Montana State University
Associated Students of MSU Senate
SUB Conference Room 235
October 1st, 2015

Meeting Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Senate Speaker, Joshua Soares

Minutes recorded by Senate Secretary, Mackenzie Johnson

Roll Call: Campbell, Chapman, Dove, Dufner, Glose, Howell, Jones, Lacy, Leach, Lynn, Manley, Marts, Miller, Murdoch, O’Leary, Oswald, Sanders, Soares, Stimac, Windham, Zoltek.

Absent: O’Keefe

Approval of Minutes:

Howell - Move to approve (seconded)

Public Comment – None

Presentations – None

Admin reports

Simenuik – I donated one thousand dollars out of my discretionary to FFA. This will allow ASMSU to have a booth at their trade fair. With the transition, I’m excited to have Holly Capp as the VP. I encourage all of the senators to vote for her. I couldn’t have picked anyone better based on Levi’s decision. She will serve ASMSU really well and ensure this organization moves forward successfully and she’s a great representative to the university and this organization. The advice from the last few weeks has been that it’s not so much what happens but how we move forward. I hope you all think about this as I step down. What do you want from AMSU? What do you want from each other? What do you want to get out of this? I’d like to thank you all for your support and my time in office. I will continue to be a resource if you guys have any questions. I wish you all the best.

Brough – I am thankful to have served with Gwynn. There are many qualities we could learn from Gwynn. She has a keen sense of interpersonal skills and how she has handled all of this. She has been so strong in face of a challenge. I hope you can express your appreciation to her in the next few weeks. I appreciate her leadership and we should all hold ourselves to that standard. This is unconventional but can we please take a moment of silence for those who are in Roseburg, Oregon. Ten were lost in the university so take a second for that. If you think of a way to reach out let me know. During times of change we need to make sure leadership roles stay stable. Thank you to those who stood solid ground. It could’ve been anyone to step up but because you are in the roles you are in we have stability. Everyone is great in their respective positions. Thank you for appreciating Levi’s process. I appreciate you all in the place that you are in and I am impressed with you all. This next week will be busy.
Tonight we said goodbye to a very inspiring leader. A testament to her character is that she plans to stay involved in an informal role and carry out her goals, it means a lot. Update to the transition plan, we are underway and making progress. We have received tons of support including President Cruzado. I would like to hear ideas for quick wins from you guys. This is stuff that can be accomplished before the end of the semester. The floor is open to any ideas.

I like the idea of reaching out to other campus’ in times of tragedy to state that we care about our community and other communities.

A forum about the substance abuse policy

Movie on the lawn

Champ change can work with local businesses to provide discounts

Expanding late-night streamline

Any idea of where for the late-night streamline expansion route?

I don’t have any currently it’s just a starting idea

Student leaders travel around to other universities and put together an off campus living office and look at how other universities utilize transportation

We are currently working on that

We are working on gender inclusive housing and it is well underway to possibly happening in fall 2016

I like the idea of a student code of ethics. Maybe starting a taskforce for that.

I will take a couple of these to admin but if yours is not chosen please feel free to act on it yourself because they are all great. The big question was what we expect from our student leaders. What expectations do you have for me as I move to position of President?

I ask that you make it your own running platform

Follow through on original ideas

We are just going to listen for the next few weeks and work on building trust from the student body. We must listen to govern.

We owe RHDC 300k over the last three years from bad accounting and we are paying them back which was a pain but we sorted it out. We need one more person for finance board so please find people to apply. I am taking on POS for front desk and procrastinator as a class project and hopefully that will fast track it to be done by the end of November. Campus Entertainment has no concerts planned and we will have a new deal to stray a bit from their old budget to do different kinds of events. We need to approve or deny that budget coming up. Everything else looks good. Student Political Action is doing a bit of changing to be more involved in the community. Lastly, Gwynn was a great leader and I believe she has done the
right thing by stepping down. She will continue to offer her advice. Levi and I have worked together for a long time and I feel he is the most qualified for the position of president. We have always managed to come out on top even though the past couple weeks have been tough. There is still a bright future ahead and it is up to you to make the best of this situation and have the best interest of this campus at heart. It’s going to be an awesome year for ASMSU and the students. I encourage you to approve Holly Capp she’s been in AMSU for as long as Levi and I have and she knows what’s going on within this campus and she’s a competent leader in the business school and life in general.

Soares - Has Campus Entertainment moved forward with any of these ideas?

Cowles – Nope. They went over budget on one event but there is still enough room to fulfill all that she wants to do. Becca inherited a bit of a mess so she is doing the best she can and we are here to help her through the transition.

Brough – I am meeting with her this week and if you are a liaison meet with her and be involved.

Soares – I want to recognize Mackenzie for being awesome and helping me out a lot as Senate Secretary. In the office, please be respectful of voice levels. There are other people that work in our office and you guys can get rowdy. Bill of rights brought to faculty senate and they loved it and its moving forward. It goes to vote this week. Tracy Ellig is coming next week to present on media training in times of crisis and reporting professionally and correctly. Constitutional revision has passed and should be signed within the month by President Cruzado.

Dove – no report

**Senate Reports**

Howell – First Not in our House task meeting went well we have great stuff coming in the next year and they will talk to us too.

Marts – Bike task force is working on great ideas like encouraging other modes of transportation, electric bike charging stations, etc.

Glose – Leadership Institute met this week and talked about plans and issues coming up. Great speakers are coming here in the next few months.

Howell – Exit Gallery is opening a new show called Repeat Offenders with an associated lecture.

Oswald – Director of the Leadership Institute talked about their presence among students and increasing awareness. She was interested in doing a workshop with us in the near future.

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business**

**Swearing in of new president, Levi Birky.**

Holly Capp. Vice President Nominee – I would like to continue being there to listen to your ideas and hopes for this organization as we move forward. If you confirm me I am open to
questions and concerns. This organization has become my life and I want to portray that to the student body. The floor is now open to questions.

Sanders – What goals do you have?

Capp – I want to rebuild trust with the student body. The quick win plan can accomplish this. I want to continue on with Gwynn and Levi’s plan. I will be taking on the spirit role and working to increase that. I will make sure programs are as fiscally responsible as possible. Overall, restoring trust is the main goal. We will listen first then come back to you.

Howell – What is your experience with Board of Regents and Montana Associated Students?

Capp – I served as a senior in high school and ultimately I want to be a lawyer in business. I quickly became acquainted with the Montana university system. It’s complicated but I am willing to learn and am open to help.

Glose – What is your strategy to balance your time commitments?

Capp – I reflected a lot to decide if I could take on this position. I am taking less credits and never sleep so I believe I have a good time balance. I work well busy and can continue that.

Soares – What is your stance on privacy law reform to allow for parental notification of student misconduct?

Capp – I like Leach’s idea of a public forum

Soares - Have you ever been elected by a constituent, a people, of comparable size and importance to lead and represent?

Capp – I have not had roles of this size but I have had many leadership roles to prepare me to take the next step and I am fully ready and prepared to take on this role.

Birky – Holly was above and beyond my expectations and criteria for this position. She is and has been involved in so many aspects in and outside of ASMSU. We made plenty of time for you guys to come and talk to Capp and voice concerns and I have not heard any concerns about her leadership. If you vote no, I hope you did your due diligence and reflected upon your conscience.

Glose – I have seen Holly in her Advocats role and I have complete confidence in her ability to lead.

Chapman – I have never heard anything bad about Holly. If you look up passionate you may see Holly’s name there she bleeds passion.

Howell – You all had ample time to talk to Capp and her office hours have given you plenty of time to address red flags.

Dove – I had a few concerns when I heard Capp was nominated but after thinking it through I remember ASMSU is her passion and if you are freaked out with all of this change I still highly recommend Holly.
Roll Call Vote to appoint Holly Capp as ASMSU Vice President
Y – 19
N – 0

Swearing in of Vice President of ASMSU, Holly Capp

Swearing in of Honors College Representative, John Miller

First reading of 2015-B-01 to reestablish the ASMSU Judicial Council

Senate Announcements
Glose – If you have any concerns about this bill please contact the sponsors or President Birky

Stimac – Next Saturday is the Alpha Omicron Pi 5k run for our philanthropy event, please sign up if interested.

Jones – If you are interested in joining our fantasy football league we are meeting in the office after this

Cowles – Where is the trophy from last year?

Dove – Elder Dove took it when he moved

Howell – Move to adjourn (seconded)

Meeting adjourned 7:09 p.m.