ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2010

Sen. Morh calls meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.


Review Previous Meeting’s minutes

Sen. Stevens – Move to recess for 15 minutes until we have quorum.

Seconded by Sen. Wheeler with no opposition.

Meeting recessed

Informal public comment made by Eric Detrich:

Eric – I just wanted to let you know where we are on ad sales. We were hoping that having a special edition would promote more ad sales. We were able to bring in more ads, but they were smaller and did not meet our needs, even though half of the staff was out trying to sell ads. Will be presenting Dec. 2, 2010.

Approval of minutes from October 28th:

Sen. Wheeler – Move to approve.

Seconded by Sen. Smith

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Approval of minutes from October 21st:

Sen. Wheeler – Move to approve.

Seconded by Sen. Welles

11/0/0

Approval of minutes from November 4th:

Sen. Welles – Move to approve.

Seconded by Sen. Wheeler

11/0/0
Public Comment

None

Presentations

ASMSU Community Committee Head – Eric Brown

Introduces self – Under department are 3 duties: Blood drive and Streamline late night

Blood drive – promotes these events through posters/banners, table tents, and word of mouth.

Has overseen 8 blood drives since May. Have had over 500 donors. This Monday and Tuesday had the Cat/Griz blood drive which was very successful.

Next drive is December 1st – Lift ticket drive – donors get a discounted lift ticket.

Late night Streamline – sits on the board of directors.

• Oversees the late-night attendants
• Communicates with late-night drivers
• Promotes the late-night routes.

Attendants are there to keep the driver safe and prevent an incident from happening when someone has had too much.

Last fall went thought a company shift which turned out to be quite seamless.

Promoting the late night routes in general to fill up the use during the early evening.

This year:

• Implemented new routes
• Hired several new attendants
• Residence hall promotions
  o Promoted outside of the dining halls
  o Downtown businesses

Working really hard to get rid of the “drunk bus” stigma.

Future Plans:

• Student clubs and organizations – working with student groups to help out with their transportation needs

Sen. Mohr – Thank you, Eric, great presentation.
ASMSU Sustainability Center – Gretchen Hooker (Director)

Office is in the SUB Room 187 – share an office with the Leadership Institute.

Currently have a staff of 7 – 5 student employees working on recycling and the other 2 working on events and promotions.

We have a solar/electric vehicle to use (Provided by facilities).

Purpose/Vision

- Steward the use of student funds via the student sustainability fee to ensure the funds effectively contribute to campus sustainability and engage students in the process
- Provide employment, volunteer, and internship opportunities for student show wish to contribute to sustainability at MSU
- Ling students with information about sustainability.

Have a new website: www.montana.edu/greeasmsu

New programs/projects: offering independent research projects.

- Expands opportunities for students
- Work with but outside our office (because it is small)
- For credit (internship/independent study)
- For stipend (depends on availability of funds)
- Interest areas and past projects listed on the website

Morgan Zeliff – Spring of 2010: Worked 10 hours a week to create a waste sort – looked at what was being thrown away.

- Gave an idea of what needs to be done: education, more recycling bins, etc
- Responsible Purchasing Resolution and Handbook
- Headed up the Earth week Glass Recycling

Recycling – have been continuing to upgrade recycling bins and number of recycling bins.

Total Recycling: over 199 Tons

- Cardboard – 77.06%
- Newspaper – 5.05%
- Plastics – 8.15%
- Aluminum/Steel – 2.34%
- Office Paper – 7.40%

Working with the university to encourage them to support this group because of the savings Sustainability Center provides – will require some collaboration and time.
Twenty years ago, MSU did a waste audit and found that at least 45% of MSU’s waste was recyclable. Last year ASMSU recycled about 6% of otherwise landfill-bound waste.

Increasing our recycling rate will require working more closely with Facilities.

Awarded a Grant for Recycling

MT Department of Environmental Quality Recycling infrastructure.

Putting together an event planners recycling program. Working with Sports Facilities and the SUB to develop Standardized recycling plans.

- Goal is to establish venue self-sufficiency
- ASMSU to do material pickup and planning support
- Venues integrate recycling

Football Recycling – Partnering with Sports Facilities. Recruited volunteers – Adopt-A-Game – has been taken on by fraternities.

Colleen – Beth and I are program associates to help put on programming. Co-hosted the Earth Week celebration – brought in speakers, etc.

Partnered with the US-101 class to promote No Impact Week this Fall.

Sustainability Luncheons – Co-Hosted with NECO.

Beth – Luncheons were very fun – Climate Action Plan Luncheon and one about moving machinery through Montana.

Colleen – Take Back the Tap – educating people about the environmental impacts of using bottled water. Also gets water issues in general on the table for discussion. Sell water bottles and stickers to put on water fountains to remind people that it is free. Worked with students to put on a “water taste test.” Most people preferred tap water or had no preference. That was interesting. Also created a survey to ask people about their purchasing of bottled water. Information can be presented to University Food service to get them to stop offering bottled water on campus.

ResLife Sustainability Resource Handbook – consists of research of what other universities have done to be more sustainable. Wanted to present this book to students and faculty.

Climate Action Plan – Requirement of the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment – signed by President Cruzado.

Working with CSAC to maximize student input

Online Wiki allows MSU community to view and comment on work in progress: http://www.montana.edu/sustainability/cap.html
Sen. Rogala – What do you want the Senate to do as far as promoting and spreading the word?

Colleen – Get excited about events like the EWB fashion show – potential for other groups having an event where recycling can be utilized.

Gretchen – Thinks that what you say to your peers and administration about sustainability is very important. Want the university to match and keep up with the effort we are putting in. Leverage your position and have a voice about sustainability.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Supplemental Request – Mandy St. Aubyn**

Mandy – Works for the Office of Community Involvement.

Breaks Away – Spring Break project for students to volunteer over their break.

BOR outlawed big 15 passenger vans – those have always made our trips very cost effective. Because of this, the cost of the trip has gone up. Finance Board suggested that you pay for the vans for the trip.

Sen. Steffens – Finance Board recommended the van rental fees be taken up by ASMSU.

Mandy – Yes, there will be about 60 people on this trip.

Sen. Rogala – How do you decide where you go for the trip?

Mandy – Continuing relationships with groups we’ve worked with in the past.

Sen. West – Have you decided what van rental company you will be going with?

Mandy – Yes, Thrifty is who we are choosing. They have more vans and give us a break in the cost.

Sen. Stevens – Will the fee per student go down?

Mandy – Yes, 2 trips will go down to $300 and 3 will go down to $325. They are $400 without the assistance from ASMSU.

Sen. Stevens – How many students will be going?

Mandy – There are 13 on one and 7 going to Kansas City.
Sen. Stevens – Move to recognize Sen. Capp
Seconded by Sen. Smith with no objection.

Sen. Smith – Move to recognize Sen. Schroeder
Seconded by Sen. Wheeler

Sen. Smith – Move to approve.
Seconded by Sen. Rogala

Sen. West – Move to recognize Sen. Theil
Seconded by Sen. Schroeder

Sen. Smith – The value we get for this does directly translate to students. We are all students. We funding the ICURAH conference because it provides students good opportunities and ability to be involved. This seems in line with our mission. Office of community involvement is very good with our money.

Seconded by Sen. West with no objection.

Sen. Theil – Mandy, are there any long term plans about how these costs can be covered in the future?
Mandy – Yes, we are in discussions right now to change the budget. We are also considering fundraising.

Sen. Stevens – Mandy, it looks like there are about $500 that won’t be translated to the students. Why isn’t it?
Mandy – The program is very expensive to run. We have to pay for the overhead and printing and operating the program.

Sen. Steffens – Think we should definitely pass at least one of these. How much money is in the Supplemental account?

Bus. Man. Thrasher – There is about $31,000 in Supplemental.

Sen. Steffens – maybe we should re-think this. But Fin. Board recommended we support this.

Sen. Stevens – theoretically, if the Exponent goes under again, where does that money come from

Pres. Fisher – It will come from the Capital account.

Bus. Man. Thrasher – There is about $157,000-ish in the Capital account and Supplemental is between $30,000 and $31,000.
Sen. Stevens – Move to previous question.
Seconded by Sen. Smith
13/0/0
$5324 is the amount Finance Board passed.
10/1/2
Motion Carries

Admin Reports

President Fisher –

Door Code has changed – see Pres. Fisher. Remember that the code is confidential and should not be shared with old ASMSU people.

Spirit Chair has sent us a thank you note.

EZ Campaign – they reached their 8 million dollar goal. They need some more money within a month.

Text a $10 donation if you want to. Text “cats” to 20222.

Sen. Welles – So they raised that with the BOR funding?

Pres. Fisher – No, 4 million has been privately donated. Matching funds ends at 8 million.

Sen. Rogala – Is there any competition going on – for every touchdown alumni donate so much money?

Pres. Fisher- That is a good idea. Coach will match donations dollar for dollar.

Sen. Seubert- Is that out of his own pocket?

Pres. Fisher – It is out of a special coach’s fund.

Wednesday night at the MAS meeting – Jennell Bluth was selected – she comes from MSU. Teresa Bornpole said they were blown away by the wonderful finalists.

PR presentation was last night – They are working on a process to get a form out for a pre and post event form. Shows what they did to promote the event.

Sen. Smith – Are they planning to present to Senate? Why didn’t they present tonight?

Pres. Fisher – Yes, there was a miscommunication – they thought it was Dec. 2, 2010. On that note, make time for the meeting that week. Plan ahead for a long meeting.
PR Division director will be resigning at the end of the semester for personal reasons. We will be opening up the position. Sen. Schroeder expressed interest in that. If you are interested shoot me an email.

Holiday Party is Dec. 9th. Location is to be determined still. Let me know if your house would work.

Sat down with Adel Nehmeh to talk about the ASMSU Retreat/Adventure. Talked about some different things that senators felt worked or didn’t work. Do you have any ideas or suggestions?

Sen. Wheeler – I personally do not want to be blindfolded and lead around the room by Mark Eggensperger.

Pres. Fisher – The timing of the “adventure” is a topic of interest. Do you think it was beneficial to have it in the spring or should it be after the elections in the Spring? Would you rather have it after the 11 turn over? Personally, I think it would be better to have it in the Fall. The steam gets lost over the summer. Do you think it would be more beneficial in the Fall?

Sen. Stevens – Yes, but we have a deposit at Chico hot springs that we will lose if we don’t have it in the spring. They gave us a credit towards future use because of the cancellation.

Pres. Fisher – There will be an adventure this spring, but we are just thinking about for future years. It will still be on the fiscal year.

Sen. Stevens – Agrees that it should be in the Fall – not in the stadium though.

Sen. Steffens – Do you have a story for us?

Pres. Fisher – I forgot, but I will think about it.

**Bus. Manager Bryn Thrasher –**

Finance board met 2 weeks ago to discuss where each committee stood as far as their budget thus far. Some committees do not have revenue, so keep that in mind when you look at the numbers.

Arts and Exhibits are doing really well as far as their revenue.

The Exponent is doing well at keeping their expenses down since their revenues are low as well.

KGLT – Fund drive is in the spring, so their revenue is down.

Leadership Institute is way ahead in revenue, might be accounted by the Mia Angelo cancellation.

Lively Arts and Lectures is very close to their total budget, but Alex has contracted out for some events in the future.

Tech services have some money coming in, but not enough at the moment.
Brynne’s Email:

asmsubusiness@montana.edu

Will email the presentation and be available if you have questions about your committee’s expenses.

Sen. Schroeder – Have you ever thought about using different types of graphs?

Bus. Man. Thrasher – I will switch it up next time.

PPT Anderson’s announcements presented by Sen. Mohr –

CE – working to improve the relationship between CE and PR and assessing attendance of their events. Want to utilize the graphic designer and see the effect of advertizing for events. Alex said is future expenses will mostly be shared with other groups.

Sen. Smith – Success is measured differently for the event type and the cost per head impacts the metric we are trying to set up. Are we spending too much per student for events? That will determine if the event was successful or not.

Sen. Mohr – They realize that they are not advertisement experts which is why they are trying to utilize those services.

Senate Reports

Sen. Wheeler – Attended CSAC meeting on Friday. They talked about climate action plan, which they are not confident will be done by the deadline – want to extend the deadline possibly to earth week. Trayless program has been successful in the dining hall. Came up with a few people who were willing to work on the climate action plan. Want to join with a committee.

Sen. Smith – The idea behind that is that the students put up a lot of money to support sustainability, but it is not being reciprocated. Want to make it a bigger budget and give it an expansion. But it would be partially funded by the university.

Sen. Wheeler – They were discussing a certificate in sustainability rather than a minor. The office of sustainability would join with the CSAC program.

Sen. Rogala – In the office two weeks ago and someone came in wanting to talk to a senator. Wanted to complain about the arts library. The exponent always reminds us about this: there is a disconnect between senators and constituents. Went to the MSU chamber meeting in place of Amanda. They were talking about wanting to get the town to support MSU. Will focus on events, signage and resources. This will help students be able to get resources and internships within Bozeman.
Sen. Smith – Core 2.0 committee met yesterday, talked about whether or not a logic class in philosophy should be considered a math class. Employing a standardized metric to compare test results. Want to see how much students improve. 250 incoming students and 250 outgoing seniors will be tested to see how much they have improved.

Sen. West – Also ran into a person who came into talk with a senator and his complaint was about the parking issue. And he was very angry.

**Announcements**

Sen. Steffens – Sen. Stevens, Sen. Nehmeh and I are looking into re-assigning the senator districts. Feel free to consult us if you have any ideas or concerns.

Sen. Seubert – Do you have a preference for cake flavor?

Sen. Smith – Carrot cake.

Sen. Steffens – Fruit! Or red velvet.

Sen. Capp – Have you heard of “Chipople?” It is a five layer pie/cake.

Sen. Smith – Does your mom have that recipe?

Sen. Capp – No, but I do. I can send it to you.

Pres. Fisher – Elementary story of the week: Kids were wearing snow pants and covered in mud. Kid asked if it was too late to put on his snow pants because he remembered he brought them after he had already played in a bunch of mud. Also, orientation applications are due tomorrow by 5:00 pm if you are interested. May be extended if they don’t get enough initially. Also a football game this weekend. 12:05 is the kickoff time. The alumni association said there were 87 satellite stations around the country.

Sen. Wheeler – Story of the week: had the fencing tournament. Many people bailed on us, so we only had 10 people show up. We have a big guy in the fencing club and he competed against a smaller guy who thought it would work to charge at him. The big guy didn’t even budge.

Sen. Theil – Wanted to comment that went to the Upheaval Arts Show yesterday and it was very impressive. Tell Stacey that she did a great job if you see her.

**Move to Adjourn made by:** Sen. Smith

**Seconded by:** Sen. Welles