ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

Roll Call: excused:

- Sen. Bennett
- Sen. Nehmeh
- Sen. Wheeler

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Bjornson move to approve
Seconded by Steffens

16/0/0

Public Comment: none

Presentations:

Budget Presentations:

John Rios- Concerts

Not a lot of change this year in the budget. It worked really great last year. I hadn’t planned last year for the tail gate concert, so I changed that. The entertainment fees and small equipment was slightly increased by a few thousand.

PT Dawson- Line item 62309, advertising was dropped $1000 why was that?

John- We have been using different media, and we use Copy Cats, so it wasn’t appropriate to use all of it.

Capp- Why was line item 62308 increased this year?

John- We provide the bands with lunch and parking permits, so that is what the line item is for.

Bjornson- What equipment do you own? Isn’t it tech services?

John- No, we have an agreement with tech services that they will operate it and store it without charge, but Concerts actually owns it.

Stacy Ray-Arts and Exhibits
I don’t have many changes. There are a few expenses not on my monthly budget, but that is because they are recent charges. 61225 is over $240: that is for an employee who is not on work study this semester. She has worked for me previously on work study and will work next semester again on work study. 62817 this was raised for registration. 62899 other under expenses, it was gift certificates for judges, but was covered in revenue. Educational expenses also. My income: I had budgeted $300, but I made $800. It came from sponsorships, which I hadn’t usually done.

Changes made were in 61225 under student labor, raised by $2100, I would like to have a non-work study employee because many work study students are not art students, so they are generally disinterested. So I also lowered work study also by $630. 62212 is the print budget raised by $3200. Poster volume has increased. I also started printing gallery keys, instead of labels. Account 62817, which I raised by $50 because of a fee.

Bjornson- How much is the application fee for art students? Why not have it be zero?

Stacy-It is $15; it creates professionalism and competitiveness, such as in the real world. It creates a revenue of an extra $300-400 a year, and no one has complained as of yet.

Bjornson- Did the speaker artist workshop take place this year?

Stacy- Yes, this year there will be a ceramics workshop.

Fraser- How many people walk through the gallery?

Stacy- 60-70 people a day on average which is more than downtown gallerie.

Lively Arts and Lectures-Mark Eggensperger for Alex Kavon

A slight mistake is in total income from 2010 to 2012. $2000 is how much he expects to make next year. We increased an account by a few thousand. We also do a program with the Leadership Institute. This is a change for next year. $500 has been added for employee lodging. We increased entertainment budget for meals, so we do not have a problem like we did last year.

asmsulectures@montana.edu for further questions if I cannot answer them.

BM Thrasher-what is the $2000 goal for?

Mark-Alex wanted to set a goal. We don’t usually have much of revenue, but we do charge for an event during parents’ weekend.

Capp-62505 was charged $630, and it was budgeted for zero and is budgeted for zero next year why?

Mark-renting the ballrooms.
Fallon Walker-Procrastinator

I decreased the budget a bit this year because there are some accounts that I don’t use normally. I lowered off campus printing to save money for the “often watcher” card. I increased the Copy Cats account though for on campus printing. I took out subscription budget, because it was not used. I didn’t use the resale account, but I want to keep it for t-shirts possibly next year. I also requested for money to be sent to the Sundance Film Festival.

PT Dawson- Why have you dropped advertising?

Fallon- I use a lot of free advertising, Facebook and Twitter, also some things I’m not allowed to advertise off campus.

VP Diehl- Did you enter the request for the money to be sent to the film festival?

Fallon- (mix up with Brandy) It’s there.

Finance Board (Jesse) - Student labor?

Fallon- Last year, David had a lot more employees and more non-work study employees and this year I do not employee as many people, but it runs just as smoothly.

Smith- How would the Sundance Film Festival help out the Campus?

Fallon- This could help my awareness of better independent films for viewing here at MSU, rather than taking a guess at what “could” be a good film.

Mark Eggensperger-Campus Entertainment

A few differences this year. 61225 in student labor, our workers thought we needed more advertising help and we didn’t have enough money for that. We hired a coordinator. Not much has changed. Copy Cats went up by $500. Advertising went up because then we can sponsor others. Also $500 for t-shirts. NACA stayed the same. Entertainment went up by $300 so we can provide food.

PT Dawson- 6384 how many times does the street team meet?

Mark- They meet once a week. We hired someone to manage the street team through two budgets.

Rogala- Who was asking for sponsorships?

Mark- One guy asked for money for a women’s safety event in the gym, which we did a supplemental for.

Rogala-why did they come to campus entertainment? Was it a personal connection?

Mark- No. These people come from all over and come to events.
Smith- should the people who ask for sponsorships come through you or through supplementals in the Senate, in your opinion? It seems inappropriate.

Mark- It seems appropriate because we are CE, and people want to be associated with that name.

Smith- How many people were at Open Mic Night last night?

Mark- I’m guessing 60 people watching.

Thiel- When are street team meetings?

Mark-The meetings are on Thursdays at 1pm in SUB 232.

Ryan Lalum- Productions

I didn’t make changes really. Revenue was guessed because it’s very difficult to have an idea about that. Very similar to last year.

Brandy- This is not an official dollar committee.

Thiel- Where does your income come from?

Ryan- Comes from campus a lot. Rail Jam is next weekend, and downtown things. We help other local businesses. We have a great rep right now because we help many programs out and we usually just charge $130 or donate it.

Bjornson- What percent comes from outside of ASMSU?

Ryan- about 5% is outside.

**Other Presentations:**

Sen. Bjornson and Sen. Thiel- ASMSU Committee Restructuring

Bjornson- This is a working progress and we are all working together on this. There is committee isolation in the Senate which has to do with Outreach. It seems very unnecessary. No changes to PR or Outreach this week.

We are trying to figure out if films and arts should be a part of campus entertainment, but we’re not sure about that. We want to change the chairman to associates so that they are less specialized and can work together. Tech. services are now referred to as Productions.

Events- there will be a semester event (700-300 people) and it could be a great subsidized ticket event for students. Many bands in mind. We have a proposed budget. Also monthly events, similar to the noon shows but have more excitement for it. Which would be free and we would still have Catapalooza. Same types of bands though.
Lectures and Comedies- are not typically as popular, and would be once a year now. The goal is to fill up the ballrooms, would be ticketed, and two monthly events a semester.

CE Director would be in charge of booking and lead PR.

PT Dawson- The director would head booking and lead PR and advertising. The associates would carry out ticketing and actually doing the advertising. Associates would also do the monthly shows and lectures without much assistance.

Bjornson- We would like lots of feedback and help. The advantages create a more fluid organization as a whole.

Budgeting- numbers will change a lot. Director stipends would change. At MSU, we want to make the stipends like a job, so that students want to do that. (The budget on the board was reviewed, but not handed out). 12 events a year, and associates would be working 20 hours a week and same for the director. Smaller events would be $1680. Larger events would be $840 at three times a year. Productions specialist would have a total of $1500. The rest was the same.

The proposed numbers come from the current committee budgets. They don’t come from just anywhere. They were also changed though. We also changed accounts too. Advertising was bumped up to $6000 from $4000. Building rent was changed to $2000. We put the repairs of both productions and campus entertainment into one.

The night shows were changed to $22,000, which is a big change. $102,000 for the big shows, lectures and concerts.

PT Dawson- I’ve been looking into many different venues because sometimes they will cut deals.

Bjornson-We will have to put more money in somewhere for equipment because big artists don’t usually bring their own. Ticket revenue- Students for $10 and General Public at $30. A total of $86,000 in revenue.

We are proposing a number that is about $9000, cheaper than they are currently running.

Pres. Fisher- Why decrease the productions chair’s income if their job isn’t changing? Hotel bookings increased a lot.

Bjornson- This needs to be changed because we also need to talk with mark and Ryan.

Capp- What have you been doing to discuss this with the directors?

Bjornson- I have been sending emails to the directors with very little response. But I have talked to most all of Outreach and trying to get as much output as possible.

Mohr- Yield my time to Mark Eggensperger.
Mark—would you be willing to invite us to the next meeting? Can we plan a time to bring this all together?

Bjornson—We have barely met together at one place and time, but we can do this.

Mark—Why did you set arts and exhibits and films as self-sustaining?

Thiel—Their purpose hasn’t changed over the years, so we wondered if this tiered structure would make sense. Sometimes we wonder if each position is completely necessary. Definitely up for discussion, but won’t change the relationship much with ASMSU.

Bjornson—Mark, what are your interactions with other chairs?

Mark—We’ve created a strong culture in campus entertainments, and keep in touch with each other. I just feel the communication will not change, possibly make it worse.

Thiel—We will be working on this a lot more, Sunday afternoon work session? We will try to figure it out.

Mark—What is your opinion on bringing the director of the street team into this? It’s not represented.

Bjornson—in my opinion it doesn’t seem necessary, that the director can achieve this task.

Smith—(to Mark) If we transfer the street team into different venues.

Mark—Well they already are involved in many things and hopefully to be involved more. It shouldn’t be passed along outside.

Thiel—Yield my time to Stacy.

Stacy—When was this come up with?

Bjornson—the current subject was worked through last night.

Thiel—Yield time to Ryan.

Ryan—I won’t be able to find employees for once a month, and I can’t do this alone. You say this is to be a job; this shuts me down sort of. I think my job is overlooked a lot which is why I think I’m being shut down. I won’t be able to do much of this either, unable.

PT Dawson—we will have to bring up discussion at the end of new business.

Bjornson—Move to amend the orders of the day.

Seconded by Sen. Steffens

16/0/0

Smith—Mark, do you think CE is fulfilling its role adequately?
Mark- Yes I do. Our role is to provide events for our students at low costs.

Smith- Attendance problems though?

Mark- There was a big change in our budget 12 years ago. We used to do many great shows, but it changed. It seems to have always been a problem, but attendance has slowly been improving.

Smith- We’ve become so separated that I don’t have an idea of what we should determine as successful. But if shows are not attended, then I would say it is not successful. The street team is also not going to change much in our restructuring now; students will not change their attendance.

Mark- The former VP restructured to have the tiers because it would increase communication not to increase attendance of events.

Smith- These layers are unnecessary and unable to adapt to help attendance and make CE efficient.

Mark- Restructuring itself will not be the main thing that will change communication and make it better. They don’t change overnight. We need to have many meetings together, not necessarily bylaw changes.

Pres. Fisher- As far as what the CE does, you want them to have more work but not have the opportunity to have more staffing.

Bjornson- There is fewer events.

Pres. Fisher- If you want to model this after the leadership institute, you are missing out on the classified employee. There is not a learning curve in the leadership institute and with this there would be.

Mark- We want Patty to be our full time advisor, but it is not her first responsibility. Her job is student activities. I did research also, calling people. The budget will be a big difference from what you have compared to when I called around. This should not all be handled by students. It’s a lot bigger than you realize.

Pres. Fisher- They have tried previously large events and lost $20,000 on average.

Thiel- For the larger events, those are only possible with a classified employee. But events with the Emerson, John, you have filled those events?

John- Yes, but they were co-productions because we do not have the means.

Thiel- Couldn’t it be reasonable to do fewer shows?

John- The smaller shows go to a wider diversity of students instead of focusing on only about two groups.

Floerchinger- PR publication and promotion center?

Mark- We want to have better trained employees, and that is a part of it, not just promotion.
Floerchinger- Public resource center, could that suffice? And not duplicate?

Mark- Its good idea, but would not cover enough time needed to put into it. It would not duplicate. We still use PR, but it’s not their full responsibility.

Vollmer-Why do we need this huge restructuring when we are just combatting the communication? Could not the committees be restructured on the inside instead? They all have the same goals.

Smith- It’s a larger problem, they all connect with each other. We have to look at the whole picture and all the different facets. John how much diversity do you actually get in the shows? And the relationships you’ve built with others, is it exclusive?

John- Sometimes it’s a learning period, and I have also developed it over time.

Fallon- I fail to see relevance of that question. What is the problem?

Thiel- The issue real is that we have not included all of you in this discussion. A very big mistake, and we will try to meet in the next week to discuss with you and see what you think will be effective. The root problems, there are several. Communication is a main one. There are many opportunities for collaboration, but it does not happen very much as possible. This is to let the groups work with each other with their events. Another is the goals of the committees are sometimes lost along the way. Larger events and shows will attract a larger student body to the event, which would be great. The Outreach division is also a problem. There are lots of different causes which is why we are looking for a radical change.

Fallon- CE’s goal is very obvious, but Arts and Exhibits and Films have the same goal, and so I don’t understand the separation.

Thiel- This obviously should be talked about, and I think the idea is to have everyone on the same playing field without a middle man.

Fallon- No one asks about events or tries to help, it’s not difficult there isn’t a block on us.

Thiel- The problem is not being blocked.

Stacy- The best way is to quit discussion now, and to work with us because we both need to work it out with both side’s concerns.

Thiel-We will find a time to work together.

Unfinished Business:

Bill 2011-B-03 ASMSU Representation Enhancement

Presented by Sen. Bjornson

Smith- move to approve
Steffens seconded

Capp- We approved everything but the spring and fall elections? Can you go over that again?

Stevens- It was based on another presentation last week about budgeting.

Bjornson- It comes off of homecoming and gets freshman involved right away. They would then be prepared for budgeting.

Capp- What we’re voting on now is an amendment of just fall elections?

Bjornson- discussion on fall, spring or both.

Pres. Fisher- If we were to go to one election, then the one proposed is good. I still like having two elections. So does the board. The better model was presented last week with one main election.

Capp- I still like the two elections because of turnover and training. I would urge not approving this amendment, and to make an amendment over the next week for another idea. I will not vote for this.

Rogala- The first idea for moving budgeting and admin elections, yes there is a higher turnover, but then the fluidity would be better also. (Discussed the other proposals) If we want the advantages of moving budgeting later in the year then we can’t have spring elections. But then also, turnover is still possible. We need to decide.

Mohr- if we did keep two elections, then what happens? People who cannot run again, because of re-evaluation of seats. It’s a good idea to split things up though. As for one election, I think fall would be best because of better representation and give almost an entire year for budgeting so that everyone is on the same page. If there was a graduate, then there would be a two week time period without a senator in a position.

PT Dawson- When are the seats allocated?

Stevens- If it’s a fall seat then allocated in the spring, if in the spring then allocated in the fall.

Bjornson- Participation and development of budgets would benefit from fall elections. Turnover right now, elections are coming up now and then there is summer. 6 meetings and a full turnover could happen still. This seems to be a great solution; it gives us the most out of it all.

Capp- I would like to see historical data about the colleges and participation in them so we have something to reference the opportunity of turnover.

Rogala- A good thing about budgeting in late spring would be having another month to also train the new committee heads. What if senators also held a 13 month term? That the new senators do not take their seats until after budgeting, and the senior senators would hold the seat for budgeting.

Capp- But the turnover and a lame duck session.
Rogala- You’d be finishing your term.

Capp- Also, it’s not such a bad thing to have budgeting right after being elected. When I first started, I am a spring seat, I didn’t learn much for the first nine months, with starting with budgeting you are pushed right into it and will know more sooner. Budgeting towards the end of the year would be good still. The best way to learn about ASMSU.

Bjornson- I would like to withdraw my amendment.

Pres. Fisher- How comfortable are you with budgeting Sen. Fraser and Sen. Floerchinger?

Fraser- I already have a sense of budgeting, but I think coming in at this time was great because I do understand ASMSU a lot better.

Floerchinger- I still do not understand the budgeting process, but I do feel more comfortable with knowing what we do.

West- I, also, was elected last January and I feel it helped me greatly.

Rogala- I think fall seats would still be somewhat necessary.

Capp- I definitely want there to be spring/fall elections. With one elected in spring and overflow in fall. I would like to postpone until next week coming up with another amendment.

Seconded by Floerchinger

Pres. Fisher-Time sensitivity of some senators being spring seats.

15/0/0

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

Presented by Sen. Bjornson

Thiel- move to approve

Seconded by Bjornson

Capp- This is a way to broaden the use of supplementals. I will not vote for this, but it is the students’ money and it should be spent how they want though.

Smith- Should we have the discretion over supplementals for the students. It gives us power over this.

Mohr- From what I get out of this, we could approve any supplemental and approve it as beneficial for students.

Smith- Do you have the ability to decide what right for students and what is not?
Mohr- Ethically I don’t think so.

Smith- The reason we have this body is to do that.

Vollmer- Why can’t we add that in as an amendment somehow?

Thiel- It says things that will “substantially” benefit students at MSU. Like campus events and things offered to the students. It has to directly benefit the students. This is directly in the purpose of ASMSU and the Senate.

Mohr- Seems like we are missing something still though. It just seems to be so broad that it wouldn’t be supporting student possibly. Which of course wouldn’t be voted for but there is a possibility.

Thiel- It would give us that power, but affirms it has to be in student interest. We need a definition in the constitution that gives a better decisive power over supplementals.

Mohr- When it’s left open, then it gives free reign to do whatever a majority body wants. It’s left open for abuse.

Stevens- Do you have amendment suggestions?

Capp- I would like to keep it the same way.

Stevens- I think most everyone agrees, and if we can find an amendment that would be better.

PT Dawson- what we’re doing is trying to leave it up to the senate by deciding what is correct. Incorrect supplementals won’t get voted in.

Call to previous question

Theil seconds

10/6/0

Motion fails. Continued discussion

Vollmer- Can we add something that would give a set to decide what is beneficial?

Thiel- We might have to come up with a metric and that depends per case.

Capp- It’s way too broad and in essence sets up a new way to fund and it would then need to be called Discretionary funds, it’s not very fiscally responsible. Students would see this too.

Bjornson- Reiterate that it has to go through finance board also, and then we have two bodies to decide whether or not it benefits students. This seems to be very sufficient.

Capp- How many supplementals has finance board declined?

PT Dawson- Three, as I know of.
Thiel- What are the different checks for discretionary funds?

Pres. Fisher- It has gone towards the Powwow and also food for another event.

Steffens- It’s safer to be supplemental and stay that way.

Thiel- (definition of what discretionary funds are used for) and they could be used wrongly in the same way. From the intent of the founders of our constitution, they wanted there to be a difference in purposes for these funds. This is the appropriate place to do this.

West- The problem we are having is with the specific word “discretion” itself. The purpose though is still a request that still has to go through 2 bodies. The word could give it a bad connotation. I agree with this idea.

Bjornson- Move to amend the bill (shown on the screen)

Pres. Fisher- Re word the section on fees.

Capp- I like the idea of using fees of ASMSU students, but I will not vote for it in anyway.

Vote to Approve

12/4/0

Bill 2011-B-06 Constitutional Updates

Bjornson- move to approve

Seconded by Thiel

Bjornson- Move to consider as read.

Bjornson- Did people read it? There are a lot of changes in this.

Capp- Could we possibly print it off?

Thiel- move to postpone until we have printed copies

Seconded by Capp

16/0/0

New Business:

Affirm new hires in the Exponent and Spirit Chair
Pres. Fisher- We received one application for each position, which are the current employees. Eric Dietrich and Bre Anna Bentley

Bjornson- Why such low turnout for those positions?

Fisher- They are time sensitive and people are also unsure of next year and what they are doing.

Rogala- It seems like a problem we will always have. We as senators need to get the word out there.

Pres. Fisher- PR is in charge of getting the word out there as of now and administration, and there was turnover of those positions this winter.

APT Krueger- Advertising was through PR? Should we open it back up?

Pres. Fisher- I’d say no. They are already doing next year’s job and lots of time would be lost. They are great in their positions.

Vollmer- move to approve

Seconded by Thiel

Vote to affirm new hires 15/0/0

Steffens move to recess

Seconded by Thiel

Reconvened at 9:22pm

Bill 2011-B-06 Constitutional Updates

Read aloud by Sen. Bjornson

Capp –friendly amendment of section 165-3, page 12, because I think the intent is wrong here about amendments being voted on, it seems they wouldn’t go anywhere.

Thiel- (stated the amendment)

Approved

Capp- page 8, voting to impeach someone in one meeting is rather hasty, maybe a week insteadas a friendly amendment. Then the hearing and the vote isn’t all in one night. “at least one week.”

Approved

Capp- Page 2, what is your reasoning behind changes in 105.3?
Bjornson- Withdraw change.

Thiel- Friendly amendment as a sponsor, 155.5 the second part is run-on.

Approved

Vollmer- 112.4, page five, friendly amendment “his or her”

Stevens- used for consistency, although still inconsistent throughout.

Vollmer- Withdrawn

Mohr- What is the judicial body?

Bjornson- The judicial body disappeared in 1983. I put it in because Phyllis wanted it.

Mohr- Would the judicial body participate on con audit committee?

Bjornson- No. We can take it out unopposed.

West- What was it for previously?

Thiel- Instead of just having Phyllis decide all of this or discussed in the senate. Not to be interpreted by anyone but judicial body.

Mohr- Does it say who will appoint the judicial body?

Thiel- 120.3

Rogala- Does not state where the body comes from.

Bjornson- We can clearly decide that on the bylaws.

Smith- section 110.1 duties of the President, friendly amendment.

Approved

Smith- Similarly with the duties of the vice president, line 8

Approved

PT Dawson- President pro tempore vacancies, page 8, section 128.1, for clarification, for the next election or the next meeting.

Bjornson- Can we make it a formal election?

PT Dawson- Yes.

Bjornson- What’s the chain of succession that we should have? We need to figure that out.
(Informal discussion over this topic)

Bjornson- (adds sections on vacancies for PT and APT)

Capp- Add under the powers of the APT, then there is no contingency plan if the PT is absent.

Approved

Bjornson- In the last section, a substantial change is section 168, all students taking one or more credits are allowed to vote.

Student Regent- Theresa- It’s important in my job role to know what all students think of policies, and representations. Do you think of students that pay the fee or the whole student body? It really made me think that we are leaving out a large group of students. ASMSU cannot say that right now. And I think it is very important.

Capp- Would they vote on new fees that they would not be paying? That would not be fair.

Theresa- Would seniors then not be able to vote on those fees that they would not be paying?

Steffens- This is the right way to go to include all students, but we should designate strata on who can vote.

Theresa- That would have to go through ITC since they do the voting system.

Capp- I think of MSU as a union, and non-union members should not vote on union member

Smith- For the students that don’t buy in though, still receive some benefits. If we include what a lot of students who are under seven credits receive from us, such as recycling, then we should include them. We should think of ourselves as a government structure rather than a union. We can restructure this some to designate who can vote, and when. Just as any other government.

Bjornson- We would have to decide, whether students and not members can vote on amendments and resolutions? Such as the tobacco policy. Wording will have to change.

Pres. Fisher- If we’re willing to model after a government, then do non-tax payers vote?

Theresa- Yes. Students who are not represented right now, would probably have a different view than the students being represented right now. They are on average, non-traditional students. If we don’t change this then it is a huge disservice to them.

Thiel- In cost/benefit terms, there is a quite large about of students who are being represented, the non-traditional students are a minority. I don’t think it will affect them much if they do not have official representation.

Capp- What benefits do you get for paying ASMSU fee if all students can vote?

Bjornson- Rec center, and tutorial services, day care.
Steffens- Does anyone know the numbers who are not associated students?

Theresa- 110 in Gallatin Colleges, which is intertwined with MSU students.

Pres. Fisher- Anyone ever been approached before by non-associated students?

APT Krueger- Yes, my roommate didn’t know that he had to opt in for that fee to receive things most students do receive with this fee.

Thiel- Petitions for meetings, other than that I don’t see how it causes great issues for the group as a whole.

Bjornson- Friendly amendment in referendum, election, voting.

Approved

Steffens- Potential downfall, can a student opt out as an associated student? Is that possible? Mandatory membership?

Pres. Fisher- no it’s automatic.

Capp- I would prefer to pass this all without the changes on voting because it is a major change. Students would have to go through a lot to notice this change. Can it be separated on the ballot? Splitting the bill basically, and pass it separately.

Smith- Vote on everything else, but make it a separate amendment. Which would be a problem because of the process.

Capp- Move to divide the question so that it separates the separation of voting rights.

Thiel- Would it work to add the explanations on the ballot.

Capp- I think this is a defining change that will greatly affect the student body. (and defines split of question) Section 168 and the rest the same.

Seconded Stevens

16/0/0

Bjornson- We have several comments that we didn’t have answers for. A student request, to have a meeting within a week, which why couldn’t it be during a regular meeting? Friendly amendment to strike the sentence.

We need to put something under responsibilities of judicial council.

Rogala- friendly amendments (to responsibilities)

Approved
Lawson- friendly amendment( for adding “their” instead of his). Then also “per” (in the same section)

Rogala- move to previous question

Seconded by Smith

14/2/0

Vote to approve as amended

16/0/1(Sen. Smith abstains)

Bjornson- move to approve bill that Capp proposed

Smith seconds

14/2/0

Appoint Student Regents

VP Diehl- we can come up with questions to ask the applicant or I have questions that have previously been used by other institutions. (Read job description of student regent)

PT Dawson- this is to appoint him to send him on to be possibly chosen by the Governor. Shall we use the questions provided? (Read questions that are to be answered by the applicant)

Sen. Joe Thiel- I wanted to apply for this position because I have seen a lot of how the students are involved.

They are real trying to emphasize access and affordability, and maintain that goal but also for universities to still innovate all the missions of the universities. We can’t cut back goals to access and affordability only, because innovation is very important.

The defined role of Associated Students in the MUS, they are to advise to the government system of the Montana Universities. As a student regent, it’s to gain the sense of needs of student across the state. Sometimes we don’t realize there are a lot of nontraditional students. I hope to gain insight of those populations also.

My three largest concerns for students are bad economic times drive people to improve their skills and continue education. It comes back to access and affordability. To encourage students to improve their skills, then we need to make it affordable to them.

(Sen. Thiel explains the powers of the Board of Regents, Commissioner’s offices, Governor’s office, Legislature and Montana University Systems)
Smith-The preparation work is very daunting, it’s very bureaucratic. Thiel would do great because he is already showing he knows what to do.

15/0/0

Resolution 2011-R-09 Bobcat Stadium Usage

Read through by PT Dawson

APT Krueger- move to table until next week

Seconded by smith

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**Admin Reports:**

Pres. Fisher- Admin Board has met and by next week we will come up with more suggestions. What you should decide is if you want to instate this before budgeting because the budgets are made for the structure as it. Next week I will have a budgeting presentation. It would be a waste to decide on the current budgets and then change it two weeks later

Funding applications- are available starting Monday, February 28th.

Game day experience meeting- fireworks will most likely be continued. The new screen will be one of the nicest ones in the area. The company consists of MSU alumni. They are looking for new ways to use Cat/Griz next year will be great, and will debut many new things.

Phyllis brought up that ASMSU doesn’t really have its own section. She is working with Registrars to have its own section.

Student Excellence awards consisted of five students who are involved with ASMSU (including Sen. Capp and Sen. Stevens)

Through discretionary funds, I bought Colleen a Cricket Machine.

VP Diehl- Congratulations to Sen. Thiel. Three students just returned from NACA. There will be a report from them next week. It was a three day conference. Senate Retreat is April 16th at Chico and Leadership Institute is doing great to organize that. We need numbers of who will attend.

Board of Regents is in Helena next week on March 3rd. They want an MSU student representative to give an update. I will not be able to do this because I have a test, would anyone be willing to do that?
Smith- Also a legislative event at the College of Technology.

Is there anything the Body feels the Board of Regents needs to know?

Bjornson- making sure ASMSU remains autonomous.

VP Diehl- I was thinking the issues of tobacco should also be brought up.

Revisiting stipend review and using that form to talk to committee heads about what their stipend positions need. I would like to assemble with the senators again who attended the last meeting.

BM Thrasher- five options we have for food for budgeting: Pickle Barrel, Pita Pit, La Parilla, Colombo’s, and Mackenzie River. (La Parilla)

Brandy wants to know if we want a whole budgeting packet. (To be emailed, and bring a few hard copies)

We’re working on putting the budget online

PT Dawson- For yielding and recognizing. When you are yielding and that person is done talking, so are you. When recognizing, then you may continue talking.

Also the minutes for Jan. 20th, are not official. So we need to approve that they are not posted.

All in favor

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And if the minutes for Dec. 2nd to approve not having those if I can’t find those.

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APT Krueger- I met with Chambers Relations Committee, and we want to get our school spirit up.

Finance Board went well, no supplementals.

Outreach Division accepted that the salary was taken off the budget.

**Senate Reports:**

Stevens- (hands out Tom Brokaw tickets)
Thiel- After talking with CE people, we will be having a meeting at Tuesday at 5pm, room TBA. Also, I sat on Employee Recognition meeting. We chose five people out of 55 applicants. They will be receiving gift certificates. Trying to find themes for MSU.

Mohr-Served on Streamline Committee, they are looking for funding for a bus.

Smith-Graduation Planning committee and it was a very inducing meeting. I will let you know more if you come and talk to me.

Steffens- Directors meeting, for VP Diehl.

Fraser-Fam. Graduate Housing has many things planned, and they are very concerned about smoking.

West- Tuesday, budget Council met and we talked about prioritizing programs and certain budgets in case of financial crisis for future planning.

Announcements:

Rogala- Smith, Thiel, Stevens, Steffens and I will not be here next week and will appoint proxies. Get a hold of us prior to Wednesday.

Smith Move to adjourn meeting

Seconded by Rogala

Adjourn Meeting: 12:01 am February 25, 2011