ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:07

Roll Call:

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

Smith- move to approve
Seconded by Wheeler

Public Comment: none

Presentations:

Terry Leist- Fee proposals and changes

We’ve been gather fee proposal info from depts., student health, athletic, and food services. We would like to provide the commissioner board with the proposal on April 1st.

Provost Martha Potvin- Typically fees for new courses and field trips, medical fees were supported. Fees for current courses were generally denied. New fees and existing fees were generally supported with student feedback. We looked in the past at fees, to who’s had a high balance. The top three categories were 50% that were deleted, reduced or kept the same and 31% were asking 2% raise in fees, and the remaining were … there are 346 courses with fees associated with them.

Fields- The Athletic dept. is asking for a 2% reduction, and we’ve started the campaign for the end zone project, and tickets. We feel we are doing well, so we came here to assure you that we did not need the students’ fees as you asked us not to.

Bjornson- in two years, is it a concern that there will be a 4%, for example, increase in fees?

Fields- that is not our intent and we hope this would not happen.

Terry Liest- Please come to us with concerns if you have any. The tuition rates are not set yet; the registration fee is the same at $30. The building fee is proposed to increase at 1.5%. The computer fee is for a student taking 12 credits or more, which we want to stay the same. The equipment fee does have a 1.5% increase.

Smith- How much of the legislative session has been taken in account for these fees?

Terry- We’ve looked back and not asking for increases in some balances, but don’t want to take it into account too much

Public Comment- In terms of student health and housing, and if it happens that there is no pay increase, the student health fee will drop to 1%, and tom is asking for a 1.8% increase, and this is because they get no State support for pay increase.
Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Capp- I think we should do a resolution tonight. I vote to suspend the rules.

17/2/0

Resolution itself

Bjornson- I don’t want to see an increase either. But we do not have the information, this is strictly for opinion. I feel we should have the senate body wait until fully aware of the information.

Capp- I feel we definitely have enough information, going through budget three times.

Fraser- Before budgeting I went to brandy and asked about revenue. She said it was provided and an estimate. To me it was from the budgeting office anyway. We don’t even know what we are going to be budgeted. We spend hours on this, and we base it on what we were going to get. I think we have enough. We must we increase it 2%

Bjornson- I am not opposing you, if you feel we have enough information. Then let’s go forward until we do not

Stevens- Call to previous question.

Seconded by Smith

16/1/0

Voting on the Resolution before us

PT Dawson- (reads the bill on not increasing fees by 2%, that it is not necessary, and that the senate does not support this increase)

17/0/0

Motion Carries

Swearing in new President Blake Bjornson and Vice- President Joey Steffens by outgoing Pres. Eric Fisher

Swearing in new and re-elected Senators by President Blake Bjornson

Admin Reports:

Pres. Fisher- (Outgoing speech)

VP Diehl- (Outgoing speech)
The Red Cross Bambi Runner nominated the ASMSU Community Outreach, and they won and will be

The ASMSU Retreat will be April 16th being put together by the institute. For the new senators, if you can make it that would be great. I will send you an email. Let me know because I need number for transportation that will be provided.

BM Thrasher- I welcome the new senators, I am the business manager. If you have any questions, you can talk to me. I am here until the end of the year.

PT Dawson- We are going to set up a Doodle for the incoming senators and current senators for orientation, for a time within the next two weeks.

The resolution- student fee increases. So unless it has to do with inflation or indexing fees, then it would increase about two dollars.

We will be doing a new thing with senators. Usually there are two to three senators sitting at tables in the union market, and we would like the new senators to come and participate.

With the new redistricting, in exec we talked about it, we talked that APT Krueger and I will continue our positions until the fall.

Stevens- would you commit yourself to a vote though?

PT Dawson- yes, just because of the awkward stage we felt it would be easier and we wouldn’t take pay in September. After the new senator appointments there can be a vote.

APT Krueger-The new senators, if you have any questions we are all more than willing to help you out. Blake and Patricia submitted a reserve request to finance board. It will come to the senate possibly next week.

Pres. Bjornson- VP Steffens and I want increase participation of students in ASMSU. If everyone can write down the two committees for hiring that they would like to be a part of we will take that into great consideration although not everyone will be on those committees. Positions to be hired for are Campus Entertainment director, Entertainment associate, Films Director, Arts and Exhibits director, Productions Director, PR director, marketing, graphic designer, street team director, state legislative director, business manager.

All senators are also required to hold two office hours per week, but please be there more than that.

Mohr- Do you know who is reapplying for the positions?

VP Steffens- It’s confidential.

APT Krueger- please turn in your office hours soon, and turn in your bios to Phyllis. We’ll get you a locker also.
Pres. Bjornson- Please respond to the Doodle soon for senate orientation.

Introductions of everyone

**Senate Reports:**

Nehmeh- I am going to keep serving in the Athletics committee if there is no one else that wants to. I am able to even

Smith- I attended a graduation meeting today. They hired a private consultant about the feel of it. The Roundabout was delayed until after graduation.

Wheeler- I am considering serving on the nursing council as an NHOC committee.

**Announcements:**

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Sen. Mariani-Move to adjourn meeting

Seconded by Sen. French

**Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm**