Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Rogala- Move to approve the minutes for April 7th.

Seconded by Mohr

Public Comment:

Erika Lawson- Catapalooza signups for groups is opening up tomorrow online tomorrow at Montana.edu/Catapalooza. First come first serve for the tables we provide. It’s a great way to make new students feel welcome in Bozeman.

Sheila Bonand- I am a librarian at Renne Library. I like to represent those of us at Renne when you make your decision on the reserve.

Presentations:

Teresa Snyder- The Board of Regents is seven positions throughout the state and also a full student position which is what I’m doing. HB 2 is where all higher education is budgeted and with that bill, it was passed yesterday which shorts the Montana universities $29 million but it will not pass until it is signed by the governor. I would love feedback and questions you have.

Mariani- How did the $29 million cut effects MSU?

Teresa- I believe it’s about $7 million specifically for MSU.

Mariani- How long is the budget there for?

Teresa- It’s a two year budget. What the board needs to know is what quality will be affected. For example, class size, accessibility to professors, financial aid.

Unfinished Business:

Reserve Request- Library renovation sponsorship

PT Dawson- For the Fund Drive, they surpassed their expectations. They wanted to make $111,000 and they made $119,000 in pledges. It was a great turn out and pledges are still coming in.

BM Thrasher- If we passed the $30,000 request for the library and the $16,000 for the Re-Rev we would have $19,280 left. It we passed the $50,000 request for the library and the $16,000 for the re-rev we would have $1520 left.
Pres. Bjornson- How is the Exponent doing in their budget?

Eric Dietrich- We are coming in below the budget it looks like but still not quite making the revenue we quoted for the budget.

Roden- Does the $50,000 include employment?

PT Dawson- No, it probably doesn’t.

Grismer- Did she say that they could find money somewhere else for the furnishing?

Theil- Yes, I believe they would be taking it out of the endowment; which would less money to sustain the library in the future.

Bennet- Is the $30,000 what the finance board improved?

APT Krueger- Yes.

BM Thrasher- The fiscal year is July 1st through June 30th, But most of it will be finalized by then.

Mohr- That’s assuming they receive all the pledges?

BM Thrasher- Yes and that no one goes over their budget.

Roden- Was it a problem to collect pledges last year?

PT Dawson- That was not a problem last year; they just came in under their estimate for pledges.

Thiel- Last year KGLT and Exponent went over their budgets, but we still put money in the reserve.

BM Thrasher- For Fiscal Year 2010, they were pledged $115,000 and only received $102,000.

Apt Krueger- I think the supplemental is a very good use of our money. It’s something used everyday day. I would like to move to approve the $30,000 for the library renovations.

Seconded by Mohr

Rogala- I move to override finance board and reward them with $40,000 for the library renovations.

Seconded by Fraser

West- Is it a concern to come close to zeroing the reserve?

BM Thrasher- Last year there was about $8000 put in the reserve, and we’ve been doing that for several years. I think we would be at a good place.

Rogala- Is the $40,000 helpful at all or no?

Sheila- very helpful.
Pres. Bjornson- the numbers on the board, is not what’s left in the reserve, its what’s left in the reserve AFTER the 40%.

Rogala- We wouldn’t actually be negative even if some committees came in over budget.

PT Dawson- All in favor of overriding finance board and giving $40,000 to the library?
19-0-0

Voting to vote
19-0-0

Approving reserve request for library renovations.
19-0-0

Re-Rev Project Reserve Request

French-I went and talked to Mike. He said they would be more than happy for us to sponsor half of this project. I don’t think we necessarily need to completely fund this as purely an educational tool.

Mariani- I think we need to keep in mind we just gave an extra $10,000 to the other reserve

Grismer- I think this is going to be a really important addition to MSU and a great educational tool.

Murdock- I think this would really show we are trying to go more green and being sustainable it would be great PR.

Thiel- Finance Board voted this down, why?

Apt Krueger- Yes, they did because they believe it was fiscally irresponsible, but they enjoyed the idea and think it would be great at MSU.

Vollmer- for $16,000 I think we could do a lot more in sustainability, but I think this is a great project.

Roden- Yes, he said the treadmills that are off the grid saved about 12 machines worth of energy. That is much more sustainable.

Rogala- I think those cost a lot more. They are negligible, but they have an effect on our costs. We don’t have any more sustainability supplementals. It’s the end of the year and definitely a worthwhile investment.

Hinkle- I find the $16,000 very expensive.

PT Dawson- They already have the equipment, but its adding them to re-rev.

Bennet- This is a step in the right direction.
Lawson- there has been a lot of talk from students that we are not sustainable enough, and I think it is up to us to push these ideas because it is what students want. This is one major aspect to the colleges students pick to go to.

PT Dawson- Definitely; it is one of the first place places people are taken when they are touring the school.

West- Move to override Finance Board.

Seconded by Fraser

Vote to override Finance Board and approve the reserve request

18-1-0 (Roden opposed)

Bill 2011-B-08 Committee Incentive Program

APT Krueger- There was one change by Sen. Lawson and it was a title change to “program director.”

PT Dawson- (read the bill)

Rogala- not all of the people are program directors? Can we change it to stipendiary positions?

Pres. Bjornson- That is too confusing. I would like it if we could table this bill until next week? There are some issues I would like to talk about with the sponsors. Transitioning is part of the job and should not necessarily been given a bonus. Previously, every single person who applies will get that bonus no matter what. I think that needs to change. Those who deserve them should get them but I don’t think everyone should.

Rogala- I have another version and I agree that some things should change.

Thiel- move to postpone one week.

Seconded by Bennet

19-0-0

**New Business:**

Confirm new hires by Senators

PT Dawson- We will pass applications around to glance at but it’s not necessary to have every senator review every application for the positions to approve them. (Read the applicants and their positions)

Rogala- Did all the positions get filled?

VP Steffens- The business manager is pending and will be presented next week.

Rogala- What about the re-hires?
VP Steffens- There were five rehires.

Murdock- How many were uncontested?

VP Steffens- There were two.

Grismer- Will you send us their information?

PT Dawson- Yes, we will send a new people in the know list.

Thiel- Move to recognize Sen. Bernard.

Seconded by Vollmer

Haskell- Move to approve all hires except Business Manager and Personal Relations Director.

18-0-1 (Rogala abstained)

Resolution 2011-R-12 SUB Fees

PT Dawson- (Read the Resolution)

Thiel- Are the RSO’s (Registered Student Organizations) necessary?

PT Dawson- (read proposed changes to the Strand union policy manual)

Pres. Bjornson- I talked to Butch today, and line six is actually already the policy. The wording needs to change.

French- What will this resolution actually do?

Pres. Bjornson- This will go to the SUB Advisory Board, and they will make the policy change and it is a process. This is the initiation of that process

Lawson- I was under the impression they were going to change it to make it almost optional?

Pres. Bjornson- That was going to be the change, but this has been agreed upon and it will get rid of all fees.

Thiel- friendly amendment- line six. And cross out RSO in lines seven and fourteen.

Rogala and Haskell concur

Mohr- Butch and some others say it was a minimal issue, the purpose was not to make money but was a philosophy issue. I understand where they are coming from and it was a big hassle before so I think they will support this

West- Move to approve.
Seconded by Mohr

16-0-0

Resolution 2011-R-13 Outdoor Rec. Sign

PT Dawson- the issue is that this is an older sign, and the Facilities Dept. has issues with that. Mike would like to keep it though, for advertisement and because it is historic for the organization. It doesn’t match with all the other signs on campus though. (Read the Resolution)

Lawson- friendly amendment.

Haskell and Rogala concur

Krueger- President Cruzado is trying to become more traditional. I feel this sign is a tradition for those workers in Outdoor Rec. the small sign doesn’t do much. I think it will also give clarification of the building.

West- Move to approve.

Seconded by Mohr

20-0-0

Supplemental- NECO/MESA Montana Ethic Project and guest lectures

Apt Krueger- finance board approved this because they believe

Matt Smith- the Montana Ethics Project that is aimed at surveying some of the diversity we have. It’s a survey of influential and not as influential people and asks what Montana is to them. It gives different perspectives from around the state. Montana is the centrality of this; you can see the list being passed around. This is a great project; the Office of the President has stepped up to sponsor this. The Public Policy Office on campus also sponsors this. It will be a great learning tool for classes at MSU and brings these people to the campus for interviews. This will be a film. It could potentially be a miniseries on PBS or webinars and at the same time it can be used in many other markets. Your dollars will go to promoting this film it will also bring students in on creating this project. It will not be going to a professional but rather students.

PT Dawson- This is the same person who put on “Sustain Montana” that was put on last year and supported by MSU. It dealt with sustainable projects throughout the state and will be used next year in US 101 classes. It has been used around the state, and ASMSU owns the rights and can be used in any way we would like. Also has been viewed in many different ways.

Rogala- I will be abstaining, but I believe this is a great project. There are a lot of people willing to put their support into this also.

Thiel- Move to approve.
Seconded by Bernard

Mohr- how much money do we have in supplementals?

BM Thrasher- $5500

18-1-1 (Mohr opposed and Rogala abstained)

Bill 2011-B-09 Resolution Clarification (First Reading)

PT Dawson- (Read the bill) This is the first reading of the bill. Just questions will be allowed.

Bill 2011-B-10 Stipend Review Composition and Clarification (First Reading)

PT Dawson- (Read the bill)

Roden- I’d talked to Sen. Rogala about this, but to include the person being transitioned in be on that board temporarily.

Rogala- I’m not sure how to word that, please give me ideas.

Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- The Story of Stuff is being put on by the ASMSU sustainability center. It’s a free video next week about the life cycle of stuff. Football recycling coordinator and recycling associate are being hired.

Student Needs Assessment meeting. Teresa was just in a meeting for another assessment. They had focus groups to answer questions. They then drew from that and created a survey that went to the entire county. That sounds pretty interesting and we might do something similar to that.

Single section class offerings- his concern is mostly for student athletes but also that it would benefit all students as well with other obligations. He wanted me to ask you if it would benefit the general student body also. I also asked for a semester report from him.

The Board of Regents meeting tomorrow- what services do you really not want to see going away? This is a hard conversation because we don’t know what will be cut, and we don’t want to be too specific without knowing the numbers. We just ask for sentiments from students.

Roden- Is there going to be a trade off with giving something up or raising tuition?

Pres. Bjornson- We don’t know. We don’t know what will be cut by the state and what the Board of Regents will do with this and then how the university will handle it.

PT Dawson- maybe we shouldn’t present anything such as what Teresa suggested.

Pres. Bjornson- Is there something very important that they want to be talked about tomorrow?
Bernard- To ask that facilities stay the same. That is very important.

Fraser- ITC services. Those services take a lot of money and are needed.

Lawson- minority groups that won’t potentially have aid after this because they are so small.

Thiel- undergraduate scholarship program and those things that let the university innovate. Those are always looked to first for cut and they shouldn’t be cut.

Mariani- Cutting money to athletics in favor of education.

French- No raise in tuition.

Grismer- Resources such as tutoring and writing centers; they are too important to be forgotten. That is why we are here.

French- The computer labs and vast access to programs.

Bennet- student health services.

Roden- more access to professors.

Dawson- film program. Or any program with equipment that can’t be updated puts the student behind other universities.

Pres. Bjornson- The fees we have been talking about the last couple weeks will not be affected because they are not supported by the state. This is direct for the students such as tuition.

VP Steffens- the ASMSU Retreat “adventure” is this weekend. We have been secured two 15 passenger vans. We will be meeting in the South lot at 7:30am on Saturday.

Hinkle- How many are going?

VP Steffens- There is about thirty. ASMSU Banquet is welcome to all of you and you may bring one guest.

msuhomecoming@gmail.com this is the email for RSVPs. Its April 28th at 6:30PM in place of the meeting. Business casual dress code.

Stipend review- This next week we are going to meet to review stipend to who is going to get a bonus and who won’t. This is to be using the current bylaws as they are

Deans and directors this morning, the bonding bill was approved for $1 million in renovating the small classrooms mostly. Also talk about the alumni lounge that is currently the northwest lounge, which was shut down.

Four candidates now for the dean of students search.
BM Thrasher- As far as spending goes as of march 31st, ASMSU would still have $260,000 total. It's mostly in daycare and other committees. I apologize for not being here last week, I have extra copies of the budget and I can make more. I can explain it to you personally because it is very complicated. I will be posting it to the website for access by anyone.

I spoke with a representative from ASUM in Missoula. They have a whole committee for students moving off campus in the first time. They help them figure out places to live, how living costs are, and more. It's an idea.

The proficiency test for seniors- it takes 35 minutes and you get a $25 gift card. The grade is not associated with your name. I encourage you to do it.

PT Dawson- Any time we vote on something and someone “wins” and another “loses,” what should we do instead of clapping? Possibly just is just one clap.

Rogala- we are congratulating someone we shouldn’t worry about it.

PT Dawson- We are sending in our C-Fac proposal in tomorrow. Hopefully it all goes through.

APT Krueger- Finance board tabled the climbing wall. We sent Kevin for funding at student activities and come to us with what is left over. Parking services is coming next week for a presentation, and he asked that we give him five questions ahead of time. They are actually very willing to come and speak to us if we give them question to prepare for.

Grismer- We definitely need to talk to students about this and see what they specifically are worried about.

APT Krueger- email me some questions before next week.

West- Our conversation last week was very heated and these people run our parking and we need to give them the utmost respect and keep it professional no matter how strongly we feel about it.

Rogala- They can accept state funding just to clarify.

Thiel- What initiatives they have looked into in trying to reduce those who drive to campus? Car pooling and other ways. Instead of giving out more car passes.

PT Dawson- I feel this has gotten worse this year, every year they over sell parking passes. Why? It seems to be getting worse.

Thiel- Ask them what different sources they are considering for long term funding for parking on campus? The rationale behind expecting parking tickets to support their budget.

Rogala- How are they willing to work with us on parking?

Hinkle- What about group events and they can park there?
Bernard- Overselling- that could be misinterpreted. It would be interesting to understand the statistics as to how they arrive at the rationale.

**Senate Reports:**

Murdock- the annual creek clean up- please come and help. We are going to start talking about a stream restoration. It would be really interesting. Tomorrow is the last day to recycle glass in the sub.

Thiel- The mission statement and themes. We are thinking of ways to move forward. Some people on the council had an issue with wording that we want to produce leaders when some people only want to be savvy. The alumni lounge will probably be postponed indefinitely.

Roden- AJM Study Room design team. I had a meeting with carol Shannon in ITC and we put some ideas out to make it a great comfortable room. Not only to make presentations and prepare for them but to also be able to present in there. She would love for you to contact her because she would like to get this going very soon possibly over the summer.

Vollmer- I’m working on getting a bus route from the airport and to campus for orientation. I am talking to karst stage and they are working on a budget for us. We would not be able to collect money from students though.

Rogala- C-SAC just proposed the climate action plan which was rejected except for the plan B option which was approved.

Murdock- Core 2.0 meeting. They are starting a new seminar class that is education based but the readings are more focused on education.

Bernard- “Waiting for Superman” was probably our biggest showing of a film ever. It was really great.

PT Dawson- There is a little bit of buffer money for the vans that we gave money for. We thought it would be cool to get a vinyl wrap on the van, just an idea.

**Announcements:**

Rogala- Sunday is the Run for the Work. They need volunteers and runners. Stephanie Hanson is food services. Peer Fellows and Peer leaders for freshman seminars still need applicants.

Hinkle- What all does a peer leader do?

Rogala- Basically, they are like a TA.

Thiel- George Metcalf is going to be at the museum next week. He is a great economist and speaker.

Haskell- Ask Us seminar lost and found sale next Thursday.

**Adjourn Meeting:**
Krueger- Move to adjourn

Seconded by Chiapetta

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm