Montana State University
Associated Students of MSU Senate
SUB Alumni Legacy Lounge
February 26, 2015

Meeting Called to order at 6:00 by Senate Vice President

Minutes recorded by Senate Secretary Holly Capp

Roll Call: Ballance, Birky, Cristando, Senate Vice President Dove, Dove, Erwin, Hardcastle, Haskell, Hogart, Howell, Kirby, Pratt, Simeniuk, Soares, Thomas, Wernik, Windham, Ward

Approval of Minutes:
- Kirby - move to approve. (seconded)
  - Vote: 11-0
  - Resolved: Minutes from February 19, 2015 approved.

Public Comment:
- Jen Marshall: student that encourages Senate to refer questions on the resolution that will be proposed tonight at the meeting.
- Dean Caires: proud of the work that is going on through the Senate. Any questions please feel free to email him.

Presentations:
- Club Sports-Maureen Michaud
  - Came up with a proposal for a tier system, instead of fee increase. Many other schools also have this system.
  - Asked for $35,000 from Office of Activities and Engagement for pilot program, which was approved.
  - Club directors will allocate the money to the club as deemed necessary.
  - Been working with Senate Vice President Dove in establishing rules and policies.
  - Clubs who receive this funding, will not receive any MAS funding, so they cannot double dip.
  - Board will be made of club members, a senator, and students at-large. At the end of Fall 2015, a review board will be formed to evaluate the process.
    - Cristando: Does our funding board have to approve your allocation of money?
      - No. You will have funding board and club sports funding board, which will be another distributing unit that will not need approval.
- Worklife Integration Task Force- Susan Dana, Associate Dean of College of Business & Kiah Abbey, Former Student Representative
  - Asking for a drafted proposal for these policies
Discussed what the task force entails
Accommodation toward pregnant students, as well as their partners
About 9.5% of students claim dependents here at MSU
Expanded and edited some of the current language of the retroactive university withdrawal policy including both mental and physical illnesses and injury, the process will not change...more so edited and “cleaned up.” Added time response timeline.
  • Cristando: Is there a difference a withdrawal and a N?
    • This focuses on a complete withdrawal from the classes, where they would start again the next semester.
  • Cristando: Do you get your money back?
    • No, because there is no pause within an academic career. There is some discrepancy, but there is a fine line with that.
Modified sections of conduct guidelines and grievance procedures for students, as well as added a section to rescheduling due to temporary disability.
IGrade Eligibility clarifies that pregnancy related matters would fall under the policy.
Susan Dana encouraged Senate to reach out for questions or concerns to work together on this and additional policy changes. A resolution would be helpful.

• Streamline/Latenight- EJ Hanson
  • Went over revised mission statement: fare free service to students and community members in which it helps to provide late night fare free services to prevent alcohol related incidents, safe and sound alternative to late night activities
  • Want to improve the ridership, and to continue to extend the reach and efficiency of the service, as well as reduce alcohol related incidents in the community and on campus.
  • Printing and advertising both decreased in costs.
  • Coaster advertising campaign was reallocated to other programs. ASMSU Latenight water bottles will be distributed to patrons who might need water while riding the bus. “Bar Cards” will also be laminated cards which tell when each bus stops at each bar downtown.
  • Staff meetings and food and beverage stayed the same.
  • Uniforms will be an added cost this year, as well as cleaning supplies. Total of $600.

• Public Relations- Jake Shermer
  • Went over mission statement
  • Create a media packet for both directors and Senate, design creative advertising that goes outside the norm, increase the number of Facebook followers and bring back an active Twitter account.
  • Decreased the budget $1,154 mostly by cutting the PR associate. Nothing has changed besides that.
  • Ambassador program and Bobcat Buzz will remain the same for supplies, food, nametags, and apparel.
Promotional items will remain the same, except that business cards for directors were cut.
General advertising was reallocated, as needs have changed throughout the years for effective promotions and advertising.
Social media engagement was a new line item added.
  - Soares: Can you speak more about the ambassador program?
    - The program changed throughout the year. Students wanted more tasks and times to meet. It has been rewarding and successful. Offices that they have collaborated with are pleased and there has been an increase with student engagement, as well as knowledge about the offices.
  - Birky: encouraged them to come to Senate to have a better communication line with the ambassadors

**Elections-Jenna Rhoads**
- Went over mission statement
- Goals: recruit future leaders, support candidates, campus knowledge and awareness, and promote value
- Exponent advertising remains the same of $2,320
- Food has increased $60 to provide two full sheets of cake to increase student participation.
- Labor will increase by $500. Provide a source of outreach by having a mobile voting station.
- Printing will remain the same (60 posters, 3 poster sets).
- Off-Campus Advertising-requesting $220 to continue efforts in increasing voter turnout

**Legislative Update-Garrett Lankford, ASMSU Lobbyist**
- Went over resources of how to review and look at the process of the bills
- HB 363, 341, and 412 were reviewed and where they stand currently.
- Romney Renovation is a part of the Long Range Building Plan as a part of Build Montana.
- Went through the day of a lobbyist, which includes morning committee meetings, bill research/lobbying, OCHE meetings, lobbying, floor sessions, afternoon committee meetings and social events.
- Discussed the legislative committee and the procedures.
- Rotunda Day is March 6th, really encouraged attendance at this event.
- Introduction of MAS lobbyist, Mike Hopkins.

**MAS Budget- John Cowles**
- Discussed line items of the budget
- Major push to increase marketing efforts
- MAS Retreat and OCHE events explained
- National SGA conference expense would send the student regent to a conference in Washington, DC for professional development and training.
- Have moved to change fee system in which, MSU would pay $525 classified as a flagship university.
  - Soares: Does this not have to go through finance?
    - No, admin. expense.
  - Soares: Explain the broad terms of marketing?
    - Would be there to print newsletters and agendas. Especially would help out smaller schools.
  - Haskell: So we will pay $525 for the fee?
    - Correct. Haskell further gave his support for the additional professional development trip for the Regent.

Administration Reports:

President Destini French- working on transition binders and the end of the year banquet. Next week, there will be a finance board request for the remodel of the office.

Vice President Jordan Garceau- Excused.

Business Manager John Cowles- Final master budget is being worked on, with a surplus if everyone gets the correct appropriations. Outdoor Rec is going to be reviewed, good feeling that it will pass. Does not solve the solution if Outdoor Rec does not get the fee passed. Fee review came out. Erwin and Soares will sponsor this bill. If you any questions about the fees, please contact him.

President of Senate Dana Dale- Excused.

Vice President of Senate Billy Dove- If anyone is interested in change of policy for pregnant students, let him know after meeting. Ask questions about Club Sports. 2015-R-06 will have a first reading, talk to the appropriate people. ASMSU member of the month will be happening next month.

Senate Reports:

- Pratt- Sustainability certificate is going through next week.
- Kirby-2015-R-07 will be going through. See him to add additional language.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- 2015-R-06 First Reading
- Kirby move to add 2015-R-07 to docket for first reading (seconded)
  - 16-0
- 2015-R-07 First Reading
- Business Manager Confirmation
  - 8 yes votes, 4 “I guess” votes
**Senate Announcements:**

- Simeniuk: thanked everyone for their support for presidential campaign
- Ward: “Be the Match” is doing a bone marrow match event in the fitness center
- Kirby: move to adjourn (seconded)

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 by Senate President Dana Dale**