming Committee so that it’s more collaborative. Rocky Horror Picture Show is showing this weekend. NACA Conference is coming up. Program director one on ones; tour of Romney Gym tonight was great.
- Cristando- move to add the original budget proposal for MAS to new business.
  (seconded)
  - **Vote**: 12-4 (hardcastle abstained)
  - **Resolved**: MAS Budget Proposal added to new business.

**New Business Continued:**

Montana Associated Students Budget Proposal for FY14-15

- Cristando- move to deny the original budget (seconded)
  - **Vote**: 16-0
  - **Resolved**: Original MAS Budget not approved by ASMSU Senate.
- Dove- move to adjourn. (seconded)
Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm by Senate President Dana Dale