Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Roll Call: Absent- Sen. Haskell

Review Previous Meeting’s Minutes:

West-Move to approve.
Seconded by French

Public Comment:

Butch- We have been having a problem with figuring out how to charge student groups with using space at the sum. From here on indefinitely, student groups will not be charged with using space at the SUB whether or not they.

Erica Swanson- Asst. Dean of Students- I’m here to listen and see what’s important to the students and to be available.

Kevin Volkeny- I work in the Recreation Center. I made a presentation awhile back about Rock climbing wall presentation. We have a supplemental tonight for the climbing club for $1500 as a fee for the MSU Architecture.

Presentations:

Tate Chamberlin- I came to say hello and thank you! I started this with my senior thesis project. I made it a company and many of my employees and interns are MSU grads. The AVALaunch Festival was the first of the year for winter and avalanche safety. Over 1200 people came to that. Also Rail Jam, which you have sponsored the past three years. We also had an contest with the graphic design students for the Rail Jam logo this year. We had over 3500 MSU student attend our events this year. Our events wouldn’t happen without you guys so I wanted to say thank you.

Patricia Gleason- Library Renovations

Tamera-You’ve noticed a lot of things are changing in the library. Over the summer, the first floor is going to be changed for student study and student service. Students said they want group study, space for tutoring, and electrical outlets. The student writing center also has a branch in the library, and we want to expand that and move it downstairs to the student commons. The total for the project is 632,000, and the most outstanding thing we need help with is for the writing center.

Patricia- We’ve been having talks about making a better space for students at the library so students can do better. I met with a gentleman, about 91 years old. He had previously given a gift to MSU in the past, and he decided he wanted to give another gift to the school that would help every student at MSU. He made a gift of 550,000 as a challenge gift to keep the library up to date and such. The writing center
space is considered an alternate space which we have to find additional funding for. This project will give visual presentation to students from the beginning. Also put the writing center in the front of the library, so tutors can be better used. Our proposal to you tonight is about the funding of this space. The total cost is over 50,000.

Tamera- on the 9th of May we expect this to start and to be finished and available in August.

Roden- Will the writing center be open to anyone or by appointment only?

Tamera- They make appointments, and have office hours posted. But drop-ins are allowed.

Thiel- What are other groups who have donated to this endeavor?

Tamera- Two generous donors. For better furnishings, and for video, new books and browsing area. Most of it comes from the library’s budget over the past four years, and we would like to not have to

Rogala- How is this project related to the possible shut down in the creative arts library?

Tamera- Not directly related, but some of this will have to do with our electronic library which meant we had to rethink the space we have and how we should use it. One problem with our space is that it fills up so quickly. About every five years.

Vollmer- How often are printing materials are checked out?

Tamera- Electronic reserves are used from over 2000% and hard copy circulation is down by 2/3 in the last ten years.

Steve Erickson- Rec. Sports and Fitness- Re-Rev Machines

There is a ton of new equipment that can actually use energy from the machines for energy for the gym we would like to be the first in Montana to use this technology. This is through the ReRev Systems Company. Electricity can be made and used to power the building. We would like to get about 12 machines to start out with which will not be making much of a difference in our bill but it is very clean. I have ordered two machines to introduce it to our gym. It has a monitor that shows how much electricity is being made.

The treadmill has an arched, tracked design that does not use electricity. My basic proposal is for the two treadmills I ordered and the ReRev System to be installed. The total cost is 16,000 maximum. The thing we wanted to know before was how to hook up the ReRev box to the grid system at the gym. Which is max $1800 to do. We want them in the front first floor of our fitness center. Also two Woodway Ecomill machines also in this system. The purpose is for education not to decrease the electricity bill. This is to be more green and decrease carbon output.

French- Who will be paying for the ellipticals?

Steve- All the ellipticals are already able to do this, we just need to apply it. The treadmills are what we would add in.
Roden- Would you think it would be better to start pulling the machines off the grid overall and increasing use of this machine?

Steve- we have talked about this and in the near future it would be great. We have to see how this goes and be able to balance it throughout the gym. There is a cardio replacement fund about every five years that is about 100,000, for the new senators to know. Machines are very expensive.

Floerchinger- in the future, for treadmill turnovers, will you be purchasing the ReRev treadmills?

Steve- this is what we are looking into in the future. We like the treadmills now because they are maintenance free basically, but if we have the funds it would be great to use them.

Pres. Bjornson- does the elliptical run on its own?

Steve- Yes, also the same concept for the treadmill.

Chiapetta- have any numbers been done on machine outputs compared to the ReRev System?

Steve- not yet, but it will be saving a lot of power.

Thiel- What’s the capacity for the number of machines you can add to this system?

Steve- for other schools it’s about 30 machines for a box. But usually they use two boxes.

Mariani- would wires be visible in for the second box?

Steve- it would be possible to hide the boxes on the upper level.

French- for the company making the machines, is there more than one company?

Steve- There are many companies. We are in Montana though which is a restriction, because the machines need to be fixable and fixed quickly. We need companies that are closest. We work for durability, and what the students want which is why we go through the money that students pay with their fees. Many things come into play when purchasing and looking at machines.

**Unfinished Business:**

Swearing in of Sen. Caleb Hinkle by Pres. Bjornson

**New Business:**

Supplemental Request-Library renovation sponsorship

APT Krueger- Finance Board approved the $30,000 and thought it was a great investment and is great for the students. They didn’t want to supply the furniture because they felt it could come from somewhere else, and we would have an ASMSU sign visible from Centennial Mall.
Mariani- So this is only for the Writing Center itself?

APT Krueger- Yes, also, adding the four person tables for studying for engineering students and others for groups studies.

West- Clarify this is from the reserve not the supplemental?

Rogala-Can we go over what is in our reserve right now?

BM Thrasher- We have to keep 40% in the reserves at all times, otherwise we have a freeze. This year the 40% is $400,000 and we have $500,000 some of it is earmarked which leaves $67,000. It would put us pretty tight with both supplementals.

Bennett- where are the other writing centers?

West- Also in Willson, and both are run by the English dept.

Roden- as far as the writing center is concerned, is that I always see the door closed and it looks as if it is not open.

Rogala- Historically, how close do we end up at the end of the year for supplementals?

Pres. Bjornson- traditionally it is low, with student fees it gets slightly larger. But if our committees come low with their budgets, then it comes from reserves.

Thiel- Is the Fund Drive is going on now?

APT Krueger- It goes on this week.

Thiel- perhaps it would be wise to wait on this and figure out what the Fund Drive came out to and see if we want to fund the$ 50,000 or $30,000 afterwards in the next meeting or two.

West- Last week, in meeting, we currently have the same amount of applications right now as we had incoming freshman last year. So we should take that into consideration that there will be more students.

Pres. Bjornson- Fund Drive ends on April 9th

Mariani- how much will their budget make off the fund drive?

BM Thrasher- $111,000

Mohr- With that being said, if they have a bad situation and do not make that, it is very safe on our part to wait on this.

Vollmer- Is ReRev coming out of reserves?

APT Krueger- Yes.

Vollmer- that is taking a huge dent out of that.
French- how soon does the library need to know about if we will sponsor this?

Thiel- may 9th.

French- if we decide we do not want to go through with this, what situation does this put the library in?

APT Krueger- It would be put on hold and not constructed. It would be held off and cost more later on.

Pres. Bjornson- From my perspective, funding this section of the library isn’t something they NEED it’s for ASMSU to have the opportunity to help students out. In the past, although the Exponent and KGLT come in over their budget, we still end up putting some money into our Reserve. We would still end up $20,000 over what we need to be at. I think we should wait and not be rash.

Thiel- move to postpone Library Renovation until we know more.

Seconded by Vollmer

17-0-0

Supplemental Request- ReRev Project (reading)

APT Krueger- Finance board did not approve this project since nothing monetarily will be gained.

Vollmer- if we choose not to fund this are there other options to fund this?

APT Krueger-yes but it would take longer.

Rogala- those new treadmills would still be used just not hooked into the power grid.

Kinkle- how much money do we have to work with?

BM Thrasher- currently its $523,000 and we have much more than the 40%, but with earmarks there is $67,000.

Mariani- this seems like a fairly aesthetic things such as with the library. And we need to decide if we want our name on it. I think it’s something great that we should consider.

Mohr- move to postpone until after fund drive of KGLT

Seconded by Thiel

17-0-0

Supplemental Request- Outdoor Rec. Miscellaneous costs

APT Krueger- there is really no way not to support this, we have to pay for the signage. There were some misunderstandings last year with the budget and it is fixed for last year.

Roden- what exactly is that?
APT Krueger- It’s redoing all the signs outside of the buildings, which is required of all signs.

Rogala- move to approve

Seconded by Mohr

17-0-0

Resolution 2011-R-11 Fee Index Resolution and Repeal

(Read by PT Dawson to the committee)

Rogala- move to approve

Seconded by Bennett

Thiel- this doesn’t affect the activity fee for students correct?

APT Krueger- correct, it is a dollar committee, bus fees are going up. With more students, come more costs.

Thiel- finance board didn’t approve the increasing the activity fee?

APT Krueger- correct

French- what is the increase for students?

BM Thrasher- less than one percent, $.60

Mohr- listening in on the board, with the numbers for students next year without increasing the activity fee, it will increase equally increase the student fee by 8%. I do realize there is more time to take in with more students. A two percent increase would actually decrease the student fee. I think it’s a stretch for us to want to increase the fee by 2%.

Pres. Bjornson- I think you are being slightly deceiving by saying we are increasing it by 8%. We will have to increase service by having more students. Having 1000 more students, would increase many things across the board. There are many marginal costs that would increase.

Mohr- yes this is true, it will be equal to increasing it 8%. If we maintain where we are at, then it is overall cheaper per student.

Thiel- I agree with pres. Bjornson. The activity fee is not affected much by inflation. We aren’t talking about adding 2% to the activity fee; we are talking about adding that if we have an increase of students. Last year, we understood that by not increasing the activity fee, there would still be other costs that would go up. Our committees are worried about increased costs now and I think we should

Lawson- Reslife has been advised to plan their budget cost around a $5 increase for gasoline, with that I think it would be wise to increase this 2%. 
West- granted, that we hope that it is definite that we will have more students, its more safe to increase the fee and not depend on increases in enrollment.

16-0-1 (Mohr opposed)

Resolution 2011-R-10 Rock Climbing Wall support

(read by PT Dawson)

Mohr- I know that they came here looking for funding?

APT Krueger- Kevin came with a supplemental of $1500 for an architectural design and price to finance board. Down the line, he would come next year for support from ASMSU sponsorship.

Floerchinger- how many people did he say came in every month?

APT Krueger- about 19-20 people an hour

Vollmer- move to approve

Seconded by Rogala

Rogala- it doesn’t necessarily mean that we have to sponsor it later and will have to pay more later, but it is addressing this can happen later.

Floerchinger- what were the safety issues?

Rogala- with as many people as can be as the wall at once, it can be hazardous.

Floerchinger- he mentioned $20,000 to replace the lights? Where is that?

Thiel- they weren’t doing anything about the lights because it was expensive.

APT Krueger- assumed that it would be provided out of the building funds.

Hinkle- this will be paid over multiple years or?

APT Krueger- right now he is looking only for 1500, not the rebuilding of the rock wall right now.

Roden- what does the fitness center provide as supplies for the wall?

APT Krueger- Yes shoes and chalk. Which is gone through very fast.

Mariani- They might not continue providing shoes as a way to save money, since they are used so often.

APT Krueger- The $1500 would supply all of the information we would need to know about the possibility of this rock wall renovation.

French- This is just for recommending our support of the rock wall?
PT Dawson- correct

16-1-0 (Floerchinger opposed)

Admin Reports:

Pres. Bjornson- Thank you all for coming to senate orientation. Corrections, for liaison meetings, you are supposed to meet twice a month with your committee. If you have three unexcused absences you forfeit your seat.

There is a group on campus, with many leadership institute personnel, and they are having a sustained dialogue workshop pertaining to intercultural dialogue. It’s April 8th and 9th.

Joey and I want to do a student needs assessment, to see what students want from their student government. It’s not done often enough, which is appalling. I would love help with that by making a survey

Hinkle- What about signing up for committees?

PT Dawson- I will take care of that.

VP Steffens- Thank you all for getting involved right away! This morning I met with deans and directors which began with the NCAA Division I athletes’ fee. We’re also facing potential budget cuts. There is a lot of talk about what to do with that. It is unknown at this point as what to do about it. I will keep you informed on that.

Student Health Services is hiring a new dentist in the next week.

For student res halls, there was a meeting for more options in the cafeterias.

BM Thrasher- (presentation on ASMSU budget/ financial presentation)

PT Dawson- (read off mentor/mentee list)

The liaison sheet- You are required to serve two committees. The committees themselves are changing, and I got emails from a few of you that you want more time to think about this which is fine.

VP Steffens- Although required to meet with your committees twice a month, it does not mean there is always two meetings a month of the committee. But be sure to meet with the committee head twice a month.

PT Dawson- ADHOC committees, these are groups that are not a part of ASMSU. The lists will be below Blake’s window on Monday please sign up. Previous senators still serve to these committees.

Office hours- if you can’t change your office hours, that is fine but please work with your mentor to find times to work together.

Lockers and placards- You will have a locker next week and placards also.
Dinner with the President is April 13th 5:30-7pm, 16 Graff Street. RSVP to Susan Frazer.

Stipend Review will meet again soon. It will be about transitional bonuses and bonuses for staff. Nominations for senators in this review committee.

Vollmer-accept (10)

Floerchinger-accept (11)

Mariani-accept (11)

Mohr-accept (13)

PT Dawson- the Senators on stipend review are Floerchinger, Mariani, and Mohr.

We also will be appointing a new senator, for off campus next week.

We will be registering with Poll Star, for direct agents to all artists to be hired by Campus Entertainment. It will be $500 for the subscription. I feel it will be a lot better than NACA, going to the West Coast and East Coast.

In C-Fac, they have a new room in AJM Johnson Hall. They want to turn it into a good working space for students. It would be a good study space, with tables, a projector, and computers. They want a small group of students to see what they would like in that work space. Who would like to be a part of that? Just a one page report after you meet one time in the next two weeks.

French

Hinkle

Roden

Rogala

VP Steffens- Prior to the change in senate, we had an issue with the transition bonus. After analysis of the bylaws, it’s been decided that giving this transition bonus to returning director heads is breaking the bylaws. We would like to see a bill, that would change that part of the bylaw to be more clear.

Pres. Bjornson- We think it should be changed to an end of term bonus, not transitioning only.

Chiapetta- Who would receive it?

Pres. Bjornson- It means you are eligible as an end of term bonus as returning or leaving the term.

Pres. Bjornson- We are in the process of hiring right now
APT Krueger- finance board had three supplementals, and they tabled one until they have more information. Also Con Audit committee, we need more senators on this. Nominations for two more senators on Con Audit.

Hinkle-accept

Thiel-accept

Lawson-accept

Mohr-accept

APT Krueger- Thiel and Lawson will serve on Con Audit.

Senate Reports:

Lawson- the voice center is doing an event on April 13th, but it starts when the President’s dinner is over. Last week they went to middle schools and did presentations on safe relationships.

Thiel- the university facilities planning board met, and they proposed a fee of 1% as a public art fund to show art across campus. This would be very important to students because some Auxiliary Building come through bonds. Also, the university planning committee has a rough draft of the university’s core plans and mission. Also for service learning. “SLAB” is looking to advocate certificates in service learning initiatives.

West- Mohr and I attended the funding board meeting last Saturday where we allocated 2/3 of the monies in advance to student organizations. Around $50,000 to 23 organizations.

Fraser- I changed my office hours to Fridays which is great because the other liaisons are there. And we can get more response that way. There is a newsletter that colleen is going to send out so that those in family and graduate housing know more about what is going on in ASMSU. I am on the international committee, and they are trying to find a format to standardize and record these certificates. These certificates on your resume is very important. As far as Scantrons go, students are not required to do teacher evaluations, and are not very well known as how to fill them out. There is always confusion between pen or pencil, which is very frustrating to have to go through, and becomes pointless when so many students fill out the evaluations wrong. Please tell everyone to read the directions!

Mohr- West and I attended the funding board. At that meeting we allocated money as how we thought it was best used for student organizations. And it came down from 206,000 to 50,000. Sen. Krueger and I went to rec sports and fitness meeting. They are having a pool problem, and the public pool is not being used right now, and so the swim team is taking over the fitness center pool with pool passes. The main issue is not that they aren’t making money, but that MSU students are inconvenienced and cannot use this pool now.

Bennett- I set on the classroom committee, I cannot make the committee meeting if anyone can take it over.
West- I will

Rogala- streamline is working over the routes, if you know anyone who is frustrated or have suggestions, please get a hold of me. I met with ASGL, and all the bodies on campus are doing well, and pertain to faculty.

PT Dawson- I know we have been trying to get a presentation on parking, there are issues that need to be fixed.

Rogala-we’ll work on that to get him in.

Announcements:

Roden- concerns on state budgeting and cuts and how it will affect students. Who will deal with the budget? Students will want to know right away.

West- once the legislature makes the budget, then the board of regents makes their recommendations, and then the university can decide.

Pres. Bjornson- Theresa, the student regent will be in here to let us know what the budget cuts will look like for MSU. Let anyone know about this presentation in the senate.

Roden- Even just an email over the summer would be great though too.

PT Dawson- I know Andrew beck the state legislative director. Hewould really appreciate an increase in student participation at the capital. It’s very important to show we care instead of sit back and wait for fees to rise and then complain about it.

Vollmer- I went up yesterday with another student and Andrew beck to testify on a bill that will be cutting our funds in a roundabout distant way and increase fees.

West- US101 directors are looking for peer leaders and it’s a great thing to do. It’s a great program.

Lawson- 10,000hours concert is this Thursday please log your hours, tickets are $17 or $20 at the door.

Adjourn Meeting:

Rogala- move to adjourn.

Seconded by Mohr

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm