Vice President Billy Dove Presiding
6:06 Call to Order
Present: Ward, Coffee, Hardcastle, Chapman, Kambich, Simeniuk, Rowe, Erwin, Cody, Windham, Tanner, Pratt, Kirby, Cristando, Birky, Soares, VP Dove, Rowe, Haskell
Excused: A. Dove, Dale, Hogart, Thomas, Wernik, Ballance

6:08 Review Previous Minutes
Rowe move to approve, Soares second
12-0-0; motion passes

Public Comment
none

Presentation
Shelia Bernard, Start Smart
This is a program that provides salary negotiation workshops for women who are going to the workforce. With the equal pay task force, brought the first program to MSU last spring with ASMSU, women center, AAUW, and career services center office as sponsors. Why is this important? Women who leave college and enter the workforce make 82% of what their male colleagues do and that disparity widens over years producing a large gender wage gap.

The event was a little under attended last year. There was a big snowstorm and there was a 'Kevin Briggs' incident, they did get pretty good participation thought. Committee has secured funding from the President of MSU and UM and secured a grant, so now have statewide licenses for this program so many campuses can have it. In a few weeks there will be a workshop in UM, Dillon, and another workshop here in Bozeman. This started as an initiative with support of ASMSU. Women are welcome to attend and see what it is all about too - males please share this event with your constituency. Lexi attended the workshop last year and now sits on the committee. Requests that we share this info with our constituents, this is a separate event, more in depth and specific for women than the one presented by Student Success.

Rowe: Thanks the presenters for their information. Inquired if there is another workshop for the other half of our constituents.

Bernard: We do focus the only 40 slots per workshop to women because of the wage disparity. If we do not fill the classes, you can join us but all the focus will be on women.

Cody: Thank you for coming. What is the best way to share the info? Use this email?

Bernard: Yes, use the contact info on the flyer.

Charlie and Audrey Cromwell, ASMSU Legal Services program
This is our first presentation at the Senate budget. We are on campus every Wednesday, come see us if we haven’t met and please pass that on to your successors that were recently elected. Awarded the contract for legal services, one full day per week, better to offer both mornings and afternoon. We budget for 9+ months of services, some follow up of new issues in May, particularly landlord residual issues. The budget provides legal services in late August and early June. We can do additional meetings at the office, as needed, on a case by case basis. Students come in for appointments after paying $10, sign the form, and completely confidential. Majority of cases resolved in that 30 minutes, 52% resolved in that time. Cover landlord, underage drinking, family law, business law, etc.

Audrey: When we meet with someone and they need follow up care we can do case-by-case basis of 'limited scope'. Almost 50% need some additional follow up after the 30 minutes.

Charlie: We would also like to work towards the ability to offer legal advice to ASMSU

Audrey: Approximately 8-10 clients per week, most popular areas are drinking issues, landlords, family law, business services. Friends and ASMSU are the most common referral sources and the website.

Charlie: We have had only 11 no shows all year, the $10 charge does help defray some costs but also holds them accountable to showing up. Created an informal relationship with Blackstone and students who have relationships about starting businesses or insurance decided to go that way to prevent issues from coming later in the future from being sued etc. Budgets this year, September through February and budget allocated for this timeline is $267 under budget to date. Done well according to our model, have some proposals for next year.

Audrey: Considering doing expanded service for student who might be charged with "minor" offenses that might impact their futures and the charges were spurious so there have been a few times when they have done full representation and it has excellent outcomes.

Charlie: In landlord tenant issues, students risk getting evicted. Their case was worthy of advocating in full considering the situation. In the end he did not go to court, because of resources, and the outcome would have been better if he could have gone to court in these exceptional circumstances. Proposed $500 per month, total $4500 per year and it is nice to have that option in extreme situations. Happy to offer opportunity for oversight with liaison or Marianne. For now we will continue referring out to our network. Have been asked to do additional work beyond the scope of advocacy, including meetings, special events, and educational projects. Proposing an increase there for a landlord tenant initiative that would educate students about leases and rights and also reaching out to landlords who are habitual offenders. Offer template leases for these landlords and make efforts to reduce clients who are dealing with unlawful lease provisions, etc.

Audrey: Would like to have a DUI Wetlab, get together with a prosecutor, police officer - go to a bar (over 21), do the alcohol assessments, book to the jail, do a breathalyzer, etc. It’s a good educational experience.

Charlie: Another idea is advertising in the Exponent or create funny and informative videos for students. Have some judges, clerks, etc. on board to explain the way that court happens. Developing some educational pamphlets. Talked about some initial figures but will defer to our expertise on that line item.
Dove: no questions

Cowels: Thank you to Charlie and Audrey, we have seen a 200% increase. This has been our most successful program this year. Thank you for all of your hard work. They have been a godsend.

David Thiede, Procrastinator
Overall there are few changes. Increased expenses by $1000 and increased revenue goal by $2000 so overall $1000 less than this year. Minimum wage went up a little, many work study students. Raised advertising to allow for 30 film showings, would like to continue to raise that to have more diverse films. Seeking about 15 per semester. Rocky Horror show has gone over budget most years, $500 in the supplies for the event. Pro Expo decreased some including rental and shipping. Sundance Film festival report will be available tomorrow. Projector maintenance is a catch-all for minor pieces of equipment. Overhead costs are not under his control. Raised income to $12000. Currently at that amount for this year, so seems reasonable to increase that amount by a $1000 each year which allows for more budgeted events. Better to have a plan by increasing the expectation so that it can be budgeted out on more services instead of ending with a surplus. 12% over where we were at this point last year - expecting to make $19000 this year.

Haskell: Has there been talk of raising ticket prices to $3?

Thiede: Don't want to raise it. Goal is to have affordable ticket prices, keeps us at a quarter of the regular theater cost. Students are already paying for it so I want to keep it cheap.

Haskell: Do you think that you would lose people going at such a small difference?

Thiede: I don't think that is the issue, it's about keeping the costs low for students. Regular movies have not gone up much over the recent years

Rowe: Did you put in a request for a new projector?

Thiede: That is a reserve request that is coming, with a proposal for the Reserve Request.

Rowe: How do you see the new cost influencing the maintenance line?

Thiede: Butch and I have identified a bulb-less projector that needs very little maintenance and for the machine we have now replacement bulbs cost $1000 each. The new project has an illumination system that lasts for 20,000 hours and because it is digital, rather than mechanical, the smaller costs are eliminated. A new projector would decrease maintenance, but would cover other costs like tickets, cash register receipts, etc. other small items that might come up.

Cristando: How well do you feel like Sundance will go if someone else has your position?

Thiede: Planning on being here next year too, getting a second major. Would be willing to look at that again next year so that the privilege will not be abused.

Cristando: Do you think it would be appropriate to budget for 2 people and then you can groom a replacement.
Thiede: this year I brought others along in the car and stayed in the hotel. If someone came up who could take over in the future it might be a good conversation to bring to Senate. Makes the most sense to have whoever is doing the program to go to maximize ASMSU value.

Ryan Diehl, Outdoor Recreation
Presentation to overview our services and outline what we do with the money from ASMSU. First, thank Steve Rowe who has been helpful from Ryan's hiring two years ago. Congratulate Steve on his graduation. Thankful for his years of support. Together they have put together several proposals that have been success. Thank you to John Cowel who has also been very supportive as a Liaison.

ACT courses for credit proposal is being passed around. Established by ASMSU in 1975, this is the 40th year. Spring 2013 hired on a platform of growth and modernization. Outdoor Program recreation fee will be voted on at the Board of Regents in May. Offer multiple trips and outings like kayaking, snowshoeing, ski and bike shop, etc. Practical wilderness education for certification based trainings like Wilderness First Responder. Believe that this could be the most exciting and effective student service on campus.

Meeting and exceeding goals. 8793 patrons of our services. Assessment, Program Mission Document - condensed version of the Strategic Operating Plan, with incremental goals of 3-5-and 10 years from now. Sharing a visual representation of how we stack up with other universities, we are underfunded and performing worse than our peer institutions.

Even within the constraints, we offered notable programming like Wilderness Frist Responder, Avalanche, Swift Water Rescue, Open Roll Sessions, Kayaking Classes, Whitewater Rafting Trips were very popular - would like to offer more trips every year (there is always more demand than supply with these). Grand Targee ice-climbing filled up on the first day. Ski weekends fill up on the first day, we never have enough spots for most people. $3800 sold in gear swap, plan to build that as a revenue source. Yellowstone, Canyon Country, Moab trip adding some rock climbing. Need our help this year. Seeking investment in an additional position, student services, successful careers, and positive services on the campus.

In the last few years there has been a lot of change that was needed. Last year we proposed two budgets because of the BOR pending approval. The budget proposing now is the contingency budget that is the backup plan if the BOR does not approve. Information is outlined in the materials provided. If anyone wants additional materials or explanations, would be happy to meet with you.

Primary goal is to add an additional staff person to allow for growth. Risk management consultant indicated that more staff is first step of reducing risk.

Rowe: Thank you for presenting. Question about the necessity and urgency of the position. How often do you work past the 40 hour work week.

Diehl: Every week I do more. Trips are on weekends and holidays and administrative tasks are weekdays.

Rowe: always go above and beyond, thank you

Howell: Seeing a bump in trends, will you explain why things changed.
Diehl: this is a to-date chart, 4 months still remaining. Projection of anticipated revenue in the next 4 months can confidently say that we can meet one of his operating goals to match the funding dollar for dollar of funds donated by ASMSU. Revenue generation expected to match one to one dollar for dollar as promised last year.

Cowels: Fee is up for review in May Board of Regents, $3.52 currently. If not approved by Board of Regents then we would be able to subsidize the remaining funds needed. $100,000 of revenue is incredible, showing meaningful and amazing growth this year, to Ryan’s credit. Probably our best managed program from finance and strategic management approach. Thank you for your commitment and efforts.

Laura Wilson, Arts and Exhibits
Gallery represents campus artist, local artists, and international artists. One of her goals was to focus on student artists, rather than national artists. Student shows have the most attendance by far. 50-60 people per session. Sub remodel has affected the gallery, hoping that once the ballrooms reopen, the events bring in many people to the gallery. Upheaval art show features student artists of many types - painters, ceramic, metal works, etc. Also host visiting artists and do visiting demonstrations and speakers, like Bray Days.

Biggest expense for the gallery is labor. Program Director and Assistant director, Exit gallery associates are 4 work study employees who make sure that things are safe. Gallery exhibits and maintenance - independent shows, advertising, and receptions. Increased supplies and receptions some, but used savings from another area. Gallery needs some maintenance care. Eliminated MAGDA conference, could not attend and this is not essential because it is mostly a networking opportunity that is not necessary. Artists pay $15 as an application fee, this has gone down a little this year because collaborated for more shows. Commissions have decreased some too because much of the work that we are showing is either too expensive for students to afford or is not for sale.

Upheaval has a separate bank account, about $400 this year. Lost a lot of institutional knowledge because Phyllis was running it. Have created some exciting new info for the next person. Overhead and supplies are basics.

Simeniuk: Why doesn’t this stipend doesn’t match?

Cowels: Admin recommendations following stipend review

Dove: When the expense is higher than what students can afford do you advertise to the community?

Wilson: This is a collaborative project. Other partners are doing press releases and attracting audiences

Cristando: Spending money on student staff, what about putting in video cameras?

Wilson: something to consider, I’m not in favor because art is fragile and sometimes expensive. Also nice to have a personal touch of someone to talk when you are viewing the art.

Budget
Cowels: Admin budget is not ready, will have a presentation after spring break. Do not expect any large changes, some difference in the stipend review. Following spring break we will review. Finance board is reviewing the budgets and will make suggestions soon. After that Senate will make budget recommendations. Round of applause for Jen Joyce for coming to every meeting.

2015-R-08
First reading and second reading.
Passes 10-3

Rowe: Friendly amendment to add line numbers, add parenthesis, strike only 13% line and the statistics taken line, lowercase counseling, strike greatly, Erin Murdock instead of Julie Donnovan, lower case university, room and board are not capitalized, student fees not capitalized, academic support services not capitalized.

Cowels: Need to add the members of the Board of Regent names and Clayton Christian, Terry Liest and Laura Humburger add (MSU) in parenthesis

Dove: Do the sponsors accept?

Erwin and Soares: Accept

Dove: the resolution is so amended, if anyone is unclear Dove has those changes and a new resolution will be made available.

Cristando: Was this thrown together in the last few minutes?

Haskell: I am not comfortable with sending a resolution that took just a few minutes to write

7:29 Dove: If you are uncomfortable with this version, please suggest you make an amendment

Move to vote. 14-0 resolution passes. Final draft will be made available. Thank you to Laura Humburger, Jen Joyce, and Tom Stump

Cowels: Program budgets are done, we are very close to being finished. Spent 30 hours in the last few days fixing formulas and other mistakes. Luckily we are more or less on track for the year's schedule. It has been challenging. Finance board has been reviewing administrative budget. Destini and Jordan are finishing transition binders. Congratulate Gwynn and Levi. Hype Fest has recruited Disco Fry from New York City, cobbled together money from several budgets and hopefully it will be highly attended. ‘Take a seat at the table’ collaborative leadership meeting planning is underway. Rotunda day is tomorrow. End of the year banquet will be April 30th at 6pm, location TBD, cash bar for the few of you who are of age. Working on a comprehensive office remodel bid, want to have everything in one whole request. Rescheduled due to bureaucratic procurement processes that we are usually exempt from delay until June. Jordan and Destini are at the BOR meeting and OCHE.

Dove: congratulations to Gwynn and Levi. Congrats to reelected Senators. Condolences to those who did not win, find another role, just because you don't have a title doesn’t mean that you are not a leader.
Senate reports
Rowe: Memorandum of Understanding project that will allow him to create a reserve if his fee proposal doesn't pass. Message from a constituent who wishes to remain anonymous "Happy NDT came to MSU because of his international reputation." complaint not enough fiscally conservative, pro-religion events. All sides should be included without fear of brainwashing. Seeking more balanced approach from Leadership Institute

Dove: Great - agree or don't agree, this is good to bring before the body

Birky: Legislative update that the 363 bill passed

Simeniuk: Club sports met on Friday, turf field, getting ducks in a row to prepare future plans

Windham: Met with library and tech committee, tour Jake Jabs hall to see chairs

Pratt: CBC met, combined effort with the Gallatin College to produce a hospitality major/minor curriculum moving forward

Haskell: Student bill of rights passed on the ballot. 262 students voted against it.

Cowels: PTAC went over the fee increases to parking passes, no increase since 2009. New business plan hiring a consultant for an objective review. Saw lots of talk in the presidential campaign with promises about solving parking, looked at having an app that could be available, cost is high for that proposal but supporting it.

Unfinished Business
2015-R-6 Interim Study Bill, second reading

Soares: move to approve, Rowe seconded

Rowe: Questions to sponsors - bill number for this?

Hardcastle: I don't believe they have numbers.

Rowe: I am uncomfortable passing this until I see the bill

Soares: Friendly amendment, multiple changes to grammar including lower case terms, comas, and semicolons

Dove: Do the sponsors accept?

Howel: We accept

Dove: It is so amended

Pratt: Posed question about grammar

Haskell: Do we have any other proposals in the works?
Cowles: In answering Rowes question LC2446, due in final form March 31st. It will reach final stage and is seeking support.

Haskell: is there anything else in the works that would be beneficial to all students instead of this small effect?

Howell: This looks at all institutions across the state, large impact. If someone was doing research on that we ought to look into it but we know that this one is going forward.

Dove: any other discussion on the resolution, no additional discussion.
All in favor of 2015-r-6
8-3-5 pass by majority

Senate Announcements
Simeniuk: March 18th 7pm Farmland documentary about agriculture, posters available at the office, please share

Rowe: Have a great spring break

Cowles: Priority registration has changes, only being conducted.

Many Senators at once: This is incorrect

Windham: This is “Pre-Pre” registration on the 18th if you would like to test the software you can go help. If not, you can all go register on the normal day on the 23rd, Friday.

Hardcastle: Engineers without borders need models for their fashion show

Simeniuk: thank you for supporting us and voting

Soares move to adjourn, second Rowe

7:56 meeting adjourned.