Meeting called to order at 10:06am

Roll Call:

Bjornson-move to open Day Car Budget
Seconded by Steffens
19/0/0

PT Dawson- Please open Day Care budget.

Bjornson-move to approve
Seconded by Steffens
19/0/0

Bjornson- move to open Outdoor Rec. budget.
Seconded by Steffens
19/0/0

Steffens- move to approve
Seconded by wheeler

PT Dawson- Discussion?

Thiel- admin and finance board talked about the reduction for committees who requested move for Advertising? It seems very important.

Pres. Fisher- Mainly, it was based on historical budgets. If you think it’s necessary to change the dollar amount for advertising, then you can increase it but it should be sufficient.

Brandy- Finance changed it back to $2000 because Mike asked for it.

Bjornson- Move to increase advertising budget to $2500.
Seconded by Stevens

Capp-I think increasing it by 30% to $2000 is plenty, $2500 is too much.
Steffens-The goal here is to make this service better, and the awareness higher, and so by increasing budget, it could help advertising a lot.

Thiel- I met with Mike, and he think it’s underutilized a lot. We can advertise for outdoor rec. a lot better.

Pres. Fisher- If the committee head thinks that they can use it, then you should give it to them.

Nehmeh- I was wondering if we can hear from Mike if he has additional plans for advertising.

Mike- We have spent almost $1700 previously and this year we will spend $2000 advertising because advertising has gone up.$ 2000 is the bare minimum that we need. We’ve been trying to work with PR and there are plans next year to have some of it come out of the general for PR. $2500 will be better.

Nehmeh- In regarding to line item 62817; What do registrations include?

Mike- It’s for national conferences and national seminars. They are well over $300 though.

Pres. Fisher-This is the account admin changed, but I recommend to increase it.

Mike- I really appreciate the amount of time admin and finance board have made in regards to this budget. I am pleased with what I am given.

Capp- They can spend more on advertising in the budget as it is. $2500 is quite the increase, and Mike seems fine with $2000, so I don’t understand why we should increase it.

Steffens- This is to increase advertising, not to base it off what has been used in the past. I would like to see more advertising because it’s underused.

Mohr- Are we on target for spending all the money we have for ASMSU?

Brandy- we have about $57,000 left over. We also have reserves set aside.
Nehmeh- I agree with Sen. Capp, this seems fine to me, for now, allocating $2000.

Bjornson- I don’t think we should be cutting PR for everyone’s concern in the lack there of.

Thiel- When it comes to PR, we should think of it as an investment. It’s a service that provides a lot of value, and I think it could be utilized even more and more effectively. I agree with Capp that they haven’t used that much money in the past, but I think it would be well allocated.

Capp- It’s not a cut if it hasn’t been spent before.

PT Dawson- Vote to amend advertising to $2500.

13/5/0

PT Dawson- Move to approve whole budget.

19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to open Legal Services.

Seconded by Capp

19/0/0

Steffens- Move to approve.

Seconded by Thiel

Bjornson- How do you advertise?

Phyllis- One third of my job is legal services, and then the other part is ASMSU as a whole. There’s not much advertising for me specifically, but it goes everywhere.

PT Dawson- Move to approve Legal Services.
APT Krueger move to approve Capital and reserve request for Outdoor Rec.

Seconded by Steffens

APT Krueger- Move to open Sustainability budget.

Seconded by Steffens

APT Krueger- Move to approve Finance Board.

Seconded by Wheeler

Rogala- A background on why they want to make Sustainability a dollar committee, they have a fee in place, and they can fund this committee through the fee because enrollment is up. I’m just worried about if enrollment drops, then they can’t completely fund themselves.

Pres. Fisher- They have has potential for this.

Bjornson- If we make it a dollar committee, then we have no discretion on how they spend their money.

Capp- Do we have to do this through the bylaws?

Bjornson-That was just to make KGLT a planned dollar committee.

PT Dawson- Discussion?

Lawson- Can they request more money?

Bjornson- Yes.

19/0/0
APT Krueger- I move to open Funding Board.

Seconded by Bjornson

Open Budget 19/0/0

PT Dawson- Discussion?

Approve budget 19/0/0

APT Krueger- I move to open Program Support.

Seconded by Steffens

Open Budget 19/0/0

APT Krueger- I move to approve the budget.

Seconded by Steffens

Nehmeh- What is Program Support?

Brandy- The fee collected for clubs, and part of it goes to program support along with funding board. Right now, program can be used up to $1000 for a request.

Approve budget 19/0/0

APT Krueger- I move to open Leadership Institute.

Seconded by Steffens

Open the budget 19/0/0

Stevens- I am excluding myself from this part of the meeting.
Steffens- I move to approve.

Seconded by Thiel

APT Krueger- In advertising, I don’t know if everyone knows it affiliated with ASMSU, we need to advertise more about it being a part of ASMSU as a whole.

Steffens- I have to disagree with Sen. Krueger, I think they do a great job.

APT Krueger- With Tom Brokaw, ASMSU was mentioned, but barely.

Capp- It says “MSU leadership institute” and I don’t understand why not “ASMSU leadership institute?”

Thiel- It’s the name given to it in the bylaws.

PT Dawson- Is there discussion over the budget?

Bjornson- In reference to honorariums and speakers, I am not sure how I feel about increasing that account.

Vollmer- I think we should give them what they ask for because they do a lot of great things and continue to do so.

Steffens- What about the stipends?

PT Dawson- we don’t control their stipends, it’s under hourly as classified employees.

Vollmer- We could give them more, but we already give them so much money and they do a great job for getting speakers, giving $6000 more won’t make a big difference. It could be better spent somewhere else.
Pres. Fisher- Admin recommendation was to decrease for that because we want them to bring in more revenue, so that they can be more responsible in getting a more prestigious speaker.

PT Dawson- anymore discussion?

16/0/2 (Nehmeh and Stevens abstain)

Bjornson- I move to open Streamline budget.

Seconded by Steffens

Bjornson- I move to approve.

Seconded by Wheeler

PT Dawson- Is there any discussion?

19/0/0

Bjornson- I move to approve Streamline reserve.

Seconded by Smith

PT Dawson- Is there any discussion?

West- What is the request for?

PT Dawson- $30,000

Brandy- This is the money that used to go to the Cat Cab, but now since its gone, it usually goes to Streamline. So now we budget it in to save money.

APT Krueger- Does this go directly to LateNight? Or can it be used for anything?
Brandy- It can go towards anything, but Colleen only uses it for Latenight.

Vote to approve reserve 19/0/0

APT Krueger- I move to open KGLT budget

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

APT Krueger- I move to approve the budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

Vote to approve budget 18/0/1 (Vollmer abstains)

APT Krueger- I move to open Recreational Sports and Fitness budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

PT Dawson- Also, remember this is a dollar committee.

APT Krueger- move to approve.

Seconded by Wheeler

Vote to approve budget 19/0/0

APT Krueger- move to open Tutorial budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0
APT Krueger- Does Tutorial advertise through PR?

Brandy- She does most of it through table tents and posters and in the classifiedS. They also call depts. telling them what they need tutors for.

Vote to approve budget 19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to open State Legislature budget.

Seconded by Bennett

19/0/0

Bjornson-Stipend Review was on Friday, and Brandy looked up living costs: rent was about $400 average, utilities were $100, food was $200. So let’s say $700 a month. We want three tiers of employees: first tier is 20 hours a week, so that they can retain themselves. Giving them $700 a month for eight months is $5600. Brandy then looked at the week’s employees work, which comes to $8.56/hour at 15 hours a week. For the second tier, at $4499.25. The third tier would get $3000. So tier one is $6000 and tier two is $4500 and tier three is $3000. This would be nine months of work, but they are being paid for eight months. For the state leg. lobbyist, we ended up deciding it’s a tier two for legislative session years, and tier three for years without session, every other year.

Move to amend 61225 to $2800.

Seconded by Capp

Lawson- Can we add a bit more to pay for rent in May?

Smith- A buffer on each side is probably a good idea. We could do a supplemental, though, in extended legislative sessions. I would suggest we add a bit more.
Brandy- You can’t hire them until September 1st because pay roll year goes until August 31st. The reason we don’t pay them in May is because not everyone has direct deposit, then it sits for two months in Montana Hall.

Bjornson- If you take 5500, and divide it by nine months, then it is $611.

PT Dawson- Brandy has it set up for an option A payment and break it up for eight months or option B is split it how they want to which is another idea.

Pres. Fisher- Full athletic scholarships give $700 a month for rent, food, and bills; just a point of information.

Lawson- Were taxes included in these figures?

Brandy- Students don’t pay a lot of taxes, it doesn’t really affect stipends. It depends on how someone fills out his or her W-4.

Spoklie- This is a huge increase in the wage? It’s more than doubling?

PT Dawson- there IS going to be about 48% increase in stipends because we want to be more competitive. We want tier one employees’ to have this be their only job.

Smith- This is more to measure of what UM is paying their lobbyists. They really work hard, and definitely deserve more than this.

Pres. Fisher- This next year, the wage will be slightly lower. Is this noted?

PT Dawson- Yes.

Mohr- From $1200 to $2800, on an off year. I don’t see the chair working ten hours a week every week. I like the system, but it seems wasteful on off years.
Brandy- We need to work on what we expect them to work in the future. We want them to put in the hours we expect them to be working.

Mohr- It seems like they would just be doing anything to put in hours.

Smith- what does Sen. Mohr expect out of them in off years?

Mohr- What is coming up in the next year.

Smith- Meeting with candidates outside of the session, and lobbying outside of the session.

Capp- What do they currently do in the off years?

Phyllis- There are elections in off years. There could be special sessions in off years; which has happened a lot in previous years.

Bjornson- There is potential for lots of work to be ready to go into the session.

Capp- Issue briefs and researching ahead of time. Instead of researching during the session, she can be more proactive.

PT Dawson- Is there other discussion?

Vote for stipend increase 18/1/0 (Mohr voted against)

Vote to approve budget 19/0/0

APT Krueger- Move to open Administration budget.

Seconded by Steffens

19/0/0

APT Krueger- Move to amend 61225 to what the Stipend Review Board agreed upon.
Bjornson- The president’s current stipend is $10,000 and to change it to $9,000 but an additional $1000 if they work in the summer. Vice president is $6500 and change to $7000, plus an extra $1000 if they work in the summer.

Brandy- The students have the front desk, secretary, and senate positions. The other $9000 goes to the front desk and secretary.

PT Dawson- I was in favor for all stipend changes. I think APT and PT should both be tier one because 20 hours is very easy to work. Some would argue that APT is the assistant, but he works just as many hours if not more. I move to bring them both to the same tier, of tier one. The oversight of PT and APT, because of the hierarchy, it could be overlooked. I felt it was rushing that the positions were put at tier two. It would be lowering the current stipend by $300. I don’t think it’s a good idea, and our goal in Stipend Review was to increase. If nothing else, keep PT position where it is at right now. Put PT at tier one, and APT at Tier two if not at 5000.

Nehmeh- I was the one who suggested the tier two positions. We are all expected to work 10 hours a week as senators. We want to reward the APT and PT for their extra work and what they do. But adding ten more hours for them would mostly be used as senators. That’s why I think tier one is too much, they both should be rewarded the same amount of stipend.

PT Dawson- The whole idea was that tier one would be you’re only job. Our great example is the last PT was trying to juggle two jobs, and had to quit.

Pres. Fisher-the APT and PT, as I have seen, put in more than 20 hours beyond that required of other senators. Some committee heads get paid when they don’t have much going on. But APT and PT work is consistent and doesn’t change week to week. It would also bring more attraction to this position.
Nehmeh- Sen. Bjornson, what was the amount of hours you worked per week and do you think you did a good enough job?

Bjornson- (reads off old timesheets of working hours varying from 6- 50 hours) Yes, I do.

Steffens- I was a senator when Bjornson was APT, and I think he did a great job in that position.

Nehmeh- So would you confirm a good average about 16 hours a week? This was the reasoning behind tier two.

VP Diehl- Do we have the number of hours PT Dawson worked when he was APT per month?

Steffens- Were senate hours included in that?

Bjornson- I do not think they were.

Capp- What are stipends currently?

Bjornson- (Stated current stipends)

APT Krueger- There still needs to be a hierarchy with being paid.

Capp- What was the reasoning for $1000 in the summer?

Brandy- We didn’t feel it was very fair that if someone who comes in during summer and works, that they don’t get paid any more than those who don’t come in during summer. There should be a summer guideline to determine that.

Nehmeh- Friendly amendment to change PT stipend to 4500 to maintain hierarchy.

Bjornson- approved

Capp disapproves
Nehmeh- A formal amendment then.

Seconded by Fraser

Capp- If they put in the same number of hours, then it’s pretty clear in job title the hierarchy, $300 seems like a waste.

Brandy- The $300 doesn’t create hierarchy; it would just create animosity if they do about the same amount of work.

Rogala- $300 isn’t enough to create hierarchy, but as PT there is an added wait. I’m just hesitant to decrease his or her stipend.

Capp- This is the only position held by a senator to be a tier two position. This might not be appreciated by others, and committee heads.

Phyllis- These people are the leaders of your senate.

Pres. Fisher- Increasing at least the PT stipend if not both of them, because there is supposed to be equal power, and one person would feel more powerful getting paid more. They would feel they have the oversight.

PT Dawson- Stipend review also asks that senate makes some ground work in their job description as to what they are supposed to do and the hours they should hold per week.

PT Dawson- Vote to amend the PT position back to $4500

8/10/1 (Krueger abstains)

Motion fails

PT Dawson- Move to amend stipends as stipend review approved.
Wheeler- APT and PT having the same stipends should not cause that much of an issue.

PT Dawson- Is there discussion?

16/0/3 (Bjornson, Krueger, Steffens abstain)

PT Dawson- Now admin budget as is.

APT Krueger- Move to approve.

Seconded by Wheeler

PT Dawson- Is there any discussion?

18/0/1 (Steffens abstains)

APT Krueger- Move to open Homecoming budget.

Seconded by Thiel

19/0/0

APT Krueger- Move to close homecoming.

Seconded by Thiel

19/0/0

APT Krueger- Move to open Exponent budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

PT Dawson- Is there any discussion?
Bjornson- I would like to reinstate what was asked for in terms of salary and labor.

PT Dawson- Exponent gave their own recommendations for stipends, and we can change it to the tier system but they suggested came below what we would have proposed so we can keep those.

Stevens- Craig and I met with Eric Dietrich, and if we go with the finance board cut, then they have to print less pages and have less content. So I would suggest, raising it back to what Eric suggested. We could raise it higher if we think it’s insufficient. I’m interested in knowing what everyone thinks about the paper. There are a lot of changes and there will be further changes as far as getting to be a better paper.

Pres. Fisher- On average, they print about 4500 papers per week. And could possibly lower it to 4000 copies but keep the 24 page paper itself.

APT Krueger- From the finance board perspective. We kept the $60000 for labor, but outside sources needed to be more reasonable. That’s why we changed it to $55000 as compensation for revenue. Eric and Jay were both at finance board, and agreed they could work with that.

Eric Dietrich- I would be concerned with the $60000, we will be limited to 60 page editions.

Capp- I don’t think we should decrease the size of the student paper. They have been improving dramatically, and cutting staff would not be good. I move to overrule finance board.

Seconded by Steffens

15/0/4 (Lawson, Smith and Vollmer abstain)

PT Dawson- Now budget as is.
Bjornson- Right now you are doing 20 page editions. The ideal is 24 page editions. In order, for you to obtain that level you don’t want to have it completely relying on ASMSU, but to also be able to use revenue.

APT Krueger- We dropped printing.

Eric- Finance board cut printing to $19000 we can live with that.

PT Dawson- In lieu of changes with C-fac, can we look at 62245 is it for one or two new computers per year?

Eric- This gives computers a five year cycle.

PT Dawson- I would suggest cutting that. And if something doesn’t work out for C-fac then you can come with a supplemental.

Brandy- I would be very cautious about the reallocated computers.

Thiel- We should not depend on that year after year, but it works great now. With a five year rotation, this seems that his account is correct.

PT Dawson- So in the future, we will not be asking for many computers, but rather a few. I would say that we should put in this proposal though, and then only have to apply for renewals.

Capp- I was under the same impression as PT Dawson. We should start by zeroing out these accounts. We can easily give them the supplementals if it doesn’t work out. I move to overrule finance board and move the accounts 62245 and 62249 to zero.

Seconded by Mohr
Pres. Fisher- We’re not guaranteed c-fac money this year, we shouldn’t bank on it. We should keep the money budgeted until we have the allocation from c-fac.

Eric- 62249 is for adobe primarily and other software.

PT Dawson- Is there any more discussion?

Voting on amending 62245 and 62249 to zero

9/7/3 (Lawson, Smith, and Vollmer Abstain)

Motion fails

PT Dawson- how much does Adobe cost it seems to be well over $500?

Eric- It was mostly for Microsoft office on a few computers, more money would be nice.

Capp- I’m confused.

Eric- The number came from previous costs of office.

PT Dawson- This is for Word on each new computer.

APT Krueger- Move to approve.

Seconded by Nehmeh

Pres. Fisher- Are the line items are zeroed out?

PT Dawson- No, the motion failed.

Bjornson- What were your thoughts on the extra $250 for advertising?

Eric- This is for marketing leadership and the paper. $250 would be sufficient, but $500 is better.
Bjornson- Move to increase line item 6309 to $500.

Seconded by Steffens

Rogala- Who would be in charge of using that money if you get it?

Eric- We had a plan, but needs to be worked on more. We’re working with capstone business students on doing better marketing.

Pres. Fisher- It’s up to you how much you want to allocate them.

Thiel- If they come up with a really great plan, then they can come with a supplemental.

Eric- I will tell those students how much we get out of this budget and to work with that. Also have them work with plans of more money to come to finance board.

PT Dawson- Bjornson’s motion is on the floor.

13/3/3 (Lawson, Vollmer and Smith abstain)

APT Krueger-Move to approve Exponent budget as a whole.

15/0/3 (Smith, Lawson and Vollmer abstain)

APT Krueger- Move to open Retirement Fund.

Seconded by Capp

Bjornson- I think we should do this at the end when we know what we have left.

Brandy- You shouldn’t have to put in more.

Bjornson- $35000 is a very substantial investment, is there something we can do to make more?
Brandy- It’s in the State Fund, so they decide where to invest it.

APT Krueger- Move to approve.

Seconded by Thiel

19/0/0

APT Krueger- Move to open Arts and Exhibits budget.

Seconded by Bjornson

19/0/0

Mark Eggensperger- Can we do this when all of Campus Entertainment is together?

Bjornson- Move to close this budget.

19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to approve President’s Discretionary Funds.

Seconded by Wheeler

17/0/2 (Bjornson and Steffens abstain)

Bjornson- Move to open Community Outreach budget.

Seconded by Smith

19/0/0

Bjornson- The idea of committee was taking all Community Outreach things into the Spirit committee, and leave all Latenight in the budget as is. I move to zero this entire budget.
Brandy- I talked with Colleen about this and her input is in there.

Seconded by APT Krueger

PT Dawson- Is there any discussion?

18/0/1 (Nehmeh abstains)

Bjornson- Move to open a new budget called Late-night, but change the student salary from $2600 to a tier one stipend from stipend review recommendations to $5500.

APT Krueger- It’s a new committee/program and we don’t know what the job title is specifically yet, that 20 hours could be reasonable, and to set the bar high.

PT Dawson- Those positions that oversee many employees, they will get calls in the middle of the night and at any time. It can be looked at again after we have the position for a year.

Brandy- Now that they don’t have to do blood drives and such, Colleen is already making plans to go to the dorms to advertise and increase ridership and such.

Rogala- I will support this but I’m hesitant. So we need to review this position next year a lot.

Thiel- Eric says he spends about 15 hours a week. And this includes blood drives and such. 15 hours should be sufficient enough just for this. 15 hours is the minimum expectation, and should be exceeded. These stipends should not dictate how many hours should be worked maximum.

Brandy- These people will have to deal with a lot and be on call and should be taken into consideration.

Rogala- If we move it to $5500, is the $1300 going to the summer stipend?

PT Dawson- No, it’s already included.
Rogala- Move to strike the $1300, and be expected to work through the summer and that it’s included in the $5500.

Seconded by West

19/0/0

PT Dawson- Now we’re dealing with the budget as is.

Pres. Fisher- The point of them working in the middle of the night, they are still getting the shift pay. It is not part of the stipend which is already included. They are getting paid extra. Stipend process is an expectation, not to be stopped at a specific hour total.

PT Dawson- Any more discussion?

Vote on approving Late-night budget 15/2/1 (Smith abstains)

LUNCH 12:57pm

Reconvened at 1:33pm

PT Dawson- The Campus Entertainment group is mostly here now.

Bjornson- Move to open Procrastinator budget.

Seconded by APT Krueger

19/0/0

PT Dawson- After I call for discussion three times and I missed you, please call my name so that we don’t move on without you speaking first.
Mark- We put our recommendations in from CE, but this was before we knew about the tier system for stipends. (Handed out paper about recommended budgets and stipends)

PT Dawson- One thing in the budget is advertising was lowered by $700 which is very substantial. We might be able to increase this to generate more revenue. We can advertise more on campus.

Capp- The major issue I have with the budget is 62498, or student travels. It’s the trip to Sundance Festival. It doesn’t seem well allocated, and would be misused. It would be a “fun” trip, but not efficient for duties. Move to zero out this account and increase advertising by this amount.

Vollmer- I think a problem with the Procrastinator is that they only show blockbuster films and this could branch out with the independent films.

Mark- We did three independent films last semester and are doing two this semester. We do play independent films, but could do more.

Nehmeh- I don’t see a need for this trip, it’s not necessary.

Capp- You can get independent movies without going to Sundance. There are websites that review these movies. It’s not hard to find a good independent film.

APT Krueger- Note, that her advertising is only $290 because she uses copy cats for her advertising. Also, Sundance has films you can’t find elsewhere.

Smith- You can read the reviews, but you can’t know what would be good for the MSU body by just reviewing a movie. I suggest staying with it as is.

Floerchinger- What kind of turn out do these independent films bring?

Mark- Independent films draw in less people, but still have a fair amount of attendance.
Brandy- One reason she wants to go to Sundance, is because the attendance is low, and she has picked out other movies and they were not good. She would be able to review them herself. She also will not need hotel expenses; that’s taken care of.

Nehmeh- When is Sundance Film Festival?

APT Dawson- In January.

Brandy- Her posters are already tallied in the bill for the films because they come with it. She shifted her advertising, she didn’t really decrease it.

Nehmeh- Did she use travel?

Brandy- No, she didn’t need to.

APT Dawson- Is there any more discussion? Voting to move Sundance travel money to advertising?

Capp- it also includes the $300 registration for Sundance.

2/16/0

Motion failed

PT Dawson- The budget sits as is.

Mohr- So she has more than just the $290 in advertising? It was just shifted around?

Brandy- Yes, it was just switched around and she uses Copy Cats. She essentially has $2500 for advertising.

Nehmeh- Expenses of 63209, only $47.09 was used in advertising.

Mohr- Move to approve.
Seconded by Fraser

Bjornson- Why the money for the sound drums?

APT Krueger- In the past, it was about zero, but Brandy just got a bill for $3500. That’s what we determined the $500 for the sound drums.

Nehmeh- What is the services provided by campus?

Brandy-It’s for tech services or parking. We couldn’t figure out what she could use it for and she hasn’t used it. She’s fine with zeroing it out if you want.

Vote to approve Procrastinator budget 18/0/0

APT Krueger- Move to reopen Procrastinator and move to amend the stipend to a tier one.

Seconded by Mohr

PT Dawson- Is there any discussion?

15/3/0

Lawson- Move to reopen Latenight budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Lawson- Since we were having a debate over hours, maybe we can take the total number of hours we expect them to work, and then they can split it up from that lump sum. This way they work of those hours.

Brandy- That’s option B for pay.
PT Dawson- This is option B because then if you work for more hours in one month, you can be paid for that amount.

Bjornson- The hours was just for a method to come up with a total amount. It’s a guideline, not a requirement.

Thiel- We have guidelines for the job, and it is more important than the hours.

Lawson- If there was a lump sum of hours then it would be able to work out the hours as you want.

Thiel- It doesn’t have to be a set number of hours per week, but just an expectation. We shouldn’t tie the job to hours, because they will stop working. It comes with the job what you are expected to do.

Lawson- Pay them per month, but expected that they work off the hours at the end of the year. It gives freedom to work less if there is not much to do.

PT Dawson- So this would be a system of how many hours you can put in, and it would be overseen.

Bjornson- This could be worked out later. We just decided what to pay them now.

Wheeler- I think if we’re going to do that for this, then we need to do that for all stipend positions.

Bennett- I propose we move the stipend to a tier two stipend.

Seconded by Wheeler

PT Dawson- There’s no real way to tell how many times this position would ride at night.

Brandy- If you lower it to tier two then I suggest adding back in the summer stipend equally $1000.

Bennett- Yes, I agree.

Bjornson- Why not hire the same person and it would be the same continuity? Move to close
Seconded by Wheeler

Vote to close budget 18/0/0

Bjornson- Move to open Arts and Exhibits budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Bjornson- I move to increase the stipend to a tier one stipend.

Seconded by Steffens

Bjornson- I recognize Stacy.

Stacy- I have been talking to Phyllis about not working this position next year, because I will be losing my scholarships otherwise as a student. It’s great to me that you have taken the time to increasing my stipend possibly.

PT Dawson- Do you have another job?

Stacy- No, I do not. I tried working in Leadership Institute, but I couldn’t do that because this chair position takes so much time.

18/0/0

Motion carries

PT Dawson-Now discussing the budget as it sits.

APT Krueger- Move to approve.

Seconded by Vollmer
Bjornson- Were there any changes?

APT Krueger- No changes.

18/0/0

Bjornson- I am sending a summary of stipend review through email, and I also move to open Productions.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Bjornson- I move to increase the stipend to a tier two stipend.

Seconded by Wheeler

PT Dawson- Are you working another job?

Ryan- just on Friday nights.

Thiel- What’s the current stipend?

PT Dawson- $2300.

Wheeler- What are your average hours per week?

Ryan- This week has been crazy with Rail Jam, but between 10-20 hours not including office hours.

Bjornson- By increasing this, work could also go up.

PT Dawson- Do you want advertisement?

Ryan- Well I don’t know what I could exactly do, if anything I go through Patty.
PT Dawson- Like a phonebook ad?

Ryan- It could be increased and I can try things.

APT Krueger- Move to amend advertising to $200.

Seconded by Capp

18/0/0

Rogala-How many employees for $7000?

Ryan- Three employees.

APT Krueger- Do you want to raise student employment since you have been taking more participation in clubs?

Ryan- I want to take it step by step. So far it’s ok.

APT Krueger- Move to approve as amended.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Bjornson-Move to open Concerts.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Bjornson- I recognize Mark.
Mark- I wanted to go over our recommendations. Some of it is towards structure and then budgeting.

We feel that the more people you put under one person then the less time the vice president has for each committee. We feel the CE director committee head is very important. We still want the Street Team to be around because it is very important. Absorbing the budgets will be ok. We talked about this last year, but our problem was that more would get cut than is needed. We are going to change Procrastinator from being under CE to ASMSU only. The CE budget will include all committees. We will try to get bigger shows instead of scrap for smaller ones. We will do better advertising.

PT Dawson- I’m a little confused; CE director would work with two associates or specialists?

Mark- Yes, because if you put too many people under one person then it gets harder.

Floerchinger- How does the Street Team provide advertising that PR couldn’t provide for you?

Mark- CE director organizes getting things together, not effectively advertising in addition to that and talking to others. This is what the Street Team does. Also they are used for collecting tickets, security and decorating for the events. Also it would be a great pool of people to take future positions. We don’t just put anyone in the Street Team, we want active workers and we review that a lot.

Floerchinger- What other expenses are associated with the Street Team as it progresses?

Mark- Advertising, also food for them since it is a volunteer student group. We also want to send three Street Team members to NACA next year.

Smith- Is there a stipend for who watches over the Street Team? Is that appropriate?

Mark- The reason we made it a committee is because it is another student organization and is very appropriate.
Stacy- I have been president of the group for the past three years. And I guess I am getting paid to put together the volunteers, but we put together a reserve, and it is a much smaller scale.

Mark- Why does someone feel the speaking coordinator is not as important as other committee heads?

Nehmeh- I’m not very aware of the street team and its duties.

Mark- Jeremy holds office hours and prepares for concerts and advertising and gets the street team together. “Open Mic Night” is something they do, and both on campus twice a week. MSU Fridays, and they go downtown putting up posters. Very different advertising and they get involved with other concerts.

Nehmeh- Can the director not do that job?

Mark- No, there is too much to do already in the office.

Smith- Would there still be a volunteer position without the stipend?

Mark- There is probably someone, but the best work would have a stipend. Jeremy already does so much, and he’s required to do so much also.

Smith- Would it limit the work getting done then? Would he not put in more hours if there wasn’t a stipend?

Rogala- What if it was just a CE group, so that it could focus on CE events? This way he could be in charge of Street Team and Concerts?

Mark- No, a lot would be lost doing this.
Pres. Fisher- a great idea, as Stacy recommended, would have a broader spectrum and could be used beyond the Campus Entertainment. It could get word out for very ASMSU event beyond just entertainment events.

Stacy- Thinking about where we are now, every great organization has a volunteer reserve for a great person to person contract. Then they can choose where they want to participate. I think it would be very useful, and would be a great way to get more involved.

Pres. Fisher- Also, the Street Team coordinator is very important in other positions now, and it could get different people interested in other positions also.

Stacy- Freshman are easily intimidated, and Street Team would be a great way to step into ASMSU.

Mohr- I think the Street Team is very important. You need one position to keep everyone in line, and this is one stipend position to overlook all of these volunteers.

Thiel- An ASMSU wide Street Team is a great idea, a volunteer is completely capable of succeeding.

Rogala- Do you feel that the coordinators would be able to work this system well. Would it be manageable?

Mark- I think the Street Team is great for a bunch of random people who want to volunteer. The stipend coordinator position would be great.

Bjornson- Move to zero Concerts.

Seconded by Smith

Nehmeh- I know the concept of putting together all the CE budgets, but if we maintain what the campus directors position.
Thiel- We’re deciding whether the Street Team is efficient?

Nehmeh- It seems contradictory to include the Street Team by adding them in but also having all the sectors of the CE there also.

PT Dawson- This is not especially a budgeting issue.

Mark- This would be an additional duty of the director which is very important. We suggest that you don’t put more people under the vice president.

Nehmeh- It seems that putting all of these in the same budget is inefficient and misused.

Stacy- We have the same goals and want to work together on those.

Thiel- All of these committees in the end will report to the VP. It makes sense to combine the budgets because they all work on the same thing.

Ryan- By combining us, it would be more unified and have better communication.

Bjornson- The idea is just to get them to work together. Call to previous question.

Seconded by Smith

Vote to vote 18/0/0

Vote to zero Concerts budget 17/0/1 (Nehmeh abstained)

Bjornson- Move to open Lively Arts and Lectures budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Rogala- Move to zero Lively Arts and Lectures budget.
Seconded by Bjornson

18/0/1 (Nehmeh abstained)

Bjornson-Move to open Campus Entertainment budget

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Bjornson- CE director to a tier one stipend, and also we did not talk about Street Team coordinator in stipend review.

Floerchinger- Can Street Team coordinator be a tier three stipend?

Bjornson- Let’s approve this and then talk about the Street Team stipend.

16/0/2 (Nehmeh and Thiel abstain)

Capp- Move to overrule Finance Board and add $2800 to a stipend for a Street Team coordinator?

Rogala- Can we make the Spirit Associate the coordinator for the Street Team? I don’t know what her duties are specifically already though.

VP Diehl- Although they are similar minded, it would still be a lot of work and not quite right to add to their duties.

Rogala- Then that person can also be getting volunteers and such.

PT Dawson- Stipend Review also approved Spirit and Elections as not solely focused with its associates.

Bjornson- Could it be PR?
Mark- If it’s put under PR, then it will be focused on mostly PR stuff, and the same with the other committees. If just under ASMSU then it will focus on a broader spectrum.

PT Dawson- Maybe under admin then?

Brandy- I still like the idea of a senator doing it, then there is not quite the gap to bridge for communication and it would be better than a liaison.

Capp- The reason to put it under campus entertainment, is because otherwise it’s too broad and they don’t have a specific job responsibility as volunteers. CE puts on events the most so it will be used the best. If things are restructured for large events, it will be used even better. It’s a specific group and there is a head to coordinate them, and a small stipend is sufficient. Putting it under CE is the most efficient and most focused.

Pres. Fisher- Have it under admin for a year to see where it could fit, and to be reviewed. It could be under the admin budget for one year.

VP Diehl- I don’t know why we would move it if its working well at this point where it’s at. If it’s under CE then it has more of an ability for people to volunteer for what they are interested in. If we do need them elsewhere, or for advertising the meetings are what that is for. It should stay there.

Thiel- There are lots of opportunities for the Street Team other than just in CE. Like Stacy said, it could have added value for broadening the spectrum of what they work for. Is the idea of the Street Team ready for the leap to have a broader spectrum though is the question?

Bjornson- Please summarize the duties of the Street Team.

Mark- Coordination for events, advertising, and preparing for events, and learning how to

Bjornson- Are they specific for just CE?
Mark- No.

Bjornson- My idea is the ASMSU director could designate where the street team goes when it’s needed. Under PR or admin or anywhere. The volunteers would specify what they are interested in and they can be applied in those places.

Mark- That’s a good idea- to have volunteers do that. You can advertise for specific groups to see what they are interested in.

Brandy- You should add it to admin right now, because PR needs to focus on what they need to do, not have more duties.

Mark- Also, I added two line items for advertising and food, which was for the street team to get reallocated. It’s up to you guys, but I feel this is very important.

Mohr- I am still concerned in moving it from Campus Entertainment, and right now it prepares future committee heads. It would be great to see it be successful in CE, and we shouldn’t move it around quite yet.

VP Diehl- I think the Street Team coordinator position is very important and shouldn’t be an assistant under the VP. The president and VP elect want to focus on more recruitment so maybe it should go under admin.

Smith- I’m still not convinced that it has to be a paid stipend position, it is a great idea to keep it under CE, but haven’t heard a good argument as to why it should be more than volunteered time.

Mark- We want it to be a competitive position.
Smith- With the one position being stipended, blurs the lines as to that it is a volunteer group. It should be strictly a volunteered position. It’s a different and loosely defined role, which is how it should be. It is not a committee head position, so it does not need stipended.

Capp- There are always students who will do it for fee, but this will make it more competitive and better.

Smith- Volunteers are still accountable. If you can’t find a good volunteer, then it fails.

Mohr- That’s what we are trying to avoid though in the end.

Smith- I don’t think the stipend necessarily finds the best people, a stipend shouldn’t make a huge difference.

Pres. Fisher- Have you not gotten paid for you senate position? And would you still do this job to its full extent if not paid?

Smith- yes I’m paid, but I would still do the same work.

Thiel- That question is unfair in that he is paid now.

Smith- It can be a volunteer position if we find the right person who wants to put the time into it. We just raised the CE directors stipend, but we also cut down some responsibilities. I don’t think it has to be a stipend position.

Bjornson- Back to subject. The phones. Do you need three phones?

Mark- Yes, because if I can’t answer there is another person, but also it could be going to the wrong person if only one phone.

Bjornson- Could it go to two phones?
Brandy- Don’t worry about the phones too much because it was the same total bill last year even, if we got rid of phones. Its split by ITC, and it cost the same.

Capp- the Street Team coordinator position is not a part of the budget as of right now.

Nehmeh- Apparently, if we add productions under CE as a whole, then Brian says account 62210 is not needed. He asked me to zero it out. There is no point in budgeting it now if added under CE because of Concerts.

Mark- The $500 should go under Productions because of microphone stands and such. It is still separate from Campus Entertainment.

Nehmeh- I move to zero minor tools in CE and move the $500 to Productions.

19/0/0

Motion carries

Bjornson- 62212 Copy Cats, move to increase the number to $1800. 62824 Take out $500 for the Street Team, the Doodle subscription for $26 zeroed and 62290 zero that.

Seconded by Bjornson

Vollmer- What was the point of the Doodle subscription?

Mark- To sign up for “Open Mic Night,” it ensures we have contact information and that we can’t have more than one person signed up for it. I think they are moving it to admin.

16/0/0

Bjornson- $1500 in parking and Cat Card.
Mark- That’s for John, it’s for parking for him and for bands.

Bjornson- It seems like a lot of money. What’s the$ 800 for entertainment?

Brandy- He pays bands for that, but later at night, he can’t pay for that on the cat card. Also food.

Nehmeh- What is minor equipment?

Mark- To buy tech services equipment.

Brandy- Just the distinction for how it is used.

Nehmeh- Zeroed out in Concerts and $25 dollars added as minor equipment in Productions.

Bjornson- What do you think of the money given to you in advertising?

Mark- most of the advertising we do is printing I’ts fine.

Mohr- Friendly amendment of “postage and mailing” in the budget. (Accepted)

Nehmeh- For advertising, allocating $4000 for what?

Mark- We have the t shirts readY but we are not sending them out because we are waiting for people to sign up.

Brandy- “Advertising” is a bad name for this because it’s more about posters, but they are using Copy Cats for posters.

Nehmeh- I don’t want to base it just on history, but since they haven’t used to accounts at all, maybe we can use it somewhere else.
Pres. Fisher- I’m curious about the $1000 taken out of the $4000, and how it got back in there after Finance Board?

(taken out)

Nehmeh- If this money hasn’t been used, should we allocate it again? I move to adjust advertising to $500.

Seconded by Floerchinger

Bjornson- I don’t think we should base it on the past, but I think it can be and will be used. I am against that.

Mohr- I don’t think we should reduce it to $500.

Lawson- If we want to encourage the use of the Exponent and other advertising then we should leave it, but I think $500 is too much to reduce it although it should be reduced some.

PT Dawson- Only $500 to advertise a $60,000 investment.

Thiel- I think it makes sense to keep it in the budget this year, but let’s see how it goes for next year.

Nehmeh- I am open to a friendly amendment because $500 is too small, and $4000 is too big. But it needs to change.

Brandy-It could be about $1800. But there is Copy Cats available for posters, but also use off campus printing or use advertising.

Wheeler- Call to previous question.

Seconded by Mohr
Vote to vote 19/0/0

19/0/0

Bjornson- Let’s move on to another budget.

PT Dawson- I step down.


Dawson- I move to bring professional and consulting line item to 65000.

Seconded by Mohr

Dawson-I think that big shows keep getting shot down, but some things that haven’t been done before, then we can sell some tickets at a low rate. We can bring in bigger bands, and we will still lose money but not nearly as much as now.

Nehmeh- What are we hoping for with an $8000 increase? It doesn’t seem enough?

Dawson- I would change it to $67000 because that seems to be the threshold for bigger shows.

Nehmeh- I don’t see why we should allocate that money.

Brandy- You should add money then to services provided by campus because of set up and tear down.

Thiel- I don’t think the issue of where we will hold it, it’s more about the man power that we would need for these shows which we don’t currently possess.

Pres. Fisher- I think we should use the same principle as advertising, let’s see how the set up works this next year, and if needed use a supplemental. And we can change it next year. I’m uncomfortable with changing the job descriptions of adding more to those in Campus Entertainment.
Dawson- My argument is that the hours could be better used, and we shouldn’t just base it off the past, because you should give it the chance. You can outsource and it still is an ASMSU event. I would also like to amend and add outside revenue and increase it to $20,000 and go to services provided by campus and bring it to $2000.

Thiel- If we have to outsource so many things for the concert then why not subsidize the ticket even more.

Dawson- By increasing revenue, then it make up for the costs.

Capp- I am inclined to support this because there is abysmal attendance now and I think this would be well used. There is a lot of benefit for this; no one comes now because no one knows the bands. It’s a huge waste of money now if no one is going. Even if this increases the budget, its way more fiscally responsible to get a better band and pay more for more students to come.

Dawson- I didn’t even account for sponsorships in the revenue.

Smith- It seems completely arbitrary and I recognize Phyllis.

Phyllis- Leadership Institute has paid employees because with volunteers they lost $20-30,000, and a paid position would help avoid losing money.

Smith- It seems weird to bring it up now, and I will vote against this with how Mark and Phyllis think of this.

Bjornson- This could come from a supplemental if needed later on when we have a more clear understanding of how this will work.

Mohr- I recognized Mark.
Mark- We are willing to find someone who’s more well known, but we don’t have the capability for the huge range. Just $5000 to $10000.

Mohr- I don’t want us to have a bad reputation as screwing up, a medium size show is better for us because it could be ineffective to sell tickets for the events.

Dawson- Bjornson has the numbers to the $20,000 for outside revenue. We can offset costs because of the c-fac money. ASMSU is always the sponsor; we can bring in more sponsors.

Brandy- 62498 Did you want to make it $2000 or increase by $2000?

Dawson- It’s to increase for outsourcing of bigger shows.

Wheeler- Call to previous question.

Seconded by Smith

Voting to vote 19/0/0

Voting on outside revenue 14/4/1 (Dawson abstains)

Dawson- It’s good to know this got people wanting this to come as a supplemental. I still want to add money in the services provided by campus

Seconded by Mohr

Thiel- I thought we were going to do fewer noon shows for larger shows. It also seems like by adding outside revenue, it seems too optimistic, and lowers overall appropriation of ASMSU.

Dawson- I don’t want to see this much money sitting in an account and make up for this by selling tickets and sponsors.
Smith - why did you abstain from your amendment that you proposed?

Dawson - I didn’t want to vote on such a large amendment.

16/3/0

Bjornson - Call to previous question.

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

Vote on CE budget 18/0/1 (Nehmeh abstains)

APT Krueger - I step down.

Bjornson - Move to open Productions.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/1/0

Bjornson move to approve

Seconded by APT Krueger

19/0/0

Bjornson - Move to open Admin budget.

Seconded by Wheeler
Bjornson- increasing 62212 advertising by $1000 for Street Team, 62284 by $300 for Street Team food, 62249 by $26 for Doodle, 62290 by $500 for office supplies.

Seconded by Fraser

Mohr- I yield to Mark.

Mark- I think you should increase it if it’s not specifically under CE anymore.

15/3/1 (Thiel abstains)

Bjornson- A question to Pres. Fisher? What was the travel intended for?

Brandy- For Colleen.

Nehmeh- What is advertising in this case why does it exist?

Brandy- There is no advertising because there is no service from admin. It’s not really used.

Bjornson- Move to approve.

Seconded by APT Krueger

19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to open Outreach budget.

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

Bjornson- I move to zero Outreach to move to Spirit.
Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to close.

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to open PR and Elections to move money from elections to move to Spirit and Elections.

Seconded by Mohr

19/0/1 (Nehmeh)

Bjornson- Move to remove all money allocated to Elections in this budget, and make Elections associate a tier two stipend.

Seconded by Wheeler

18/0/0

Bjornson- Move to close this temporarily.

Seconded by Wheeler

Bjornson- move to open Spirit and Elections.

Seconded by Wheeler

Bjornson- Move to put everything from Outreach and Elections previously, into this budget.

Seconded by Wheeler
Bjornson- I move to make the stipends tier two stipend positions.

Brandy- It’s also for blood drive, but we don’t really spend money on that.

Bjornson- Clarification, that this will not be split, but that they will work together.

Rogala- It seems like a really substantial increase to both positions; one should be a tier three.

Bjornson-I want to split these and vote for only amendments not stipends.

Fraser- Clarification of numbers?

Bjornson- (restated numbers) Call to question.

19/0/0 vote to vote

19/0/0 vote on amendments

Smith- I move to amend the stipends to tier three.

Seconded by Mohr

Bjornson- It’s hard to split duties of both positions, but tier three is too high.

Brandy- The reason we decided to have a Spirit chair and an Election chair, we want the VP to have control over having them work together. It’s a tier two because they have a lot more responsibilities

Pres. Fisher- With the added duties, each position will work an additional ten hours a week.

Rogala- It seems like they won’t be problem solving, it’s something that they will be doing each week.

Nehmeh- What is the advantage to having these in the same committee?

Rogala- So that they can work together and encourage each other more.
Thiel- it seems like our larger election events coincide with the larger Spirit events, and so then they can work together to build excitement for both events at the same time. They do their most work at the same times and they are complementary.

Nehmeh- Ten hours a week is more than enough, because it seems like sometimes they won’t have so much to do.

Bjornson- The point is for them to work together and at the same time.

Nehmeh- Well if they work together, it’s still more than enough when they aren’t focused on only one thing.

19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to approve budget.

19/0/0

Bjornson- Move to open Spirit and Elections.

Seconded by Wheeler

19/0/0

Bjornson- Stipend changes for PR director to tier one, marketing and advertising assistant tier two, graphic designer tier two, and we budgeted for a videographer at tier three.

Seconded by APT Krueger

Vollmer- What does the videographer do?

Brandy- There will be a presentation on Thursday.
PT Dawson: They cover everything ASMSU from homecoming to elections.

Thiel: How much time did you think the videographers work? And what are the videos for?

PT Dawson: We made it mandatory they have their own equipment and they have to go to each event. It’s one video a semester at one minute each. Ten hours a week in tier three is sufficient because he can break it down from each event. They will be online in several areas, and to be shown before events.

Vollmer: I know a lot of time goes into it, but should it even be a tier three stipend?

Nehmeh: I’m not familiar with the position at all, but it does not seem slightly necessary.

Smith: Can we just set it up as a supplemental? And hire for it and make it a competition. I just don’t see how it needs $2800. Strike the position, and if we feel we want something videoed then we can add a supplemental.

Thiel: It doesn’t seem like we need a video each year, maybe every other year. I move to remove the position for now. Move to zero videographer account.

Seconded by Mohr

Brandy: You can put it in account 62102 and he can get paid for consultations instead.

PT Dawson: A brand new position and it is very flexible, and can be used in many different ways. This is just a minimum.

15/1/2 (Vollmer and Capp abstain)

APT Krueger: Move to approve.

Seconded by Mohr
Bjornson- What is the professional consulting account for and what percent is stipend? I feel we aren’t giving adequate resources besides people to work.

Rogala- Do they charge for printing?

Brandy- Groups are in charge of that. We tried that, and it didn’t work, so we split it up.

Rogala- It doesn’t seem like we can know what to allocate them further and wait until next year when they might know what they want and we can be open to supplementals as the year goes on.

19/0/0

BM Thrasher-$7500 left to spend.

West- Sen. Bjornson and I met with Eric Dietrich of the Exponent, and he would really like to increase to 24 pages, but what they are currently budgeted they can only have a 20 page edition I move to reopen Exponent budget.

Seconded by Bjornson

19/0/0

Bjornson- I like the idea but it shouldn’t solely depend on students’ fees but rather on increasing in advertising.

Smith- I had lunch with another editor of one of the biggest student papers in the country. He said one of the first things that are cut are wages. We need to add incentives. It seems that if you can attract writers with some incentives, it would have less problems all around. It would be expensive to pay exponent writers for as much as everyone else, we should pay for talent.

West- That’s what I meant by increasing student pay, is for writers to bring in talent.
Smith- It doesn’t have to be constant pay, he can add bonuses. We need to help the Exponent out if we’re willing to add the Street Team.

Thiel- It looks like if we add $5970 to line item 61225 student labor, and we would be up to the budget presentation by Eric. I move to add that into this budget.

Seconded by Mohr

15/0/3 (Lawson, Vollmer and Smith abstain)

Vote on budget 17/0/2 (Lawson and Smith abstain)

APT Krueger- Move to reopen Campus Entertainment and increase building rent if we are going to go off campus and also look for sponsors.

Seconded by Mohr

19/0/0

APT Krueger- I move that we increase building rent by $1250.

Seconded by Mohr

15/3/1 (Stevens abstains)

Vote on budget as is 17/0/2

PT Dawson- Budget has to be completely done by the last week of April.

Wheeler- Move to approve minutes from Feb. 24th

Seconded by Mohr

19/0/0
Mohr- Move to Close Budgeting Meeting

Seconded by Wheeler

Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm