

**Montana State University
Associated Students of MSU Senate
Alumni Legacy Lounge
February 12, 2015**

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

Minutes recorded by Senate Secretary Holly Capp

Roll Call: Birky, Chapman, Coffee, Cristando (excused), Senate President Dale, Dove, Senate Vice President Dove, Erwin, Hardcastle, Haskell (excused), Hogart, Howell, Kambich, Kirby, Pratt, Rowe, Soares, Thomas, Wernik, Windham

Non-voting members: Ballance, Simeniuk

Approval of Minutes:

- Wernik amend “Gabriel” to “Gabrielle” (seconded)
 - Vote 14-0
 - **Vote:** 14-0
 - **Resolved:** Minutes from February 5, 2015 approved.

Public Comment:

- 1) Koby Bernard: Student Associate with MSU Leadership Institute. Presented about Leadership Summit and extended invitation.
 - a. Soares: asked who keynote speaker is
 - b. Rowe: asked if there was a cap for attendance
- 2) Alex Paterson: From college of letters and science, gave his support for the resolution to create a task force to evaluate policy involving transgender.
- 3) Sarah Rushing: Professor of political science also gave support for task force resolution. Stated she wants to be part of inclusive environment as staff member.

Presentations:

- Miller Renovation Update- Tom Stump
 - Plan on opening Miller this coming fall
 - Posters went up this week to show what Miller will look like
 - Much work to still go. Will be renovating all three dining halls, Miller being first.
 - Will have new entrances to accomplish residence halls being on 24-hour safety lockdown
 - Showed plan of various stations including drink station, Mongolian Grill station, Asian station, “Grazers”, “Blaze”, and “Homestyle”, espresso bar, pizzeria, soup Mexican station, and salad bar. There will also be a section dedicated for dietary needs. Also touched on seating arrangements and various areas.
 - Offering special dinners weekly to make up for construction.

- After spring break, only 1/3 of Miller will be open. They will be moving all steam tables, salad bars, etc. to this designated area. Also providing grab-and-go areas to help offset construction.
- Questions
 - Business Manager Cowles: What is the timeline for the other two dining halls to prevent congestion in the newly renovated dining hall?
 - Currently in the process of redoing Harrison, and will come along those issues as they come in terms of congestion.
 - Kirby: How are things coming along with the food truck?
 - Problems with some of the gas fixtures. Anticipate that the food truck will be available before the end of the school year.
- Opal Drive-Business Manager John Cowles
 - Network drive that is similar to where student store documents when using campus computers
 - Senate, Finance Board, Budgeting, and Program Directors each have their own Opal Drive (no access for senators to Program Director drive)
 - Available to only access on MSU campus unless a VPIN is set up, the computers on ASMSU are already set up
 - Information will be sent out via email

Kirby: Move to 2015-Ref-2 to docket as second reading (seconded)

- Vote: 17-0

Birky: Move to add engineering appointment to new business (seconded)

- Vote: 17-0

Administration Reports:

- **President Destini French-** Jerry, CIO from IT is interested in forming a task force of senators and himself (Windham, Erwin, Kirby volunteered). Student Athlete Advisory Committee is having a toiletry drive against all the Big Sky schools, encouraged all to bring items to office.
- **Vice President Jordan Garceau-** Excused.
- **Business Manager John Cowles-** Made templates for program directors to create budgets. Liaisons must be in sync with changes made in the budget. Presentations will start next week at Senate. Stipend Review Committee met this week, several changes for program directors and other members. Will have final approval and will be presented to Senate next week also. Leadership Institute has half as much money from fee as they should, working to resolve this issue. Outdoor Rec working on memorandum that will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Regents. Thinking about reducing the fee to make it as an easier sell to regents, but will lessen amount of which can be appropriated. Clarification of the language of the ballot initiative is needed to make sure it embodies Constitution.

- **President of Senate Dana Dale-** In regards to referendums, constitutional revision must be a 2/3 vote. Encouraged to read both referendums carefully. Also discussed controversy of outdoor furniture in UFPD meeting.
- **Vice President of Senate Billy Dove-** Spoke with Tom from Miller dining hall and wanted to convey message that people are doing a great job. Went to Helena on Monday and talked with ASMSU Lobbyist, Garrett Lankford as well as sat through hearings. Praised him for his job. Updated body on what is going on in Helena from email... Voted 7-0 in committee to have tuition freeze, voted 7-0 to approve MUS research initiative. Senate Vice President Dove also encouraged writing letters of support for Mary from ASMSU daycare to support funding from legislature. Explained plan for the Bill of Rights if passed in tonight's meeting.

Senate Reports:

- Thomas: met with members of classroom committee, need two more student voices
- Birky: invited Senators for "Coffee Beans with the Dean." Legislative committee met this week, left meeting with much different understanding. Club sports met...discussed possible ideas of funding. Looking at doing 1st Annual Hunger Games to raise awareness.
- Rowe: asked to contact him if there are questions with Outdoor Rec. Congratulated on completing bylaws, said be on the lookout for those.
- Hogart: will be working on resolution for the daycare
- Pratt: Museum of the Rockies is having major fundraiser for the year...25th annual benefit ball. COGENT met with Elsa in honors college, syllabus is written and going through editing currently. Will be a 200 level class and hiring requirements have been set.
- Howell: Bike Task Force is having meeting to go over master meeting and have student speakers to discuss options and opinions. Encourage people to attend.

Coffee: move to appoint engineering seat (seconded)

- Vote: 11-5 (motion passes)
- College of Engineering Appointment
 - Introduction
 - Rowe: move to have 60 seconds of introduction, 2 questions, and 30 second close with questions being why would you be an asset to ASMSU and what differentiates you from other candidates? (seconded)
 - Vote: 16-0
 - Nick Ward: believes that he can represent a variety of students and know what students are looking for. Past experience is very applicable...student government has always been of interest in representing people as well as the political side.
 - Tyler Niesen: wants to help the student body, especially the College of Engineering. Good problem solver. As a senator, would be able and willing to go to the student body to find out what they need and act to fulfill those needs. Emphasized problem solving and willingness to learn.

- Sean Mitchell: explained his simplistic views as being ideal in ASMSU. Can see different ways that a public entity must work with various organizations. ROTC member and working “on the fly” will also be of value.
- Discussion
 - Coffee: endorsed Ward and commended him for his leadership in other organizations.
 - Windham: advocate for Tyler Niesen-good character, intelligence, and experience
 - Hogart: supports Niesen, explained his experience and positive attitude
 - Senate Vice President Billy Dove: explained his vote
 - Rowe: based off of interviews, both Ward and Niesen were good candidates. Asked body to not vote for him anymore.
 - Kirby: praised Ward for professionalism and passion to represent students.
- Vote: 7-7, Revote between Ward and Niesen. Senate President Dale broke vote after another tie in favor of Nick Ward. Sworn in immediately after.

Unfinished Business:

- **2015-R-02:** Senate Vice President Dove move to approve (seconded)
 - Howell: asked for only educational votes on the matter
 - Soares: commented that this is only asking for a task force, not any action currently
 - Windham: echoed Soares comments
 - Kirby: asked how two ASMSU senators would be appointed to Task Force. Howell followed up with response and stated that this decision would come while creating the Task Force after being passed
 - A. Dove: endorsed her support of resolution, stated that ASMSU is taking the right first steps in doing this
 - Chapman: recommended yes vote
 - Role Call Vote: 14-1, Ward abstains
- **2015-R-03:** Soares move to approve (seconded)
 - Soares: asked for support
 - Birky: asked for yes vote
 - Friendly amendments:
 - Add line numbers
 - Add “and,” to the end of lines 8, 11, and 14
 - Take out semi-colon on the line 15
 - All accepted by sponsors
 - Role call vote: Motion carries unanimously
- **2015-R-05:** Senate Vice President Dove move to approve (seconded)
 - Friendly amendments:
 - Add line numbers
 - Capitalize “Student Code” in lines 9, 11, and 14

- Add “of Dean’s Counsel” for line 17 to read “Martha Potvin, Provost and Chair of Dean’s Counsel;”
 - Change “Destiny” to “Destini” in like 16
 - All accepted by sponsors, except for last amendment to change President French’s name
 - Senate Vice President Dove moves to previous question
 - Vote 16-0
 - Role call vote: Motion carries unanimously
- **2015-REF-1**
 - First Reading
 - Seconding Reading: Senate Vice President move to approve (seconded)
 - Discussion
 - Howell: asked why this is not being to fraternity and sorority life? Soares responded on reasoning and two more will be added when sending
 - Friendly amendments:
 - Add line numbers
 - Take out “in” on line 5
 - Capitalize “code” in line 8
 - Change “Destini” to “Destiny” in line 13
 - Add Aaron McDonald Peck and Jenna Rhoads to recipients of this referendum
 - Sponsors accept all changes
 - Role Call Vote: 15-0, motion passes
- **2015-REF-2**
 - First Reading
 - Second Reading: Kirby move to approve (seconded)
 - Friendly amendments:
 - In line 16 change “President” to “Dr.” Waded Cruzado
 - Add Jenna Rhoads as recipient of referendum
 - Change “Destini” to “Destiny” in line 18
 - All changes accepted by sponsors except changing President French’s first name spelling
 - Rowe: move to change the spelling of President French’s first name spelling (motion dies)
 - Role call vote: 15-0, motion passes
- **New Business: none**

Senate Announcements:

- Simeniuk: Expressed her love for the Patriots, including the deflated footballs. Relay for Life will be coming up, she will be participating. State FFA is coming up, might be a need for volunteers. Senator Birky and her are running for president and vice president.

- Rowe: will be doing graphic work if needed for elections
- Pratt: Community Café is still looking for volunteers, if anyone is interested please see her. Would be in support of a live Bobcat if it was named after her.
- Senate Vice President Dove: Thanked all for participation. Will be participating in the condom fashion show. Asked for volunteers for costume design. PlayStation is available for senate unless being utilized by him.
- Senate President Dale: high school basketball team just lost for the first time in five seasons.
- Business Manager Cowles: Stipend review is expanding local government liaison position. Offered positions for master class to Neil DeGrasse Tyson. Chelsea Wilson has been hired for the support team administration position, will be starting February 23rd.
- Kirby: move to adjourn (seconded)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 by Senate President Dana Dale