Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

Roll Call:

Sen. Welles has resigned.

Review previous minute: 18/0/0

Public Comment:

Garrett from the Exponent—we have these surveys for you to fill out tonight.

Steven—dean of students search committee met yesterday and we are starting that process.

Finance board—15 people on the search committee. We are still modifying the job description and the announcement. We will not use an outside application firm. It’s a good thing to have student activities go through the dean of students’ office.

PT Dawson—will we be kept informed? We would really appreciate that.

Steven—Yes we will be in touch every few weeks.

Thiel—who is the others student on the search committee

Bjornson—is it a national search or internal?

Finance board—national

Jim Mitchell student health director—senate bill 280 comment. Currently we have a student insurance system as default. It’s through blue cross and it’s a good plan. There is also self insurer, which is another way to do it. But insurance companies are more expensive because they look for profit. It’s currently not permitted under state law to do it, so with this it doesn’t mean we have to but it gives the opportunity for us to do that. I will be going up on Monday to testify in favor of it. If there are any questions tonight I would be happy to answer before I leave.

Fraser—is it like the staff insurance?

Currently, staff is insured by a self-insurance plan, so similarly we could save millions in money for that. It’s not cheap but its way less expensive than the alternative. It’s been done in other universities throughout the country, and they also save money. This could be more efficient, or at least give us the option for it, and maybe have more bargaining with Blue Cross.

Bjornson—did you look at the resolution? Did anything catch your eye?

Jim—it looked great

Presentations:
Eric and Jay-Exponent

Eric Dietrich- I am editor in chief. (And other introductions)

We will have produced 27 issues of the paper by the end of this year. 50 staff members and 3000 hours put into the paper. We have revamped and redesigned the newspaper in the last year, and we are growing immensely. We started this year with 3000 issues a week, and now we are at 4500 editions a week. We have increase the number of advertising staff and writers.

John-print media nationwide is slowly decreasing, and we feel it a lot. Ad sales have been declining a lot. A majority of our ad sales are from local businesses. They don’t have to money anymore and also reliability and organization. We have reorganized and made this better, for documentation, and contacting businesses. Local sales have declined since last year, but local businesses have been buying more, just smaller ads, but national and MSU sales of ads are increased.

Eric- we ran a $3000 deficit last year from printing, and it shows this year in our budget. We are asking for about $8000 more this year. Mostly, it's for labor. There is an increase but it is necessary to have a good running newspaper. We have rebalanced the stipends. New is a stipend for the ad manager.

Managing Editor- it’s in the ASMSU by-laws but we have not had one for about five years now. W=it’s a great burden not having this position, so we hope with this years budget, we can find a person for this position. Many things are overlooked, and this position would help. It would increase quality in our business, and it’s a training opportunity for a new leader and possible editor in chief. We have a “content” side and a “business” side. I am overwhelmed on a regular basis, too many responsibilities that this new position could help a lot with that and organization.

With stipend, things need to be adjusted and added a bit more, because these positions are not always paid what they should be. We also have a proposed adjustment this year. Hourly pay is most important line item because the writers do the work. $25,000 min is what we are asking so we can also develop a web design and more. It’s lower because we could use more so we could grow.

Hopefully my slides and the budget match, I was using last year’s budget. We added $500 to keep someone running the office in the summer. Until last year we had an outdoors editor, but that was cut. My goal is to create a flatter stipend policy. Change in the Ad Pres Commission is increased because it’s a more sophisticated job and better quality. We also put $1500 in the classified, for the delivery boy. He has graduated now, so that is why he is in the classified section.

Jay- Admin Expenses- This year we have gotten cheaper printing through the Livingston Enterprise with some negotiation from Eric. We have about 10 computers for staff, and so we readjusted there. With minor software was cut this year. It depends though on where you look how much things cost. Our usage of Telephones was much more than the $318 we were given last year for that. We overbudgeted for the subscriptions last year, so we hope to keep the crossword and increase that budget this year.
John- ad revenue target for next year is $67000 which is easily something we can meet this next year.

Eric-the budget isn’t perfect, but please work with us on this and let us know what we can do better. We don’t want things spontaneously cut in March, and so we would really like to work with you. Questions?

Thiel- I agree that the Exponent is a greater quality, but I wonder if $67000 is really attainable.

Eric-ad sales are not tinkering off like last year, they are working really hard, and we will end in better shape. And I really do think we can do that.

John we have added on 3 more addition ad managers, and we are selling ads in advance now. So I really do think we can hit that target.

Brandy- can you email me the presentation

Eric-yes.

Thiel- there is an increase in copy cats and other advertising?

Jay- it doesn’t represent an increase, we have decreased other budgets. So it evens out a lot.

Eric- we have condensed the numbers and simplified many things.

Thiel-what other forms of advertising do you plan to do?

Eric- we haven’t gotten around to much other advertising yet and still need to spend some. But we hope that our website will change that a lot.

John- many businesses that used to advertise with us don’t anymore, and we hope that will change soon.

President Fischer- what is the cost per edition of the newspaper?

Eric-we want to grow, and so it will be changing.

Nehmeh- cutting the costs of off campus printing from your last presentation, how much will it change by the end of the year? An estimate? Will you use all of the money allocated?

John- we will probably end under budget on that this year.

Nehmeh- you are expecting to use $14000 by the end of March?

Jay- when I put the information on this up, it is not represented here correctly.

PT Dawson- is there any questions on line items? 62245 and 62249. Because those are items you don’t need every year, maybe come with a supplemental instead, you should look into that.
Eric- we will actually need that, because we will be replacing with new computers each year, which we hope to give 5 year “lives.”

PT Dawson- it might be better to cycle them all out at once as a supplemental. But just consider that. Same with minor software.

Steffens- would you get a discount rate?

Brandy- you should talk to Colleen. She is good with that.

PT Dawson- will you be using PCs or Macs?

Eric- we’re thinking about using mostly PCs.

PT Dawson- look into educational discounts?

John- with the macs, they are getting to be old enough they don’t work with the internet browsers or many programs. Many are about to not

Frazer- I am in favor of the computers, because in ITC we go through many computers and I know they would too so it would be a great thing for them to be able to change them out.

Eric- as for conflicts of interest... we currently have three senators on pay roll.

Brandy Murray- Retirement Fund

This is something that Terry and I talked about 2 years ago. And there are 4 people potentially retiring in the next 4 years, and I think we need to start saving for them now so we are not surprised when it happens at their pay outs. $104,000 is for vacation and sick leave. We don’t have to save that this year, but over time. $74,000 in the next four years. This year, in the budget, there is a difference of $364000, so if we change that and save it, then we should take $35000 and break it up evenly to create this “fund” so that we have $105,000 in this fund and we will already have this money without having to cut funds. These numbers are from June 30th. It may be actually higher

What’s the Stip percentage?

Finance Board- way less than 1%

Capp- We won’t be making any interest on the money we set aside? Would it be better to spend it in the future?

Brandy- It’s basically just a savings account and a buffer, because it’s sitting and not accruing any interest anyway. We want to prevent taking a chunk out of someone’s budget.

Also last week when Mike presented, and each year we set aside $10000 for an OMN fee, and we forgot to present that last week. We forgot to put it on the budget.
PT Dawson- was it presented at finance board?

Brandy- no it was not. We will talk about it next week.

Business Manager Thrasher- Admin

There are a couple changes. Look at student labor 61225 it should be 39,020. And computing equipment change to $4000.

Some differences are under administrative- consulting we budgeted $1500 for the powwow. We wanted equal sponsorship. Increased minor tools to account for computer stuff. Advertising was cut to $200. And same with long distance phone was cut. Subscriptions account was increased for Survey Monkey available to committees. Questions?

Stevens- how often is Survey Monkey used?

Brandy- a few people have used it. PR wants to use it also.

Vollmer-educational expenses? What is it used for?

For Brandy and Colleen to go to conferences and the retreat in April

Krueger- is it to replace the copy machine or maintenance?

Thrasher-Maintenance.

Krueger- move for 5 minute recess

Seconded by Vollmer.

18/0/0

**Reconvened at 7:33pm**

Kevin Volkening- Climbing Wall Expansion

This is not an exact budget for what it would be to expand, but this is just an informative presentation.

Climbing was popularized in 1950’s and we are looking to make a bouldering gym, and it’s a lower cost of climbing. This is also becoming more popular. We have some of the best climbers coming out of MSU. MSU Vertigo Climbing Club has over 100 members. Most people in the club use to wall on a weekly basis. It used to be in Romney gym and it was only for bouldering, many people didn’t even know about it. It was built in 2008. We only have about 800 feet of climbing wall, and only about 7 people on the wall at a time. We are below the average of this region, it is very small. And it was not a priority of when the fitness center was built.
We did a random survey and had 300 unique signatures in one month. About 13 people on the wall per hour during busy hours. Also, many people think it is a sad climbing wall to represent ourselves.

We do a competition every year “Prince and Princess of Plastic” available to students and non students. 62 competitors this year climbed.

In the first days of school, we had 300 issued in the first week. The shoes are worn through in 2 months of usage.

We propose to use racquetball court #1 and expand to 1500 to 2000 ft of climbing space. We want better terrain angles also, for better bouldering to push skills. Only bouldering which cuts down on a lot of equipment and liability.

The picture on the back shows what could be done, but not the plans for it. This is still a dream, so the actual numbers vary. Costs would be for the actual climbing wall, flooring, access way installation between the walls, budgets for new holds and additional tools. A rough estimate is $83,000 to $111,000 which doesn’t include building permits etc.

We will not be doing rope climbing.

It would be in 3 phases, hopefully, in 3 years to have easier funding and to keep the climbing wall open during the year, hopefully build in summers.

It would impact the racquetball courts, but climbing is a more efficient use of space. It would also be a great attraction for new students. Increase satisfaction of students, and increase use of fitness center as a whole. It would impact Spire Climbing Center, but we will not have roped climbing, and it is the most popular, so I do not believe it will impact much and will not compare to Spire.

Steffens- the UM climbing wall is a big attraction? Was there any sort of talk when our gym was being built to make a better wall?

Kevin- the lounge of our fitness center was supposed to be a wall but there was some miscommunication in that and it was not made.

Krueger- we will still have the largest racquetball courts in the region.

Rogala- how have other universities funded their walls? Do you know?

Kevin- I am open to many ideas, but I have not looked into that but I will. This is why I did the three phases so we can look into that.

Bjornson- some climbers who are graduates are parts of foundations that could be an option to help with that.

PT Dawson- would the design have extra dimension?

Kevin- I want a different color, and different textures, but not make it look like actual rock because it limits where we can have holds.
Nehmeh-Recognize Sen. Mohr.
Seconded by Bjornson.

**Unfinished Business**

Second Reading of Bills:

Bill 2011-B-03 ASMSU Representation Enhancement

Nehmeh- I have lots of amendments and ideas. I didn’t email it because I thought it required discussion.

Thiel- I ask for unanimous consent that we consider it read.
Seconded by Nehmeh

Nehmeh- section 502. Suggest moving that. Section 504 to clear up confusion it’s a percentage, but that will be multiplied, and to change wording.

First amendment: page two, and line two.

Thiel-depending on the time it could be 18 or 19. There are two possibilities for allocation.

PT Dawson- sponsors want it left as read.

Nehmeh- line 32 I would like to cross out “home coming” because it does not play a role in this, and change administrative council to executive council (twice). And Change to Associated Students.

Also no switching to another district by applicants after 5 pm on the day applications are due. Only exception is if there are not enough applicants for a college, and seats must be changed to at large seats, and applicants are allowed to change to at large.

Wheeler- instead of “so then,” end the sentence and start with “in that case.”

Stevens- I don’t think we need to constrain the day at which the meeting is held. Depending on the schedule of the semester. This would hold the committee chair to holding the meeting the day after the applications are due.

PT Dawson- cross out “mandatory” because it is mandatory and then it is not constraining.

Nehmeh- this is to prevent double majors from switching.

Stevens- “switching” just seems sort of strange to me. Rephrase this to “change”

Bjornson-move to go to a special committee for 5 minutes to clear things up
Seconded by Sen. Smith
PT Dawson- atleast ten more minutes for committee as a whole.

8:35 PM back to meeting as a whole

Stevens- 500-5 edit we made was as to when they need to present when the reallocations were made. Also, rewording of more than one senator possibly added to at-large. Also we made it how soon the applicant tries to change their district. They would have to forfeit their seat; elections are only in the spring.

Mohr-what if someone changed their major but were in at large?

Nehmeh- no change. It’s ok.

Stevens- changes from “administrative” to “executive.”

PT Dawson- all sponsors concur with these changes to the bill I assume.

Stevens- crossing out homecoming also. Specifically “ASMSU executive council”

PT Dawson- any other amendments? Open to discussion on this bill.

Stevens- move to approve

Seconded by Sen. Mohr

Spoklie- What are the thoughts on turnover? I don’t find turnover would be all that unusual. Maybe spring and fall elections would be better still, to prevent that.

Steffens-why do you feel that way? Any basis?

Spoklie- personal opinion

Stevens- it is a definite possibility. I’ve been trying to figure out a way to write it in for mentorship. Any ideas would be great.

PT Dawson- in executive meetings, you are expected to stick around, and it's happened in many positions, that people are really “done,” and so they don't help usher in a new position-taker. It might need to be more than just mentoring. It doesn’t always work.

Bennett- any numbers to compare voter turnout between spring and fall elections?

Stevens- presidential elections generally bring out higher turnout.

President Fischer- show of hands for budgeting committee (five hands). There will be turn over of 16 chairs. How many of you had mentorship?

Nehmeh- in response, two solutions to suggest. We might have to add it to the duties of the outgoing PT and APT to assure that things are running smoothly in the first few meetings.

PT Dawson- sometimes those positions go back to being senator, sometimes the transitions could be there. There are also transitional bonuses given to that.
Nehmeh- maybe we could structure the ASMSU retreat to provide training and have a weekend of training, instead of a few hours.

Steffens- a solution- shadow the person in your district, for like two weeks, and if you apply then you should be committed enough to shadow that position for two weeks.

President Fischer- the current application for president and vice president, you must have the signature of approval of the current positions.

Steffens- it could be a pre-approval of who is running. Like a two week window.

Mohr- if you did require this, this would put more duties on the senator. I just feel it would be extra work that senators wouldn’t be able to handle

Capp- it could be a conflict of interest of shadowing the competition.

Rogala- the stipulation could be outgoing senators would have that requirement. There would also be a less chance of a turnover rate.

President Fischer- even if the president is running again, he still has to still sign and talk with the applicants.

Thiel- it may be more appropriate to have the PT sign the slip and he can determine a mentor for that applicant to shadow.

Stevens- there does need to be a system, but how effective would it be to have 2 weeks of shadowing. I don’t see how much help this would be for someone. Also we still run this risk now. The only difference is a semester, and you still need about a continuity of a semester to get in the swing of things. It’s a risk we run regardless, if we can find a system that is effective then we do it but if we are not sure, then we should not do it.

PT Dawson- we have had people resign before, which lets fall and spring elections help people redesign schedules.

Bjornson- numbers for turnout, it goes up and down a lot for turnout.

Rogala- I am questioning whether or not turnover needs to be added tonight, or whether body would consider it for a later bill.

Mohr- I think it’s important, but I don’t think it needs to continue discussion because this is about representation.

Steffens- this is changing the elections completely, but that is a point to consider.

Mohr- it’s a waste of time to prepare all the applicants when not all of them will be prepared. Seems unnecessary.

Rogala- should we be discussing this tonight, or could we take a closer look at it over the week.

PT Dawson- if there was a clause in here that changed it, what’s worrying everyone?
Stevens—the idea is to reallocate the seats depending on college, so a single election to clear up inequity.

Nehmeh—we thought that if the whole senate was elected at the same point for more coherence and a well-rounded and structured body. It would be much more functional.

Rogala—we’re potentially increasing turnover, but decreasing frequency of turnover.

Nehmeh—we discussed what ifs, and we decided on spring because budgeting is most important, and then if you are elected in the spring then that gives you a full year to be ready for budgeting. The retreat could help the new senators have the same learning time, about a month. But what’s essential is to be ready for budgeting.

Smith—possibly changes the name as a friendly amendment. Not to further debate.

Steffens—it’s a win-win if applicants have to shadow, then they might also not run for it if they decide they do not like it anymore. I don’t think it would be that much of a weight on our shoulders but I think it’s a great system idea.

Spoklie—I think this is a good election system with fall and spring elections. But we need to find a different system for elections, by numbering seats and changing the college. Although this turnover thing is very important. Number the seat 1-21 if one college got fewer seats one year, then change the seat number. 1-10 elected in the fall and 11-21 elected in the spring.

Steffens—Do you have ideas for increase in student body, we have a clause in here for an increasing student body. What if we need 23 or 24 seats?

President Fischer—I spoke with VP of student affairs of University of South Dakota. I brought up the issue of student elections of the governing body. Most seats are elected in the spring, and also some in the fall. We want to encourage new students in the fall to vote and also with homecoming, so large colleges could have a few elections in the fall. It could be a compromise.

Capp—I like that idea. I would like to make some amendments to do that, but it would take some time. We haven’t discussed the most important issue of this bill yet. I think it’s a great idea to make the representation by college instead of by living district. Right now we leave out many voices of many majors and colleges. And I think it’s worth noting that Greek seats are fairly uncompetitive. So I don’t see that as a problem. There is no evidence that Greeks want to take over seats, so I don’t see any reason to vote against this for that theory.

PT Dawson—is there any reason that the sponsors didn’t contain in this bill anything about Greek seats that could be held?

Thiel—although historically this has been an issue, it doesn’t make sense to discriminate against a group in the by-laws and this does not seem to be a problem. This should enhance us having more qualified people.
APT Krueger- I would like to make a motion to postpone until next week making more amendments for this bill by sponsors.

Seconded by Capp

Nehmeh-I’m guessing this will take a constitutional amendment. Do we have time to have this put on the ballot?

Stevens-call to previous question

Seconded by smith

Voting to postpone.

PT Dawson- move to approve tabling.

18/1/0

Motion carries.

Stevens- if you have any problems with this bill please come work with us; we want to get this passed next week but let’s have this figured out before next week.

PT Dawson- all changes are to be made through me. But with that we will move to the next bill.

Bill 2011-B-04Amend Section 116-3

Stevens- we should still pass this bill. Because it is a conflict between the by-laws and the constitution, it’s eliminating the redundancy in the system. We should try to pass this this evening so it can be on the ballot.

Thiel-move to consider as read, and move to approve.

Seconded by Steffens.

Thiel- the reason to have a spring election only is for reallocation problems because a college could be without a senator for a semester. Both bills run a risk. But it will increase effectiveness of senators and representing their constituents.

Wheeler-it seems possible that a college might not have a representative because no one will run. What if this happens?

Thiel those will be moved to at large

Stevens- lets limit discussion to this bill.

Spoklie- this takes this out of the constitution and leaves it to by-laws

Bjornson- this is a no nonsense kind of bill, its making it clear. Call to question
Seconded by Steffens.

All approved.

PT Dawson- vote is to approve to get this bill on the ballot

19/0/0

Nehmeh- let’s make sure to get this to the ballot.

**New Business**

Supplemental Request- Leadership Institute

Krueger-finance board all voted for supplemental. It’s a great idea. We’ve sponsored MESA before

Smith-its getting together all of the environmental groups of universities around the state, and we have done many projects with the conference. We are hoping to scale it up. On march 4th through 6th in Helena. The letter is an overview of what the organization does.

Nehmeh- are the participants just MSU students?

Smith-no but we are expecting 25 students to participate. Plus additional MSU students across the state. About 80 participants.

Nehmeh-it looks like the money doesn’t match up to what you are asking for?

Smith-asking for more, just to cover the costs

PT Dawson- is it open to any student?

Smith- yes.

Mohr- is this just for Bozeman students?

Smith- yes, but its not tied directly to each student, but it will be sponsoring the conference. Could be earmarked in for the students. We hope to have the most students there because we have the most students interested.

Capp- the senate has been doing these little funds for things that don’t have to do with senate. And I found that it is an unconstitutional supplemental request. Move to postpone indefinitely.

Seconded by Mohr

Vollmer-this sounds like a great thing, but it doesn’t seem like something we should give money to, because it doesn’t directly fund MSU students.

Krueger- make note that supplemental went through 2 weeks ago for an Alaska trip for accounting club.
Thiel- we need to fix this as a constitutional amendment because it seems like something we should be doing. I think this is very worthwhile and it’s an initiative MSU should be sponsoring. I have not been involved, but I think it is within the goals of ASMSU.

Smith- this is directly funding students because they will be participating.

Nehmeh- if the body decides to fund this, who is in charge of money?

Smith- it depends on how the finance is set up. We have a fiscal agent, and it could go through a student club for it to be supported by.

Nehmeh- are you taking applications? How do students know about it?

Smith- it’s been kept internally because we are not sure of capacity of this. Applications will be available first come first serve.

Nehmeh- it seems very vague, and who will benefit and take care of the money. But I am in support.

Rogala- in the pre-amble of our constitution, it is our responsibility to maintain this. We are representing many university students in Montana, and it’s to represent all student bodies all across Montana.

Thiel- funds of organizations as point of information.

Nehmeh-section 401 of the constitution.

Rogala- the benefits are greater because they are looking towards the future.

Mohr-this is unconstitutional so it doesn’t make sense for us to keep discussing this.

Voting to vote.

Division called by Stevens.

4/13/0

Smith- looking at definitions of funding student activities, NECO receives participation fee, so it is within the constitutional.

Nehmeh- we have supported “unconstitutional” supplementals before, and I think this section needs to be revised. Are we going to proceed with supplying funds for things that are considered unconstitutional?

Smith- by definition, it is not unconstitutional.

Nehmeh-the definition is vague.

PT Dawson- we need to direct questions and discussions at the supplemental request.

Mohr- point of order, we can talk about this because it is about postponing indefinitely.
Stevens- I have a bill written about the supplemental clause, if anyone wants to put this on the agenda let me know.

Nehmeh- section 416-2 these are supposed to be used to support a committee. And section 401-2 special fund.

Smith-I don’t think it has been revised since we have made the student activity fee. So it is now a fee of the Associated Students, that’s why this is a question of being constitutional.

Thiel- you will have to talk to Phyllis, but in the end it’s up to Phyllis. Point of information. If we approve this, and Phyllis says no. lets get this off the table and let’s approve it tonight and we’ll know tomorrow. Otherwise we can’t do this.

Nehmeh- can this wait for next week or no?

Smith- it helps with planning so as soon as possible. No check will be cut if it is unconstitutional

West- what we can come to an agreement on what we have funded previously, so I think that we continue this practice.

Thiel- special supplemental

Stevens-there is no conflict in the constitution. Just the by-law

West- there are inconsistencies, but it should be addressed at a different time. Move to question

Seconded by Thiel

Vote to vote

17/1/0

Voting to postpone indefinitely.

3/16/0

PT Dawson- open for discussion, tabling fails

Capp- instead of approving it now, lets wait a week, and find out for sure, let’s not keep committing unconstitutional acts. Move to postpone for one week.

Seconded by Nehmeh

Stevens- if it is unconstitutional lets pass it anyway, Phyllis will let us know either way

Capp- no guarantee that Phyllis will check it, so lets postpone one week and find out. I just want to guarantee this is ok before we start spending more money. There is incentive to go talk to her.
PT Dawson- I will check with her first thing in the morning if this passes.

Stevens- I would also go talk to her in the morning.

PT Dawson- I have oversight.

West- for Smith, is this time sensitive issue.

Smith- I want us to be doing something right. I want this to be clear and have full student support. I think the constitution is clear. I think we should put it off a week.

PT Dawson- vote to postpone for a week

18/1/0

Motion carries.

Resolution 2011-R-05 student health plan

PT Dawson reads the resolution

Thiel- this resolution discusses lowering student health insurance. It is required that all students have insurance. This would give the option of students to opt for self insurance fund.

Smith- it's self-sustaining. It will keep benefitting students and keep growing. Through a fee or a bond, this will come to us as a resolution later on.

Wheeler- friendly amendment of removing “the.”

Smith and Krueger accept.

PT Dawson-amendment

President Fischer- this is time sensitive, it could come up to conversation tomorrow. To be sent off right away

Wheeler move to approve

Bennett seconded.

Wheeler- friendly amendment to add Janelle

Wheeler move to approve

Bennett Seconds

18/0/1 Sen. Capp abstains
Admin Reports-

President Fischer- I wanted to come to letter writing campaign but I wasn’t feeling well. Finding one representative of a graduate for commencement logistics meeting. It will be about an hour.

Sen. Floerchinger will go.

Also two positions open- editor-in-chief of the Exponent, and spirit chair, applications due next week. They want the new positions to be put in immediately.

Elections of spring seats- applications are due Tuesday 15th at 5pm. Required meeting that night. Also for president and vice president applications. We need to meet with you though.

Proposed ticket changes for football- ticketless. Each student will be able to purchase a buddy pass of $10. It could be anyone. It does not account for Cat/Griz. They are a part of the student section. Other universities have this system.

Reminder of Saturday, April 16th ASMSU Retreat, and Banquet on April 28th. Details will come.

Vice President Diehl- Thank you for coming to stipend review to the senators who came. I am looking through past stipend reviews also. Thank you for feedback.

Rail Jam is coming up. It has been an issue of whether or not ASMSU should sponsor but PR says it is a good thing to sponsor. Point of sale is yet to be determined. The PR director has all numbers to questions.

They are looking into having skydivers landing on the Mall.

This comes through campus entertainment.

Nehmeh- how does it benefit students?

Diehl- ASMSU will be sponsor, and we will have lots of visual representation and students will get discounts.

Student Regent Appointments, 3 applicants from MSU. The meeting is in Helena. A resume, cover letter, two recommendation letters. Due Feb. 28th.

Business Manager Thrasher-

Goes over budget accounts.

PT Dawson- keep your minds on budgeting, and be looking at the budgets a lot. We all need to go over these. If you want to talk specifics; talk to us. I have what finance and administration board has approved; its public information.

Capp-Happy Birthday
APT Krueger-This week on finance board we made some changes. Sustainability we looked into and increased some funds. We want to make it a dollar committee.

PT Dawson- there is a position open for finance board tomorrow. And also a senate seat open. Sen. Wells resigned this morning. It’s a spring seat at large. I encourage everyone to find someone. We do have to open it up.

President Fischer- senate can keep the position open and not fill it until elections

Stevens- appoint a proxy?

Nehmeh- it could benefit.

**Senate Reports**

Smith- Core 2.0 committee. They added logic under philosophy under Quantitative requirement.

C-SAC discussed a common sense plan which is a multistate business proposition with YNP about sustainability.

Steffens- Dustin Lance Black event went really well. And Tom Brokaw is coming up on the 28th. Be sure to go. We withdrew a resolution last minute because the tobacco issue isn’t going anywhere. I have some ideas. Anyone is welcome to contribute.

Bjornson- Hellcats game is by late-night streamline. The final count was 82 people on the bus. We should have 2 busses running at that time next year in that time slot.

Vollmer- we now have a writing major at MSU. Psych 101 has been changed now, so it is not such an easy course. I have copies of net trends of freshman. Stress level is way up. Many more concerns with money. There is a meeting next on march 3rd at 1:30

Lawson- Latex and Lace Fashion Show is tomorrow. Dating Violence Week is coming.

Thiel- University planning meeting. They are redrafting guiding goals of university. 6-10 main themes to taper to many groups, including senate.

Wheeler- nursing council meeting. Their elections are soon. Recognition ceremony soon.

Floerchinger- web advisory committee just launched a Facebook add for the premier scholarship which was views over a million times by 17-18 year olds.

PT Dawson- list of ASMSU committees and liaisons. It’s vital to meeting with your committees before budgeting. They always have questions for us. Things that you can answer.

**Announcements**

Thiel- next week 7pm Engineers without boarders will have a presentation by a professor. At the Hager Auditorium of the Museum of the Rockies.
Nehmeh—we are working on a resolution for tobacco free campus. The senate doesn’t deal with it because the senate is not enough representation for this. We want to have this on the ballot, but we don’t want this to become a survey. It will keep coming to the senate, so we have to deal with this.

Kolar—MSU day care is having an open house from 2:30 to 4

PT Dawson—Who is on Con Audit?

Con audit—Stevens, Steffens and west

Smith—move to adjourn meeting

Seconded by Sen.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 10:55pm