Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Mohr- Move to approve March 31st minutes.
Seconded by Bennett

Public Comment: none

Presentations: none

Unfinished Business:

(Still waiting on Fund Drive information to decide on supplemental requests)

New Business:

Supplemental Request- Outdoor Rec. Vehicle Replacement

Mike- Last spring, the Board of Regents and Commissioner of Higher Education produced a resolution that did away with commutative vehicles. We have now had to start paying for those ourselves. We figured this is the best way to do this. We figured the best way to use funds by purchasing a used vehicle. One of our current vehicles will be traded in. We went before finance board last night, and they felt it would be better to buy a new vehicle rather than two used ones, but the numbers didn’t add up. We could still get in on the bid process with the state for new vehicles.

Roden- What is the primary use and who uses the bus and how many?

Mike- 15 occupants, it’s a mini bus. And the expedition is eight passengers. They run from day trips to 9-10 day trips for spring break.

PT Dawson- Exec voted unanimously for this. These funds were earmarked specifically for this because we already knew about this.

Rogala- I move to approve $25,000 for this supplemental.

Seconded by Bennett

15-0-0

New Senator Appointment
PT Dawson- Koby Bernard was the only applicant for this seat, but we do not have to elect the only applicant. We’ll treat this as any other appointment. (Read the application)

1. What is ASMSU? What does it stand for?
2. Why did you decide to apply for the appointed seat?
3. How do you propose to bring about changes in the senate?
4. What skills will you bring to the senate from previous experience?

Koby- I am a junior at the sociology at MSU. I was previously a part of the Leadership Institute. I participate in many clubs. I like to make people happy and I would like to continue this on a larger scale.

1. The Associated Students of Montana State University- organize and govern the impacts on MSU and the community.
2. I saw the president’s email saying a position was open, and I decided to try this.
3. I’m very interested in helping freshmen. I was very confused as a freshman and would like to help the freshmen out.
4. I have great organizational skills, interpersonal skills and computer skills.

Chiapetta- I’ve been to an LI program, and he is a great leader.

Floerchinger- I am the liaison, and he is always outspoken and would be a great asset.

Roden- I think it was really important to know he wants to be very involved with freshman and wants to make a positive difference.

10-0-0


Resolution 2011-R-12 Fee Proposal changes and recommendations

PT Dawson- (reads resolution)

West- move to approve

Seconded by French

Rogala-It’s fairly self-explanatory. They mostly want our support for the student body.

PT Dawson- It accounts for a ten dollar increase per student.

15-0-1 (Rogala abstained)

Bill 2011-B-08 Committee Incentive Program (first reading)
PT Dawson- (read the bill) Did everyone see the email that Brandy sent out? This explained it very well and showed what would happen. This is just the first reading. We will only take questions, no discussion.

Rogala- Do we change “committee head” to “director?”

Pres. Bjornson- Yes.

PT Dawson- If you have any changes please email me or Phyllis.

Vollmer- Does this bonus apply only to transitions or to anyone?

PT Dawson- This is more dubbed the “end of term” bonus whether or not they are coming back. It is based on merit. It is required of each committee head to transition the new committee head.

Roden- Can we add into this to evaluate how effective the transitioning was and take it into account from the new committee head?

PT Dawson- Yes, that is something that should be looked into.

Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- I talked to people at Facilities meeting today, and a bonfire idea came up. We used to do this before Cat/Griz basketball games. They were shut down for being out of hand. ASMSU has previously tried to get this going again but was turned down. Facilities are coming to us now to be prepared next year for homecoming. This would be for a 12’ diameter pit. They will pay for it. The request that they sent is to have two to three senators to start meeting with them. Any volunteers? The rest was about the Climate Action Plan. University Council was not in support of the first idea. They came back this month with a status quo idea that runs with what the state is doing. I do not agree with this, if we already have this money, we should keep investing it.

The Montana Associated Students (MAS) CONFERENCE call was last night with the board of regents. We mostly focused on the tuition increases, and it’s difficult to have those conversations when we do not know about the budget yet and what it will be. I will be going with Teresa next Friday to discuss with the board of regents about possible increases. We also presented MSU’s tobacco free campus initiative. At the next meeting we will be voting on the policy. University Council is all the chancellors and deans and foundations, VP for Relations.

The student needs assessment; I did not get all the emails. Can you let me know again who was going to help with this? (Murdock volunteered)

The reserve account and what we have done in the last couple years. We put in a lot of money in the reserve at the end of the year. Presumably we would be putting money in the reserve at the end of the year.
VP Steffens- ASMSU Retreat is April 16th. The Leadership Institute is putting this on and running it for us. Please let them know if you can or can’t make it. ASAP.

ASMSU Banquet is April 28th at 6pm at the GranTree Inn please RSVP.

Dean of Students search- phone interviews are next week. They will have it narrowed down to three candidates by the last week of class.

Mentor and Mentees, have you been meeting? How is it working?

Deans and Directors meeting this morning. They are discussing changing direction of sexual assault and how it is addressed on campus.

Public Comment- (Erika Lawson) - Right now, VP Biden’s goal is to eliminate sexual assault on campuses. On campuses right now, if it is brought forward to us then we have to see what they want to do and if they want to go forward with investigations. Changes would be taking any type of report from any party would be investigated.

VP Steffens- They also discussed how to deal with protesters on campus.

With the orientation program, there is no program to get students from the airport to the campus, it was brought to my attention that if we wanted to create some sort of bussing system for those students.

Erika Lawson- I think this is a great idea, and also look into using it before and after breaks during the semesters. This would alleviate much parent concern.

VP Steffens- definitely, this would be a great project for us to get into. Anyone interested let me know.

Hinkle- What about the free speech zones?

Pres. Bjornson- There is a group of students for a sociology class, and they will present to the Senate soon. They have concerns with what our current policies on it are, and changing it. We’ll email them and try to get them in as soon as we can.

BM Thrasher- absent

PT Dawson- ADHOC list, please sign up there are a few spots left. Also, please get in your office hours. Sen. Lawson wanted me to mention “Rock Against Rape.” It's April 13th or 14th; it’s a concert to bring awareness to speaking out for rape. The board that is for projects that need attention, please look at that and talk to who you need to see.

APT Krueger- I am looking for six students for finance board on April 22nd.

PT Dawson and I would like to know if there is anyone you want to nominate for homecoming royalty, please let us know. This will extend to committee heads as well.
Last Friday, I sat in on Space Management. One concern was a vacant space in the architecture program building. It costs $8 million to bring up the whole building to code. The space is very run down, and clubs could sponsor the area to renovate it. Let the various clubs know.

**Senate Reports:**

Roden- I met with cColleen, as new liaison for Late Night, Casey Welles will be the new director of the Late Night. She is very excited. Beerfest also, the flyers will be put out. The routes will be started earlier that night, at 8pm so it’s more available to people.

Thiel- I met with Planning Council yesterday. They are in charge of long term planning for budgets and missions of the university. They are discussing a new mission statement. They just made a draft of the new mission statement. (Read the statement) We also added five core themes. (Read the themes) We will also come up with transitions and goals.

French- Should living environments be mentioned as well? This seems to be a very important part of campus life also.

Rogala- In a class we had to write mission statements for sustainability, I can forward those to you.

Fraser- On International Committee we talked about including a global statement in the mission statement also.

Rogala- I met with Ryan and Colleen Wednesday, we fund a large portion of Stream Line, and there has been an expressed need of student input on the route changes that we are currently talking about.

Mohr- We talked about possibly installing GPS into the busses. It would be streamed online so you can see where the busses are if you are running late. Colleen doesn’t want only students to be using their funds. She would like to see funds from other organizations to be used so not only student funds go towards this.

Rogala- I met with parking services, he does not want to come in for a presentation. He wants to maintain a low profile. Fee permits will stay the same, even though their costs will be going up. The biggest thing they will be enforcing parking citations next year. We can have them come in and have a discussion, if we request it maybe he will come. One thing we want parking services to possible do is get carpool spaces and streamline support. There is parking spots available, just people don’t want to use them for better convenience of a closer spots.

Hinkle- what about Lot F?

Rogala- They were scheduled to pave it in 2012, but that will not happen because of there is not enough funding.

West- I proxied for Sen. Bennett at a meeting. (Reviewed his notes from the meeting)
Fraser- The manager for the help desk at ITC wanted me to ask if anyone as questions for how the help desk works. Any feedback please let me know after the meeting.

Mohr- I am on the Parking Appeals Board. They do enjoy student input. If you know anyone else who would be interested in serving on this board, let me know. More student representation would be great.

We meet every other Tuesday, most are written a few are in person, and it’s between 30-40 every meeting.

Roden- one thing I forgot to mention, on route deviations. If anyone is planning events, they can divert the route up to a quarter of a mile, for free for students to take.

Announcements:

Rogala- They extended the deadline for US101 peer leaders, please come get an application from me, it comes with upper division credits. There is a student research banquet next Thursday.

Thiel- in a couple weeks, George Metcalf is an economist and will be presenting at the Museum of the Rockies. He is a very interesting man and has done many interesting things throughout the world. It is at the Hager Auditorium April 21st.

Mohr- Looking through the exponent, I noticed some things in the Senate that are discussed are not presented in the paper. I think this would increase student voter outcome, because what we do will be more visible.

Public Comment- Those will both be in the Exponent next week, we just need time to get enough information for those topics.

Murdock- Next week we will be having a glass recycling thing in the SUB. Please come and recycle your glass!

West- “Waiting For Superman” will be shown next week. I encourage all of you to go next week!

VP Steffens- No one has been hired for the selections of the new jobs. Senate has to approve them first.

Thiel- Move to approve minutes from March 6th.

West- Seconded by West.

16-0-0

Adjourn Meeting:

Thiel- Move to adjourn

Seconded by Bennett

16-0-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm