Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Roll Call: Absences-

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes: 17/0/0

Public Comment:

Email-MSU TODAY. Opened up to the public and students, right hand side, to sign up for it, and now it is available to post, submit to MSUtoday@montana.edu another way to know what is going on.

Wednesday of next week, legislative letter writing, 6-8pm SUB 233; there will be free food. You can write a letter at anytime, please write it

Smith- series of legislative action, 37% cut to higher education. When the majority party promised a 5% cut. We’ll be writing letters on weds. And an opportunity to make phone calls. We’ll be doing a series, to respond to legislative action, to make a difference.

Get as many people you can to attend.

Eric- Editor of the Exponent- Clarification on letters to the editor, we do need to know about it, to work with you a week in advance.

When are letters due?

Eric- Monday evening at the latest; depending on when I get the email.

Presentations:

Pres. Cruzado: thanks for joining the ground breaking ceremony. First announcement, we are in the process of getting a search committee for a dean of students, we hope to complete this to have someone in by July first for summer session, and we want to keep you informed, please stay involved and voice your opinion. Second, I made slight changes last year to the graduation ceremony, in recognizing our graduates; we call the dean to call the colleges to be recognized. No wonder students do not attend; it was not graduate-centered. We would like to come up with a change, to preserve intimacy of the ceremony, but to make it more vibrant, 2 ceremonies, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We want the name of each graduate of said allowed and give them the chance to shake hands of all the “high ups.” More surprises to come, from a simple program to a wonderful program, which program cover- graduates will begin voting for it next week, and get an invitation card to the graduate, and 3 or 4 for loved ones. 2 large television screens and a camera that will follow you. We will expand the band, national anthem, and lyrics for the fight song to sing. A huge celebration. This day justifies why we are a university, celebrate and recognize graduates, families and the faculty. This allows colleges and depts. To continue traditions, and events and Regalia, not to get in the way of the
excitement. We need your help and opinion and involvement. We will put together a page to take opinions of all into account. We want it to be an unforgettable day. Thank you. Go Cats!

**Budget Presentations:**

Gretchen Hooker-Sustainability Center

If you have questions, I can email information to whoever wants it. In the fall, sustainability update. New things in the budget, we do recycling and collaborate with all groups. 5-7 Student staff. We were awarded the Eco Star Award, recognized for recycling, a state award. Student employment, great hands on work, a portion for stipends for students to propose and work on projects for the campus. Recycling, 41 campus buildings over 400 containers on a weekly basis, along with events. The staff works on events and outreach. The Water Conservation program just happened. University level of the Office of Sustainability, not big enough to make as much change as possible. Increase from last year $2600 for labor, stipends and recycling labor. Revenue, our revenue is a lot higher than we thought it would be which is great because enrollment has increased. We are looking to come in under budget. We are looking for cushion; if enrollment keeps increasing then we won’t need it.

Nehmeh- what is the minor tools account and why did it increase?

Gretchen- not an office supply, but small equipment, e.g. gloves. We had the 10,000 recycling request, and we had to add rollers to the bottom of them. It was charged to the minor tools account

Nehmeh- rent?

Rent for containers for paper and the roller bins, not including cardboard.

Nehmeh- Are you still renting dumpsters?

Gretchen-yes

Capp-You’re one of the committees that gets a separate fund from student fees, last year I asked also, why do you ask for money and you answered it was beginning, why are you asking for more, and twice as much?

Gretchen- it’s not quite twice as much, we are just trying to maintain quality. If you want to make it a dollar committee, then it will be shrunk by a lot and return to just a recycling program. But this has lots of value, because we are proactive in making the changes in the mind of your peers.

Capp- $195 a month for dumpsters, why does it decrease this year?

Gretchen- that only was for cardboard dumpsters, but we increase more dumpsters.

Capp-most funding is for student employment, how many extra employees will you need?

Gretchen- currently we have 2 ten hour a week employees, so possibly one stipend position. But I am still evaluating this position. This will be an internal decision that hasn’t been made yet. 2-6 positions.
Smith- total about $5693.29 for this year’s appropriation?

Gretchen- you’ve quadrupled in size but only asking for a 3.5% increase.

Terry off finance board- to answer your question. I have numbers through last fall. Fee for next year is $80,300 and good job

How much would it cost to buy all the office paper dumpsters?

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Ellen Rodgers- KGLT general manager

There is a Fact sheet for you being passed around.

We are a 43 year old radio station, community radio station. Community outreach, and help put out the call to all events. We have translators in Helena and Livingston and now on campus without streaming. But streaming is still available. We are asking for less this year because we don’t have the big salary and personnel has gone down, and we will not increase them. There will be some adjustments, but not a larger salary. The rest is operations and is $40,000. We’re totally machinery and it breaks down constantly. Come have a tour, because we are your committee. We have apprentice classes, to learn to be an announcer. We are growing, and we have a new studio and a secondary studio. 2 grants from a foundation for the new studio, and Corporation for Public Broadcasting helped with the rest. 27% is a restricted amount. We also have a separate audit, which brandy has copies of. There was not much significance, except we didn’t put the year on our forms. Everything was in place and accounted for, which costs $14,000 which leaves us with about $15-25,000. $16,000 for growth. Friends of KGLT, and were dysfunctional, but becoming more functional, it’s a fundraiser. We have a documentary about us and community and public radio. FCC regulations, that you can play any song you want. Last year, Mericose (?) foundation, came up with a matching grant for new donors, $111,000 so far collected this year. Come to Fundrive shows, last week of March and first week of April. That’s where we get our pledges; we play the best shows we can. We talk about all the benefits of community radio. We had 800 incentives last year, and everyone announces it. The Fundrive pulls in 95,000 between now and April. We are asking for less.

PT Dawson- line item 62371 you charge for 6+ phones. Is it needed? How much does each phone cost?

Ellen- for Fundrive, we put all the phones in the studio. But each phone is used, but the student who works there part time uses the phone for Fundrive pledges. 62371- About 13.25 a month each.

PT Dawson- what about the cell phones?

Ellen- it was a lot cheaper to be available with cells, and we had to be in contact. Now my phone is left. I have to be available 24/7.

PT Dawson- building and grounds repair?
Ellen- the carpet is very old, and funky. It would cost about $1000, and it’s an "if" but I thought I would put it in. Bring a supplement, instead of putting it in budget every year.

Bjornson-the cell phones? Revisit this because it is too much.

Finance board- Streaming royalties? What is that?

Ellen- you have to pay to play music, so that the artists and composers will be given money if it’s played on the air. The FCC works with the sound exchange, and so it is charged. Wit public broadcasting, they pay for it. We fall into the lower tier of streaming. 72 people can listen at one time. And then it becomes complicated. By paying $600 a year, we don’t have to do that. Our transmitter is rented.

Finance-is there a reason it’s so high now? Why has more than half it been paid in only half a year?

Ellen-that’s how it is. It increases every year by 3% every January. We might have paid on an invoice for 7 months. Utilities and rent and electrical increase every year.

Finance board-dues account. You haven’t needed to use it but each year there is a budget of 1400 for it?

Ellen- we try to pay dues through public broadcasting, it’s the sound exchange for 600. And I will have to get back to on it but its actual fees.

Nehmeh- 3000 for resale, are they handed out for free? Last year it was 800.

Ellen- we have tradition for graphics students that create new logos, and everyone gets a bumper sticker and magnet, a hat or t shirt, maybe an incentive. We’ve gone organic, 3 logos, and now working with an alumnus, we’re trying to always put a new spin on this.

Nehmeh- for accounts 601 for utilities what is it?

Ellen- it’s the electric bill. Townsquare Media, and that’s where we are transmitted. It rent and utilities are portioned to us through this.

Steve Erickson- Recreational Sports and Fitness

Clay Schroder is our graduate intern.

$100,000 minor equipment, which is cardio equipment line. Which is kept in the ASMSU account so we can spend it. It’s more efficient. It’s to get you what you want. The rest goes into another account that goes into student wages and other equipment. It’s very similar to last year, 2/3 is student money that comes to our account, locker sales and faculty etc is 1/3. More importantly, the larger goes to payroll. Supplies and equipment. We do have a couple of outstanding loans, about 40,000 and we hope next year it will be half of that. We are looking to get more of our people trained and go to conferences, to renew certificates etc, 5 staff members to a national conference and 3 students. And tax is a big number. We have a lot of big items that we have bought, every year. And depreciated equipment, and used way beyond what it should be used. We’re trying to build that back. So it might be higher than it
needs to be and we’ll be caught up. Our credit class, a group fitness class, is one credit with the dept. of HHD. Trying to get people in the gym, we see lots of new people. And will bring tremendous revenue for us, and lined up to have more classes next year. With more revenue, we try to keep your fees down as students.

PT Dawson- what was the problem with the roof?

Eric- that was taken care of last year, and this year there are other problems. $20+ per student per semester.

Nehmeh- the re-rep project? Is that coming into place?

Eric- we are asking students to commit to that, which is 2 treadmills that make energy compared to consume it.

Steffens- thank you for being a great role model for university gyms, and great job. Are students teaching the credit classes? How many different sections?

Eric- credentials, and requirements, and certifications are required, so that we can implement more student instructors. 2/3 of the instructors are not student instructors. 65 different sections of classes-pink boxing etc.

Bjornson- curious about cardio equipment replacement, is 3 years pretty standard?

Eric- some schools try to drag it out to about 5 years. With the use of our equipment, it is not safe to use them longer than 5 years at least 3 years.

Bjornson- what happens to them after they are not used? Was that reflected in the sheet?

Eric- whole sale with a reseller, 6-10 year old equipment we sold the whole lot to him. The resale should be double or more this year. No it’s not in the sheet. Depends on the equipment, and what the resale price is.

Bjornson- so revenue will be between 15 and 20,000

Finance board- a follow up on cardio, the depreciated equipment? Is it expected to go down with the new equipment?

Eric- we try to replace with the latest and greatest, but we also watch to see what is used and maybe trade the old equipment for something else. It should gradually decline.

Bjornson- very tentative numbers, and student fees vary. $11,000 more in revenue that services, what happens to it?

Eric- it becomes reserve, so that we can have it built up just in case things go bad.
Mike Cavaness- Outdoor Recreation Center

This year by far was the easiest to present the budget, with brandy’s help it was very easy. Thank you. The budget request is based on past history and anticipated events in the next year. We have rearranged many items; the revenue was increase by $5000, and attributed to reliable weather. Which is what we depend on a lot to do our programs. The new building brings in more participation and attendance. The labor item was revised significantly, we put hourly to work study money. It was hard to find students with the significant work study. We try to hire them if we can because it saves 70% of salary. We’ve had the new building for a year. Now we have actual figures on utilities, gas, electricity and water was decreased by a lot.

PT Dawson-line 62245, computing equipment, no money is requested. Thank you for taking a look at that.

Mike- I tried to put notes in the account codes so you can see what it’s being spent on.

Bjornson- salary and benefits, 1160,000 and this year it's at $124,000. Why has it increased? Even with more work study?

Nehmeh- student employment increased by 11,000.

Mike- we took money out of temp-hourly. Its salary and benefits for my position.

Krueger- 62706, vehicle replacements. Have you replaced the vans? You might put it in supplemental?

Mike. Very complicated we have been working for 9 months on finding a new vehicle. If we have additional funds needed, we will ask for supplemental.

Rogala- is there a list of the number of students who have been participating?

Mike- I will email them to Chad, they are in the office.

Colleen Linder- Streamline and tutorial Services

Streamline first- is a dollar committee, so I am asking you to support this. I do collect a separate fee, 102,000 for the next fiscal year. And everything I get I put into streamline, except for $1. I don’t have solid figures because streamline does budget in March. It’s a complex budget with several partners. Until all of their finances are finalized, we won’t know the exact numbers. New routes start in august right before students come back

PT Dawson- Krueger and I ride the streamline, have you seen any spikes of increase in the cold weather?

Colleen- there are spikes, but not very significant. I have info from 2007 available to see increase in ridership, over 1000 rides a day. Some thought it would be too much of a culture change, but it’s not and it’s been taken very well. We’ve ordered new, bigger busses to

President Fischer- how did the ribbon cutting go at the new bus barn?
Colleen- it was great. It was a great open house, and half of it is shared with the city of Bozeman, we don’t do maintenance there though. Our offices have moved from the senior center to the new bus barn and dispatch is there soon. It’s on Rouse just past the Suzuki dealership. If you want the budget or ridership emailed out please let me know. If we have extra money then we have a wish list of things we want to do.

Tutorial-the entire budget is labor, 51 tutors employed, they are paid by how long they have been doing this $9.50-$10.00/hr. $55,000 in revenues, almost to that amount. We have been extremely busy this year. Total labor, I had asked for 10,000 and it was cut back to 6,800 and I already used 6,200. I’m sure there will be an issue, so I hope you will give me the amount I had requested last year.

Bjornson- once you get past the first five hours of tutoring what is it?

Colleen- its 5 an hour, and after that then it is ten. We had 536 slips sold to students and 104 had gone past the 5 hours. It’s good to know they are getting the time they need. Not much predicting I can do besides wait it out to see what I need.

PT Dawson- out of the amount of students that walk into ASMSU office what is the percent for tutors?

Colleen- 75-80%

Nehmeh- do you have a lot of requests for tutors for classes that don’t have tutors?

Colleen- it hasn’t been a problem this year, but we take their info and we email all the tutors available to see if there are any available, and then go to the dept. We advertise in the exponent and with posters for students.

West- what was the reason for lowering the labor budget?

Colleen- the tutorial program is hard to predict. I am gradually increasing the tutors’ wages, and also increasing what the students pay too. I try to compensate.

Colleen- the rest of the budget pertains to advertising and office supplies, and students buy a session slip, and they are used for time cards of the tutor. There are those and receipts for the students and tutors. Advertising, table tents and posters, cards and copies. I try to use our copier, but I also use cards and copies. 2 tutor meetings each semester, to have the tutors talk with each other and food is provided with the 250.

Nehmeh- what is the amount of ASMSU base for covering the tutoring,

Colleen- the portion covered is how much the tutors get paid, extra charges and workers comp.

Capp- why are there no expenses for the last 5 years?

Colleen- I try to used the ASMSU corner in the exponent, and printing costs, we do the ground work ourselves.
Capp-it seems like the tutoring is a big secret, and I want to see more advertising.

Thiel- I was wondering how Trios services have decreased and are full and how it affects you this year?

Colleen- they have not been given another grant, and they are trying to continue to operate this semester, and there has definitely been an increase in people requesting tutors now.

Jim on finance board- we did see an increase in kids who’ve got tutoring. With Trio, students had to qualify for free tutoring, only 300 students max, and Trio isn’t even on the door anymore. It will move to student success.

Colleen- they have a limited amount of tutors, and they send them up to us. We bill them later. Some bills are paid through depts.

Nehmeh- if you advertise for the tutoring services, will you be able to compensate for enough tutors?

Colleen-yes we would be able to handle that. There are usually five tutors per class. It is a solid program, and a student employee who has done a lot of work for us. She has gotten us way better known with the depts.

Finance board- are all the tutors one on one?

Colleen- yes. One year we had to increase to a few students per tutor. But we try not to do that for a better program.

Wheeler- good job. I see this happening that many people suggest the ASMSU tutoring to others.

Recess for 5 minutes. None apposed.

Reconvened at 8:14 pm

Greg Young- not present

Unfinished Business:

Supplemental Request- 10,000 Hours

Sen. Jenny Lawson- it’s a program of the office of community involvement. We have exclusively focused on MSU and MSU students. Next year hopefully high school students. We try to have 10 hours minimum of community service. Many volunteers wanted their friends to come and didn’t mind the exclusivity. Hopefully the changes we made this year will make a difference. We are adding ticket sales now. Finance board thought we should do it early. Making sales last minute, because we want the focus of the concert on the volunteers. Last year students volunteered, 9559 hours of service. We made it fairly close to our goal. This year is The Hood Internet with Landlocked, so it should help with a nonlocal band.
PT Dawson- finance board felt that instead of waiting last minute, we want 10,000 hours to take off better, we didn’t think it would deter students from finishing their hours, because if they wait last minute then they don’t leave the night open.

Thiel- what are the other revenue streams that go into this?

Lawson- not much from the community, full list is on the back of the cards. Most sponsors from MSU. 10% is from off campus sources. We are about 3000 short than we had last year.

PT Dawson-currently ASMSU is not a sponsor

Vollmer- how many students participate?

Lawson- I don’t have those numbers with me

PT Dawson- this is s supplemental request of 1500

Thiel- move to approve seconded by smith.

16/0/1 (Lawson abstaining)

**New Business:**

Appointment of at-large senator.

PT Dawson: 3 applicants. Julia Stanley, she is a freshman, elementary education. Never been involved. Wants to get students more interested in the student government, and a closer knit community. Vice president of Hannon Hall, 3rd floor. Dillon Haskell, also a freshman in University Studies. Wants to get more involved, and challenge his leadership skills and works at the Ask Us Desk. Cody ...? Junior and has been involved with ASMSU before. Undergrad research with a professor.

**QUESTIONS:**

Why do you want to be a senator?

If elected what are the basic goals and changes you would like to see?

What do you envision the role of student government to be?

How do you plan to get involved with your constituents?

Do you plan to run again if not appointed today?

Capp: objection to last question to specific to student government.

Julia Stanley: very interested, page at Montana State Legislature, elementary education major, loves government. Starting a summer camp for disadvantaged kids. I want to improve the campus as a whole;
I want to be behind the campus while trying to have the students shine and help them be proactive, show them what our campus can do.

1. I want to be a senator because, I see a lot of corruption, and I will represent what my constituents believe even if I don’t agree with it. And I hope to take that into Montana state legislature
2. My biggest goal is to increase the ASMSU role with constituents, no one knows the faces of the senate, and more people need to be aware and represented.
3. Student government to give a voice and personal touch to the campus, and we make the campus a better place and a better community.
4. I am vice president on my floor in Hannon Hall, I like to encourage others and be energized, I like to excite people and ask them what they want. Go out and be proactive.
5. I will run as many times as it takes.

Dillon Haskell- freshman at MSU. Langford. I’ve been in many athletics and activities, FCCLA, BPA, and FFA. Working at The Ask Us Desk, so I work close with ASMSU. I really want to be involved on campus. All “bobcat”, enthusiastic. A great chance to do that. I want to work close and personal with students on campus. I want to be there for a long time. I want to stay involved.

1. I want to get involved with the campus more, and be in the front line. I don’t know much about it but I really want to.
2. Voting district changes as has been discussed, so students are better represented. I would like to see more student participation in activities and sporting events. Involve students more.
3. Student government is the voice of the students, and senators are elected to represent, I was involved in student council, ASMSU is a higher level that can accomplish more tasks.
4. I would make it known that I am ASMSU senator, I’m not sure how I would go about that, but I want to make it know I am there. Senator Fraser stood up in class and let others know.
5. Absolutely, I will definitely run in the future.

Cody Floerchinger- Junior, biochemistry major and business minor. Proxied a meeting once before for Sen. Steffens. I like how Cruzado comes and talks to ASMSU. ASMSU gives me a great relationship with the school

1. Mutual relationship, budgeting, I like being involved in committees. I want to be a greater part of that.
2. As far as campus goes, tobacco free initiative, I would like to support that.
3. Student government is the voice of the students, representing them and that this entity exists in our university, to give students
4. Bookstore board, I look forward to working on committees. Try to outreach to my constituents.
5. I do plan on running again. I want to see this out as long as I am here.

PT Dawson: open to discussion
Thiel: I know Cody outside of ASMSU, and he is hard working and very engaged.

Steffens: Cody is incredibly proactive, inquires about the meetings, and has wanted to apply for a long time. He really wants this.

Bjornson: the potential for freshman to grow up in ASMSU, I think it’s great to start early.

Rogala- I agree that potential of passionate freshman is great; it’s good that they could reach out to freshman.

Steffens- keeps in mind freshman seat election coming up.

West- they all express extreme interest for running again.

Capp- Cody is very attentive, I saw in the meeting he proxied for. This is something he actually wants. It’s great to have freshman, but they are living on campus running for an at large seat.

PT Dawson- this is a fall seat

Smith- Cody would be a good fit, and he would be a great balance.

Wheeler- I also know Cody, and he expresses a lot of interest.

Vollmer- I can speak for the freshman position, it’s hard to be proactive, and it would be very beneficial for them to come in for a whole year.

Mohr- not solely based for on campus or off campus, but for

Nehmeh- we are coming up to budgeting, we need some prior knowledge to that also.

Smith moves to vote, Stevens seconds. All in favor.

Stanley: 7

Haskell: 0

Floerchinger: 10

Official appointment of Sen. Floerchinger by President Fischer.

Resolution- Enforcement of current On- Campus Smoking Regulations 2011-02

(Printed and given to every senator)

PT Dawson- open to discussion

Stevens- Rogala will talk about the resolution. I have copies of the policy to be distributed.
Rogala- it’s to recognize the year long debate, about smoking on campus. The most appropriate step, in our eyes, is to focus on smokers and nonsmokers.

Stevens- we will send this as a letter to the editor of the exponent.

Thiel-move to approved and seconded by Sen. Smith

This is a good way to start addressing this issue, but in the constitution is mentioning of an initiative process; rather than to have it be a resolution, it would be more appropriate

West-this is excellent

Lawson- I feel this is sort of a pointless resolution; it’s great to suggest changes but does not specify. If we make a suggestion of the weak areas then we need to be more specific. Many foreign students smoke, and they would look for exemption. It’s pointless to have the cigarette butt collectors (?) right outside smoke free areas. Lots of people won’t turn in smokers if it’s to be enforced by MSU Police Department.

PT Dawson- amendments? Or look back over entire resolution.

Steffens- great suggestion. We need to see what students want and vote on it. For Rogala and Stevens, what should building supervisors do to enforce this?

Stevens- before we see what else to do, we need to place in this new policy and see how well it works. Intent of this is to bring this issue to the forefront. I don’t see how they can specifically enforce it, but to bring it to the forefront

Steffens- this 25 ft policy is not enforced nor is it effective. It’s a great direction, but this does not do much. I will support this, but more needs to be done. It would be great if this passes because it shows ASMSU is behind this policy and for changing this.

Capp- I absolutely support this. This is a common sense solution. One side wants to ban smoking, and the other side is for free smoking rights on campus. Being inside a building, sometimes smoke comes inside, because a smoker is right outside. Enforcement is a great idea, and this would bring attention to the building supervisors that no one appreciates that it’s not enforced.

Vollmer- the current policies need to be changed. My only concern is how enforceable is this? It’s really hard. We need some suggestions to fix this, it is a good compromise. We need to look into enforcing this.

PT Dawson-is there someone particular for oversight?

Stevens- the building administrators are responsible for this. And the university facilities planning board. The policy is supposed to be reviewed often.

Rogala- who is the university facilities board liaison?
No answer.

Rogala- this resolution is the first and appropriate step in addressing the issue. Students take a big part in it. Start small. Open to work on a second resolution. It’s a good first step. Work from here.

PT Dawson- we have opened it up to table bills and resolutions to be looked over again.

Bjornson- our constitution, states to respect the rights of others. We should do the same. Clean air act in Montana.

PT Dawson- our federal and state constitutions conflicts with smoking and nonsmoking rights.

Thiel-earlier I suggested an initiative would be more appropriate. This is very hard to represent our constituents. Lets pass it and quickly and move onto finding ways for a student vote.

Nehmeh- I am neutral. I like that we are taking initiative to see that people are not doing their job. But as ASMSU, we should not be telling people what to do. How do we suggest to others how to enforce this? Every time we touch on this, we do not make a decision on this, I recommend we put this on referendum, do they want a smoke free campus, we should ask what they want.

Stevens-how do we enforce it? It suggests a culture of respect and communication. Smokers and nonsmokers. All this resolution is doing is proclaiming that we want smokers to respect wishes of nonsmokers to come into action if it’s been lost.

Steffens-this is very flawed. Let’s pass this.

Mohr-inevitable that we will have to pass another resolution on this is we want to enforce this policy. We might need to notify MSU Police Department about this. The Hedges overhangs, do they count. We don’t need lots of revisions of this.

Steffens- police have been notified and don’t want to take part.

Smith- Robert Marley is dean of engineering.

Diehl- Montana State Clean Air Act. MCA 50-40-102

Capp- call to question (seconded by Thiel)

All in favor

14/3/1 (Sen. Bennett abstains)

Motion carries

Resolution- Kaimin Article Response (open letter)

Letter read by APT Krueger. (Copies given to senators)
This is to be sent to Montana Legislators from ASMSU, MSU College Republicans and MSU College Democrats.

Smith- we are passing around the Exponent with the editorial on this. About mail in ballots for students. We felt that we should respond to this, that representatives feel they are not involved. This is not partisan but about students. We will finalize this tomorrow. And there are 2 more edits of this letter, and more additions to the resolution.

On line 11- “as a letter to editor in chief of exponent”, add president Cruzado as who will receive the letter, have our lobbyist deliver the letters.

Capp- a little issue, I would stop reading at the beginning, should be edited.

Smith- strike “in sum, whether or not we deserve consideration as citizens.”

West- suggest to strike “everyday”

Thiel- move to approve seconded by Stevens

Capp- do we deserve the right to vote? Yes. Our representatives question that, because students do not vote as much. The big problem is editing the voter registration cards. This shows we are very interactive and mature.

Wheeler- when I read the article, and I thought it was appalling that

Smith- we need to be on top of this, and we have stayed on top of this legislative session very well. Both college parties were on board immediately

PT Dawson- no more discussion

19/0/0

Motion carries of letter and resolution.

Bill- ASMSU Representation Enhancement (First Reading)

Thiel- consider bill as read, if no one objects.

PT Dawson- one objection. (Capp)

Bjornson- reads the bill.

Submit changes to PT or APT, and changes will be read and voted on next week. Can’s submit amendments tonight

West-point of order, constitutional audits sent out?

Krueger- the con audits were sent to the backups.
Mohr- second page line 11, confused on “in the absence of mathematical discrepancy...” clarify?

Stevens- every fall of the odd year, the appropriations of chairs will go into effects without approval of senate.

Mohr- page 3 line 23, would they elections last a whole year?

Nehmeh- in the bylaws, elected in the spring,

Stevens-with all the bylaws and constitution, we don’t want it left to interpretation. Suggestions would be great.

Mohr- it could be left at one academic semester.

Capp- general questions, formally admitted your junior year in college of business, so would you be included or not?

Stevens- it would be referenced from the data of the office of the registrar. So yes. “pre’ business

Capp- how did you choose the college of education for the graduate students to be a part of?

Nehmeh- a lot of the majors are focused in the Department of Education,

Stevens- most are getting their masters in education. So that they could be represented in some way.

President Fischer- the graduate part, the majority of education graduate students, and teaching across the state, have nothing to do with the university.

Stevens- fairly arbitrary on why we chose the college of education because they need to be represented in some way.

Steffens- we do still have those at-large seats.

Capp- it just seems very arbitrary. I would just like to know.

PT Dawson- if you have a suggestion, please submit to me.

President Fischer- two administrators are education grad students.

Bjornson- Article 8 the committees should be the most powerful body. All suggestions should be submitted to committee, to be up to code with bylaws and constitution. Doesn’t have to okay it.

PT Dawson- we will send it out to everyone before next week to be looked over.

Nehmeh- how do we know if the grad students paid the student activity fee? How do we address that for next week?

Thiel- if we talk to registrar’s office, which deals with payments, so they have the ability.
Public comment- billing office would confirm payment of that not the registrar’s office but they would still help out.

PT Dawson- just in case of overturn was anything put in place? Or will be put in place?

Stevens- I forgot to put that in but I will for next week.

PT Dawson- this will be revisited next week in our second reading with changes. Bring suggestions by the ASMSU office to me or Phyllis.

Stevens- this is to be discussed next week but postponed until after spring elections.

Bill to amend Section 116-3 of the ASMSU Constitution

Bjornson- reads the bill and amendments.

Mohr- if we pass this then student body also has to vote for this?

Bjornson- this will go on the ballot.

PT Dawson- we’ll come back to this at the second reading next week.

Bjornson- 2011-3-02 Stipend review board, to take 3 positions off the board, but they are not voting. But they do the meeting at night or on the weekend, so we don’t expect them or believe they will be there.

Diehl- stipend review board, and we look at the hours, and who’s paid what. It’s not necessary for the business manager to be there. It’s just that they don’t have the role to be there.

Capp- point of order. We should not be discussing this.

PT Dawson- the people we are striking probably won't be there either way.

Bjornson- we can suspend the rules

Stevens- you can only suspend the standing rules (section 800 of bylaws). Neither the constitutional rules nor the bylaws.

Admin Reports:

President Fischer- time commitments, request from the employee recognition committee for students to be on the board. Feb. 24th all day affair, sacrificing a day of classes to take place on this committee.
Sen. Kolar volunteers

Groundbreaking- I have renderings of the renovations, palfrey. Some sort of naming rights involved.

Montana University System benefits, employees pay in more and less “beat the system” not too much of an impact. 1% pay raises next year and 3% in the next two years.

The SUB is changing policy of charging student clubs of rental space for a ticketed event. Stevens is passing the policy around. Instead they will be charged 1/3 of the price, and the other part is if the club helps to clean up, to be waived if chosen. Naming rights of lounge by the SOR to “Al Bertleson” (spelling) he worked for 40 years here from dish washer to building manger.

Hiring for exponent editor in chief and spirit chair. Who handles nominations for royalty candidates next fall?

Commission met this morning of the different processes students go through from recruitment to enrollment; want to get all four campuses on the same page.

Dean of Students search committee- I appointed 2 students to that.

MSU Bookstore Board- apply for student position on the board elections

Steffens: 3 seats opening up. It’s 3 faculty members, 3 students, a chair and the president. Contact any of us for more information

Elections for spring seats coming up. If you are interested, reapply soon. Hiring for committee boards will take place after spring break.

VP Diehl- more volunteering, the international food bazaar- they would really appreciate volunteers. Great experience. Relay for Life, anyone interested for a team? If someone is super interested, bring it up with me. 25th-26th of Feb., in the Fieldhouse.

New exit gallery reception.

We sent 3 students to NACA for college students who want to bring in entertainment etc to the colleges.

PT Dawson- will they be able to re apply?

Diehl- yes. How did pizza party go?

Bri- it was good, we had quite a lot of participation, and we will make changes next year. It was fun though,

Diehl- I want to say I went to the tobacco task force luncheon. The Health Promotions Office is approaching this from a public health standpoint, not through rights of students. Just for a better culture here at MSU. They feel they haven’t gotten anywhere with the senate, but Cruzado directed them back to us. We need to do our part and talk to the students. There are overwhelming remarks and
letters from students who oppose smoking on campus. Students want their voices heard; students don’t want to step on anyone’s toes with stepping forward with what they believe about the policies. They are trying to enforce the policy.

Thiel- the initiative process? Petition?

Diehl- it’s not guaranteed that the students are informed about the initiative. There is always incorrect information. Students are misinformed, where things go wrong, and that’s why it’s hesitant to put it on the ballot.

Nehmeh- I will be doing a booth for my country, it’s on the 19th of February. I would really appreciate it.

Diehl- ASMSU is contributing 1500, and our name is on the posters as a sponsor.

Business Manager Thrasher- no report

PT PT Dawson- hours on everyone’s lockers, thank you. But still a few missing. It only takes a minute. Be done by tomorrow night. Lunch or coffee? No one is signing up. Smaller groups is nice or one on one.

Facebook/Twitter Page? Vollmer will discuss it in his senator report. It would be cool to post for others to follow and gain more student participation.

Submit bills to us with X’s on them. And we will fill it out.

Senate List-serve. If you want to send things, that’s ok, senatelistserve@montana.edu

Appoint 3 Senators for Stipend Review right now- time slot is next Monday from 4-6pm. Nominations?

Nehmeh- nominate Sen. Floerchinger

President Fischer- every stipend position is reviewed to increase or decrease their stipends and how well they are utilizing their time and job.

Thiel- nominate Sen. Bjornson

Wheeler: nominate Sen. Mohr

Steffens: nominate Nehmeh.

Capp- nominate Sen. Bennett

PT Dawson- top 3 will be voted in to be on the review board.

Floerchinger: 7

Bjornson: 10

Bennett: 7
PT Dawson- President Fischer and Sen. Bjornson will give a presentation next week on Roberts’ Rules of Order.

APT Krueger- Welcome to Cody Floerchinger. Finance board, this week we went over the budget, and there were no supplemental.

President Fischer- APT Krueger is giving speech tomorrow at MSU Friday in my absence.

**Senate Reports:**

Thiel- I was present at the meeting about MSU’s strategic plan. It’s about re-vamping the plan, to make MSU unique. There will be a draft in the next meeting or so about a plan for this.

Smith- letter writing and calling campaign. Please come and bring friends for an update on the legislative session.

Rogala- next tabling session of senators, we need another senator for next Monday.


There will be another in 2 weeks.

Stevens- Reserved seats for Tom Brokaw for all senators, one per senator.

Steffens- Dustin Lance Black next week. I also went to the health center meeting, with increased health center participation. Let’s get going on the smoking regulations.

Vollmer- I’m working on ideas with how we can connect with student body, Facebook, Twitter, blogs. I would like help.

Bjornson- talk with the PR director.

Fraser- thank you for that letter to legislators. Family/ Grad housing letter, I want to give you more info about us if

PT Dawson- changing Sen. Fraser’s office hours to one hour in the office and one hour in the family/grad housing

**Announcements:**

Lawson- I want help with the Lace and Latex fashion show. Please come and talk to me.

Stevens- Bozeman high school speech and debate team. We would like more volunteers.

Smith- move to adjourn
Adjourn Meeting: 11:15pm