ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:95pm

**Roll Call: Absences**

**Review February 10, 2011 Meeting’s Minutes:**

Fraser - with “S” not “z”

Bjornson: move to approve

15/0/0

**Public Comment:**

Bobcat End Zone Project - we are about ready to start the architectural details of the new seats to be installed. It will connect the east and west stands. New score boards (two) will be installed also with a video replay screen. Also, 42 new handicapped seats to the new facility. (More explanation of the stadium expansion) There will also be a new student gate in the south east end named the Pulfrey Gate.

Bjornson - Who is Pulfrey and will it be a card swiping entrance?

- He is an alumnus who wanted another student gate, and it to be named after him. It will be a card swiping gate.

Dawson: How big is the current jumbotron?

- It is 13’x24 currently. It will be 18’x36’ available for commercials, real-time game play, and replay also.

Student Associates of the Leadership Institute - Conrad Anker is going to come and give a lecture focusing on leadership through mountaineering and climbing. There will be seats for you at will-call if you sign up. Tickets are $5 and are available at many local businesses and in the Leadership Institute office.

**Presentations:**

Provost - Martha Potvin

We are entering into a process of strategic planning about our “mission” at MSU. We are using lots of student input. We are looking into new themes and new plans and goals. Discovery could be a new theme, to include all students and faculty. Community building could be another. It’s up to our institution to decide these themes.

A request for proposals from faculty to give ideas for helping students graduate. Not asking to make the courses easier, but to change how they teach. Engaging the students helps them graduate and to feel like a part of this community.
These initiatives will be applied to all four campuses across the state.

Bjornson- How might you bring the sustainability oriented goals to MSU from your previous schools?

Provost Potvin- I want to help change the sustainability here also, I want to help students and faculty find priorities and help reduce the carbon footprint here, as we have tried at UND.

MSU Integration Initiative “MSUii” - to improve student community participation. We are developing a survey, to ask students what they do throughout their college careers, and prioritize what they find important to their college career. We would like feedback on the survey.

Lawson: consider adding another line to gender as “other” or something?
-yes of course. We were also thinking about adding “prefer not to respond” under all demographics.

Capp- The question about if they have worked on campus, maybe ask why they haven’t, if they have not?
-if they answer “no,” then they will not be asked those questions in the online survey.

President Fischer- there is a map of the whole college career of a student we can do, and are thinking about doing this to help students.

Bennett- How will you send it to students?
-not finalized yet. Hopefully, it will be sent out soon.

President Fischer- we might focus on special groups first.

West- I recently filled out a survey for student success are they similar?
-they are independent of each other. We don’t want to duplicate efforts, but we have been looking at other previous surveys. This survey will be more about community, and less about the classroom.

Vollmer- I think you should add more specifics about living on-campus. Add sections about where they live on-campus and food services.
-We’re trying not to be too detailed but also not too broad.

Dawson- maybe add something about the food services across campus?

Wheeler- Also, add a comment box that one could give their own detail about food services.
-mapping the student process through their whole college career. Is it something everyone is interested in seeing?
-there are many aspects of MSUi, from community to all aspects of student life. Such as direct deposit of all checks.

-makingsure it is clear that each student has to update their account information and making sure it is correct so it is not lost.

**Budget Presentations**

Breanna Bentley- Spirit

Spirit used to be just homecoming. This year I have no money besides homecoming, so I added $1400 for other spirit projects, and also $200 for food at homecoming etc. It’s mostly for cushion. It’s not different from previous years.

West- where is the $1400?

Brandy- it’s 62102. It used to be $100.

Vollmer- what were the goods purchased for resale?

Breanna-t shirts.

Samantha Severin-Outreach Director

The Service Saturday budget has changed, and we added it to the budget. Also $100 for food, and $100 for incentive prizes for surveys. We have decided this position is not very necessary, and we would like to dissolve this position. I left the labor budget in there. You can also talk to VP Diehl.

West- How full are Service Saturdays in general?

Samantha- I’m not sure, but I hear they are fairly full.

Brandy- They are usually always very full.

Samantha- There are always enough projects for students to come, but are looking for more off-campus

President Fischer- are blood drives in this one or community?

Samantha- they are in community. I think we need to expand our generosity to other things also. We put Service Saturdays in the budget because we repeatedly fund them, and we decided to take it out of supplemental.
Andrew Beck - State Leg. Chair

I made cuts. Our lobbyist is a bi-annual position, so that is cut for the next year. I cut most everything down a bit, because it is not as much in demand as was allocated last year.

Stevens- looking back in the history, in the non-legislative years, quite less was asked for.

Andrew-note to change back to $1030.

PT Dawson- 62824 what was that online and entertainment?

Andrew- letter drives, meet and greet, lobbyists taking out clients, and MSU Day.

PT Dawson- is $100 sufficient?

Andrew- yes.

Rogala- what is 62899 from this year?

Andrew- just anything that could incorporate. I put it in there for cushion.

Brandy- it’s for two things, that I’m not sure what it’s for yet.

Eric Brown- Community

I haven’t made many changes, besides under labor. Reason for that is we have our people work longer than the usual shift. It’s usually $50 a shift. $1000 is for hiring an assistant. I did not hire an assistant this last year, but I left it open this year.

Brandy- doesn’t HRDC refund you for the late nights?

Eric- yes and I was going to talk to Colleen about that. There is a possibility for changing the committee.

Sen. Bjornson- ASMSU Committee Restructuring

This is a plan to restructure the student committees, besides the Exponent. Current problems are isolated committees. There is no communication between the committees and division director. NO accountability. There is no collaboration because of the separated divisions; there is no consistency between committees. The term “committee” is wrong. They are programs. It is one person. We are spending quite a bit of money on wasted divisions. These are positions, and not committees.

The proposed solution:

The PR Resource Center- promoting and branding ASMSU as an entity, and advertising. People will go to PR if they are having problems. Also moving elections to the Spirit program.
Latenight Service- a designated person for this, instead of a disinterested person who is stuck with it. Could also be promoting it, and “early” Latenight ridership increased. Collaboration with other events.

President Fischer- we have a liaison in the Senate, but no committee currently.

Bjornson- Spirit and Elections

Thiel-Still two people but collaborate and work together for outreach. Possibly creating a “homecoming” type week in the spring and help ASMSU elections.

Bjornson-Also including blood drives to this because it is a very small event that we would have to take care of. Cat/Griz still the same. The ASMSU banquet to be added here also.

State Leg. Will not change at all

Thiel-Campus Entertainment- what we have no is small events targeted at smaller audiences. Which causes small attendance. With this we will have better PR. We want to reach a wider set of the student population. CE director with 3 positions under that (concerts coordinator, lectures and comedy coordinator, and the productions assistant under them”.

Bjornson- the goal is to subsidize to be more manageable. We don’t want the noon shows to be overlooked, so we could change this around with this solution.

Thiel-Exit Gallery and Procrastinator- fairly self-sustaining committees, and all that will change is moving out of campus entertainment.

Bjornson-biweekly meetings with all directors, coordinators, Colleen, and President Fischer.

Thiel- this will greatly help collaboration, and having people sitting together on a meeting, then they will want to work together and it will be more interesting.

Bjornson- The advantages to this would be great. More communication and a direct link to all the committees. More motivation and collaboration. We would become more fiscally responsible. We don’t have exact numbers, but it would change greatly.

Thiel- this would define positions and expectations more clearly, also getting rid of unnecessary stipend positions.

Bjornson- (calendar of this change and how it will be finalized)

West- you will be proposing by-laws provisions next week?

Bjornson- yes, our budgeting decisions will effect by-law decisions.

President Fischer- as far as finance board goes, who is taking on finance decisions?

Bjornson-I have been meeting with committee heads. I can come up with a tentative budget possibly.
West- why did it change to what it was before? What were the reasons for divisions?

President Fischer- the committees at that time were pretty independent, and he thought it would bring about better cohesiveness. There is still a separation of committees though, so this would be a good change.

Brandy- no one talked to each other before. The hope was there would be a streamline to the VP, but it doesn’t work for every division.

Thiel and Bjornson- we want input and help.

Finance Board Member- where will the employment be changing?

Thiel- we will be having less people employed, such as the “division director,” cutting a few stipend positions. Hope to help outreach and changes in budget.

Capp- Having the bigger shows at the Emerson? Isn’t that harder for students on campus?

Bjornson- yes (vans and Latenight). Usually we can’t fit some events in the ballrooms.

Vollmer- concerts in the Leigh Lounge, biweekly and moving to the union market to change?

Bjornson- yes both

Thiel- historically, larger names are advantageous for ASMSU. It helps us get help from the outside, and makes it cheaper for ASMSU. Maybe not getting rid of the small concerts completely, but changing biweekly. This could widen the participation from students. This makes those, who are responsible for events, more responsible with the biweekly meetings also.

Capp- Bigger shows, are they about the same?

Bjornson- no. The events they put on are huge events, like Carrie Underwood. We mean the 500-800 people events, not as large.

Thiel- Such as State Radio, as we had last year. Not huge bands, but large enough to draw crowds. With more of a focus, we could target more students to shows.

Steffens- Acknowledge Sen. Nehmeh

Seconded by Thiel

Budget for PR- Sen. Nehmeh

Kelly Schroeder is the PR Director, but as his Liaison, he asked me to present his budget since he has a class and cannot present it himself. I would also like to point out that he suggests that PR and Elections be separate committees with separate budgets as he sees Elections Committee close to Spirit chair than PR. As you can see in the budget, the designer hours have been increased by 2.5 hours per month which slightly increases the designer stipend.
Rogala- advertising assistants hours be used as?

Nehmeh- he didn’t think it was a very efficient position. But specifics I’m not sure.

Bjornson- making sure everything happens and is where it’s supposed to be.

Nehmeh- the telephone budget was huge previously and barely used, and he didn’t know there was even a phone. I also asked about the on-campus services, which he also didn’t know it was used for.

Brandy- it could be a code change for business cards, but not sure.

Kolar- in the labor account, what is not in the notes that could be added in, $6800 is the numbers, but why is it $8600 budgeted?

Brandy- the advertising should be the left over money there.

Kolar-line 62375?

Brandy- that needs to be changed.

Nehmeh- Concerning the tobacco free resolutions, I want to clarify that there are two resolutions. One to ask for student vote on this issue and put it on the ballot while the other is a resolution that declares that ASMSU supports a tobacco-free campus. The second resolution is necessary in order to have a resolution for students to vote for and not simply use the ballot as a survey. I personally do not support a Tobacco Free Campus, but we have to resort to the students for vote and in order to do that we need to offer them a resolution either for or against.

Bjornson- not what’s “going to happen,” but to address this to the administration.

APT Krueger- move for 10 minute recess

Seconded by Sen. Capp

Reconvened at 8:08pm

Sen. Bjornson and President Eric Fischer- ASMSU Redistricting

Issues with adding new staff and positions. This is a solution to that, and this is a path that we might want to go.

Staffing- we have the presidential election in the spring still- just the presidential election. Then the person becomes “president-elect” and starts hiring staff until the end of March.

Pres. Fischer- currently, elections are before spring break, then swear in’s after spring bring. HR is done by the end of April. We made errors last year by hiring positions too fast.

Bjornson- moving budgeting back. This gives more time for new staff to work with old staff on budgeting. The president wouldn’t be added in until the last meeting. But they would work with the
current president for a whole month. This is seven weeks between budgeting and elections. Old staff prepares budget, and new staff modifies it.

Pres. Fischer - the new elect could offer changes. They have some changes they could make, with more collaboration of the positions.

Kolar - would dead week be changed to allow budgeting?

Bjornson - yes.

Capp - maybe the week before dead week because people still have tests during dead week.

Pres. Fischer - we would like discussion and input on improving this.

Thiel - are we going to be paying both people (president and elect) for that month?

Pres. Fischer - yes that would be one change in the budget.

Bjornson - reason for the overlap, is because the transition is inadequate.

Steffens - move to recognize Sen. Mohr.

Seconded by Capp

Rogala - question of paying two people, a full time position and a half time position?

Pres. Fischer - yes it would be a shadowing position

Capp - when is KGLT’s Fundrive?

Bjornson - It’s sometime in March.

Vollmer - point of information, second week of March.

Bjornson - instead of all spring elections, they could all be fall elections, for higher voter turnout.

Pres. Fischer - we might make homecoming sooner in coming years, for better weather and also earlier elections. This would get new students involved right away.

Bjornson - getting freshman students more involved. Still a turnover issue, and PT and or APT would be graduating, then need to appoint new ones who would run for re-election. The elected seats in a couple weeks now, letting those seats represent their college in the fall. There would be a spillover of an at large seat, if needed, then elect remaining seats to fill in the gaps. Then appoint their position to the next election.

Still having everyone elected at one time, and the same learning period.
Capp-I don’t think it would increase freshman participation, even if it was earlier in the term. The odds are still pretty slim to win the election. By with spring elections, then freshman know more people and are better known.

Pres. Fischer- but the problem would still be if a freshman moved off campus if they ran for a spring seat.

Stevens-clarification- senators are elected for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Rogala- it presents a lot of challenges for anyone not only freshmen. This would help PR for ASMSU also though; we could be a stronger force and maybe get more participation.

Pres. Fischer- planning for the same academic year, compared to committing yourself a year ahead of time.

Thiel- I like the space between elections and budgeting, where previously this has been a problem.

Bennett- seems like we are only worried about freshman representation, maybe keep an at-large seat kept for on-campus?

West-Many freshman students are in University College and it seems like that is where their representation comes in, for the most part.

Pres. Fischer- 30% of freshman start at the University College.

Unfinished Business:

Bill 2011-B-03 ASMSU Representation Enhancement

Bjornson- Section 500 was amended. I add three new sections, no words were changed. “Senate Elections” 500-2, 500-5, 500-6 and 500-7. 

Striking verification section.

Stevens- In the first section, there was a mentioning of verification through Cat Card Computer System, did you strike that as well. Was it deleted?

Bjornson-no.

Homecoming chair has nothing to do with when elections are. I moved a few things. A lot of the changes are not that important. “homecoming” and “spirit” can be changed in con-audit committee, if you all agree.

President and senate elections were separated from above.

Changing wording “in consultation with ASMSU attorney” to remove a candidate from the ballot.
Changed it to 36 hour polling decided by elections committee chair.

Stevens- campus computers for polling? I don’t understand.

Pres. Fischer- as a candidate and I wanted to set up a polling station, this cannot happen.

Fraser- “computers provided by MSU”

Wheeler- MSU public computers possibly which could imply office computers as well otherwise?

Wheeler-friendly amendment suggestion, in the filing section

Vollmer- ballot vote must be clearly marked does not apply?

Bjornson- struck from the bill

Stevens-all amendments separate from the fall/spring elections should be a separate amendment. All amendments pertaining to senate, not presidential elections.

Seconded by Sen. Mohr

16/1/0

Bjornson-adding all amendments besides spring/fall elections be added.

Seconded by Sen. Mohr.

Steffens-recognize Sen. Nehmeh

Seconded by Sen. Mohr

Bjornson- passage of what?

Stevens- “2011-B-03”

Bjornson-call to question

Seconded by Stevens

Vote to vote 17/0/0

Vote on formal amendment (excluding changing spring to fall) 18/0/0

Bjornson-move to approve changing spring to fall

Seconded by Thiel

Stevens-move to postpone until next week.

Seconded by Sen. Mohr.
Vote to postpone 18/0/0

Supplemental Request from MESA

PT Dawson- audit decides on what is constitutional and unconstitutional. Phyllis said if there is division, then con audit can push it through tonight. A few word changes were made. Any supplemental request can go to an organization funded through ASMSU and the student activity fee. This is for MESA to request more funds.

Bjornson- NECO is a part of MESA. Which goes through the entire state.

Capp- I don’t see how they have a budget coming from ASMSU. I think NECO to ask for the money, not MESA. It’s a small change, but necessary.

Dawson- Thiel is here for Sen. Smith.

Steffens- as a member of con audit I would find this constitutional.

West- Phyllis explained it as student registered organizations can ask for supplementals. We can amend “matt smith” to whatever.

Bjornson- the override of finance board, instead of doing the whole process, do it by passing it at 2/3’s by the end.

Rogala- move to add NECO, and strike Matt Smith

Seconded by Sen. Thiel

Lawson- maybe not completely striking Matt Smith because he is representing it

Mohr-amendment to supplemental by adding “organization.”

Nehmeh-not changing the person responsibly, just changing the committee. Clarification to Sen. Lawson that the money was not given directly to you in your supplemental?

Lawson-no

Vote on the changes 18/0/0

Capp-this is still shady, constitutional wise. We are on shaky ground by continuing with these supplemental approvals. I was looking at previous supplementals and there were ten. There was only one not directly connected to the senate. We are giving money to clubs that we are a part of. I think students would prefer we didn’t spend supplemental money on “pet projects,” by continuing with funding these groups would be wrong without student input. I would prefer to hold off on this until students have voted on the resolution to come up late. Move to postpone this until the meeting after the election.
PT Dawson - point of information, the supplemental form is available at the front desk of the ASMSU office.

No second. It dies.

Stevens - it is to make the definition more clear not to broaden the definition of supplemental funds and to whom they go to.

Lawson - the odds that senate representation of particular clubs is very high, so look at these as “pet projects” is not very valid.

Nehmeh - this is healthy, senators are trying to represent their groups and be very active. In the end it goes back to the students, so it is not wasted.

Krueger - call to previous question

Seconded by Stevens

Voting to vote 18/0/0

Voting to Approve the Supplemental of NECO to the MESA conference 14/3/1 (Sen. Rogala abstains)

New Business:

Resolution 2011-R-06 student vote for 2011-R-07 in the Spring Election

Read by PT Dawson

Steffens - this one comes before 2011-R-07 because it pertains to it.

2011-R-07 is read by PT Dawson

Steffens - we need to give our students the power of the vote on this issue because it is their campus.

Nehmeh - this has been brought to the senate many times and has each time been inconclusive. This body’s decision would affect all students, and we should see what the students want. We should not keep postponing this. We need to make it known to students that they are not voting on this issue itself but to give input to the senate.

Steffens - “to express support for approval.”

Nehmeh - passing this to be on the ballot.

Bjornson - concerned with what students think, such as it might not be a compelling support to this.

Nehmeh - we have to do this somehow.

Bjornson - what are we going to do to educate people of this?
Steffens- getting this on there might incentivize students to get on this and support it for or against.

Rogala-friendy amendment “if you do not support,” is this how the ballot will look? It’s sort of confusing; leave off “yes” and “no.”

Stevens- it seems that it is not congruent with what is supposed to be done with this.

Steffens- this stems from inalienable rights of students.

Stevens- maybe a resolution for supporting the current policy as it is.

West- why do we have to put it to a vote through spring elections, and not sent out through a survey?

Steffens- it has been done before as a survey, and the results were very close. It’s kept as something senate has not made a decision on still.

Nehmeh- this makes it more formal and official, other than a survey.

Wheeler- going back to amendments, and suggest a friendly amendment “recommend” instead of “express support of.”

Pres. Fischer- it should be sent to Colleen Lindner (operations manager), and the elections chair, so that it’s made to be put on the ballot, just a recommendation

Steffens- yes add that in.

Capp- a friendly amendment to include smokeless tobacco. Many people don’t realize this includes smokeless tobacco also.

Steffens- then wouldn’t we have to go through all forms?

Capp-when one thinks of tobacco normally, it doesn’t include smokeless tobacco?

Steffens-include “all forms?”

Capp- I want to make it blatantly clear that it includes smokeless tobacco

Steffens- so “include smokeless tobacco and all other forms”

Capp-move to approve, and formally move to amend this (as stated above)

Seconded by Sen. Bjornson

Vollmer- why would it not work to say “all forms of tobacco?”

Capp- because still smokeless tobacco is overlooked in any way.

Wheeler- I agree with Capp, smokeless is usually overlooked.
Bjornson- amendment to the amendment “including cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and all other forms”

Pres. Fischer- having tobacco free in there sums it all up possibly, and it’s slightly redundant otherwise. But its whatever route you want to take.

Steffens- is it condescending to the voters?

Nehmeh- And I do appreciate the fact that senators want to make it clear about the forms of tobacco. But we want them to vote on a clear sentence not a paragraph

Bjornson- call to question

Seconded by Thiel

18/0/0

Voting on the amendments made 13/5/0

Motion carries

Bjornson- friendly amendment instead of “if you support” then “I support/do not support”

Bennett-2011 not 20011

Dawson- will sponsors names be shown?

Steffens- clear to everyone, that this is the extent of our power. We cannot actually change the policy, so I wanted to give as much power to students as possible.

Rogala- it’s a great idea to have it on the ballot, and will get more people involved. The points in Resolution 07 are very biased. Which I think it would be great to have another resolution in lieu of this resolution, not in support. Move to postpone until next week

Seconded by Capp.

Thiel- they want ballots ready now

PT Dawson- it could be ok to postpone they would hold until March 1st.

Capp- it’s a very leading question on the ballot. The way it is now, it would be sent to higher positions with a resolution of reasons.

Pres. Fischer- I don’t think an opposing view necessarily needs to be represented. But can be worded different. “I support the current policy” or “I support a tobacco free campus” there is not a third opposing view.

Vollmer- as for the resolution being one sided; I think that is the point. Two resolutions would be confusing.
Bjornson- I think it is supposed to be one sided but not for or against, but to show there is proof of what the students want. Changes to the ballot.

Nehmeh- legally put something up for the people, not putting up two things in front of them.

Thiel- in the State of Montana Ballots, there are also letters of support with the ballot. A letter of support for or against on the ballot. This would show students both sides. Let’s change this to the whereas clauses that are not arguable? Is that possible?

Steffens- this can be a possibility we can discuss tonight. By putting this off a week, then we have less time to show support for or against this until elections.

Thiel- move to previous question

Seconded by Sen. Mohr

18/0/0

Vote to postpone 8/9/1

Motion fails

PT Dawson-back to general discussion

Bjornson- another friendly amendment, to make this clear it is not changing the policy, but that it is in caps that It’s only a recommendation.

Thiel- “the passage of this resolution alone will not constitute a policy change”

Nehmeh- have this be in the forefront of the ballot.

Capp-I move to postpone until R-07 is amended.

Seconded by Steffens.

18/0/1 (Nehmeh abstains)

Rogala- as legislators, do you believe it is our job to go to our constituents to and tell them what to vote for and why? I don’t think it is, we should make it light what is up for election.

Thiel-friendly amendments. (Which were given to Bjornson to edit on the screen).

Steffens- is this on a basis of fact?

Thiel- yes to not have it be debatable.

Capp- I would prefer to have it left in there, and get rid of the strike through. We don’t know the reason for all the campuses decision.
Bjornson—point of order, we are on informal amendments.

Stevens— I agree with putting this on the ballot and letters of support. I don’t agree with only having this resolution. We need a resolution on the other side. We do we have to keep coming in on this one side?

Nehmeh—we didn’t pass the policy, but an enforcement of the policy.

Thiel— I was going to move to postpone until passage of R-06.

Seconded by Sen. Bjornson.

Capp—can someone amend 06 to have the position papers.

Voting to postpone until we vote on R-06 17/0/0

PT Dawson— back to Resolution 2011-R-06

Capp— we need to include position papers on this; one for each side. And it doesn’t have to be senators. Should we wait until we have letters?

Steffens— I don’t want to wait.

Pres. Fischer— as far as resolutions on each side, I think this is pretty clear. Otherwise it gets confusing.

Rogala— lets add a friendly amendment— one letter of each for proponents and opponents of this resolution 2011-R-07… reviewed by Phyllis and ASMSU President.

Bennett— since they are ultimately opinions, there should be more than one.

Rogala— one should be sufficient with collaboration.

Nehmeh— who will write the letters and why?

Steffens— to make the positions less biased. I don’t think the ASMSU Pres. Should be included, as a conflict of interest.

Rogala— Change to be decided upon by Phyllis Bock.

Bjornson— executive council included?

Capp— yes.

Rogala— a conflict of interest of students reading the letters to be put on the ballot, but this could fix the bias. Accept the friendly amendment?

Rejected.

Rogala— make a formal amendment. As stated above
Seconded by Sen. Thiel

Vote on the amendment 17/1/0 (against the amendment was Sen. Nehmeh)

Stevens-(reiterates previous statements about another resolution to avoid a single bias)

Lawson- point out there is no line for a “smokeless campus,” could it be a violation of one’s rights? I would like to see something added on about the tobacco issue versus just smoking.

Nehmeh- this could be included in my amendment from last week, which Phyllis said would be an illegal vote because it would then be used as a survey which we need to avoid.

Capp- last year we did pass a resolution supporting designated smoking areas. The way its currently worded.

Vote to vote 18/0/0

Vote to approve R-06 15/3/0

Motion carries

Resolution 2011-R-08

Read aloud by PT Dawson

Thiel- friendly amendment in line 22. This is fairly easy.

Wheeler move to approve

Seconded by Mohr

Vote to vote 18/0/0

Bill 2011-B-05 Amend Section 116-3 of ASMSU Constitution

Read by PT Dawson

Steffens- fairly self-explanatory about what we can vote constitutionally for supplementals. Then it would go to vote by the students.

West- move to approve

Seconded by Vollmer

Bjornson- point of order we need a second reading.
Bill 2011-B-06 Constitutional Update

Bjornson- I will email it to all of you since this is a first reading, and there are many changes, instead of reading it allowed now. Comments are looking for input.

Supplemental Request from Leadership Institute

APT Krueger-finance board felt they did not need two 22 inch screens. The vote was 5-0 no abstentions. Currently they still have their computer, but it is fairly outdate. It was in their budget but was taken out. This is so it doesn’t keep coming back on their budget.

Sen. Capp- move to approve

Seconded by wheeler

18/0/1 (Stevens abstained)

Admin Reports:

President Fischer- Student Conduct Board- Feb 25th.

MSU Idol is tonight and finals are tomorrow night.

Vagina Monologues were tonight and tomorrow night.

Any signage put up cannot cover other current signage without permission, nor hung neither.

Elections- we did not get enough applications for off-campus or family grad. Turned in tomorrow by 5pm. President and VP are currently uncontested so Bjornson and Steffens are running.

State Leg rally in Helena next Friday

Rogala-rally for environment, public services and education. If at all interested, let me know. It’s a great opportunity.

Tuesday also ASMSU Sustainability will be receiving EcoStar Award.

Last few weeks, as a challenge, sit in new spots to sit by a senator you have not before.

VP Diehl- a new Exit Gallery exhibit. Student Regent Applications still open. And next week at the meeting, we will be interviewing them and going over applications. If anyone is interested, send them to ASMSU Office or me. No age constraint, just being a full time student.
I spent Monday in the Capitol; it was a great thing to watch. Last week we watched a resolution for the health insurance plan here at MSU.

Business Manager Thrasher- announcements- the budget will be online soon, in the admin budget, looking into a new copier.

Bjornson- update on the status of the supplemental fund.

BM Thrasher- (monetary number stated)

PT Dawson- still doing lunches with senators.

Hopefully everyone is meeting with their committees.

Sen. Capp, I added Sen. Fraser to tutorial services. If you want to move to something else, we can.

APT Krueger- Finance Board went well. Including the Exponent and Leadership Institute.

**Senate Reports:**

Rogala- a report from Sen. Thiel about the library renovation. Also the proposed signage for a roundabout that could be installed.

Tabling next Wednesday, signups are in the office.

PT Dawson- we’ll be selling Rail Jam tickets at the Tabling.

Bennett- I went to a committee meeting about renovations. Three rooms to be remodeled that will be happening in the near future.

Floerchinger- Commencement committee- It’s broken up into two commencements. No choir, just band.

Fraser- I have been spending my office hours at the Family/Graduate Housing.

I attended the Staff Senate, and I represented the students. We talked about smoking.

International Committee- we have certificates for people doing extra work, going places throughout the world.

PT Dawson- there are literally condemned houses in Family/Graduate Housing. Maybe bring it up about renovations.

**Announcements:**

Rogala- Feb. 23rd- a Moderator’s Forum from the Philosophy Dept. How to facilitate discussions that are hard to talk about in a roll of unbiased leadership.

Reiteration of rally in Helena.
Pres. Fischer- March 5th Make-a-Wish Foundation “Lift a Wish” at the Fitness Center. It’s for maximum repetitions. Deadline for registration is the 23rd of Feb.

Steffens- in support of this event.

Wheeler- fencing club is going to Missoula tomorrow for a tournament on Saturday.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Bjornson: move to adjourn

Seconded by Mohr

Adjourned at 11:34pm.