PPT Anderson calls meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Roll Call - Absences: Sen. Wheeler (excused) and Sen. Forrest

Review Previous Meeting’s minutes

Move to approve previous minutes made by: Sen. West

Seconded by: Seconded by Sen. Steffens

16/0/0

Public Comment

Jim Frisk – Senate Finance Committee in Washington DC – looking for interns from MSU

Only recruit in MT – would love senators to be involved. Guarantee a good time and will learn lots. Washington nationals are having a good year this year. You can have a good time as an intern

Tax, Trade legislation, health care, (health care reform). Instead of hearing about what’s happening, be involved! Leaving brochures for you to take. You don’t have to be a specific major, or a specific party.

Presentations

Outreach Division – Samantha Severin

Here to update on the division: have 4 committee heads below her.

Homecoming chair is one of them – Breanna Bently – did a great job with homecoming

Outreach – Eric brown – working with late-night and promoting streamline. Also doing blood drives: Nov 15th and 16th. You can donate blood or volunteer with running the drive.

Positions have not been hired for Senate Liaison and State Legislature chair.

Do other projects: The big event – a big service Saturday. Don’t feel we will be adequately prepared with the money in the budget. Money is sitting stagnant right now. Will use $100 for the Can the Griz event.
Lively Arts and Lectures – Alex Kavon

Been pretty well this year – CE presentation with comedian problem. Sent up another comedian for the same price and we had a great show

Balance out how the committee functions

Upcoming shows: 3 more shows this semester. Had a comedian here yesterday. One more next weekend for the Parent Weekend. Parents have to pay through registration. More expensive comedian – but a great show

Daniel Packard – Live group Sex therapy. More along the idea of analyzing relationships of people – consent for sex, etc. hoping it will be a great show – had a pr session about it.

September events went well.

Sen. West – What is the name of the guy?

Alex - Nick Thune – You tube him!

Sen. Nehmeh – How has attendance been?

Alex – It’s been good. Currently working with orientation services to provide our services to them. On average for past couple shows have had about 200 people per show. First 2 shows in august were low, but people didn’t know about it. RA’s were given training on assessing mental health for residents

Sen. Schuler – Could we get “bare Grills” to come?

Alex – Have looked into it, it costs about $40,000 per show for that. That is his entire budget.

APT Dawson – Alex will talk about supplemental now, but we will discuss it later.

Alex – Mark should be able to answer any other questions you have during the discussion. Proposing that he needs $800 to pay for food for entertainers/speakers that we hire. Did other shows with other organizations last year, which is why he didn’t need it before. Other ASMSU sponsored groups don’t get to do what we do. Most important reason is that it is contracted – it is required that we feed the people at least one meal or provide $50 for hotel. Brandy set a $20 max on the food -didn’t know that until late September after he had already taken people out. Felt that he should treat them well through food and entertainment. Every school does this, so it is important to MSU’s image. Two committees combined into one now, so we have at least 2-3 acts each month. Basically, it amounts to breaking down over the number of tech services people involved in the shows and the people putting on the show. Most expensive place is Teds, which gives people a $20 max. Columbo’s is also a good place to go if the show runs late and is way below the max. Ale Works is also pretty affordable.

APT Dawson – Just ask questions, we can do discussion later.

Sen. Steffens – How many meals did you get out of the $200?
Alex – 2; had a bigger group. Would like to take senators out with me. Free meal.

Sen. Mohr – Is this money just for food, or is there anything else?

Alex – Just food, would buy them a beer, but can’t so he takes them out for a meal. In February planning to have a musical comedy group that is pretty big.

Sen. Mohr – Does it cover your costs, too?

Alex – Yes.

Sen. Nehmeh – How many people do you usually take out?

Alex – Campus Entertainment division, other sponsors of events, activities directors, people who help out.

Sen. Nehmeh – Do you think that student’s money is worth this, that it is necessary for them to be there?

Alex – Absolutely, if you ask students what they want their fees used for they would always want them back, but they pay it and we’re given the responsibility to spend it as we see fit.

Sen. Steffens – That is not what he was asking.

Alex – Yes, it is important to be serving our guests. It is just common courtesy.

Sen. Nehmeh – It is not a free meal, someone is paying for it. In this case it is the students.

Alex – Understands that.

Sen. Welles – It is definitely not a free meal that kind of bodes for...

Alex – Agree, it is not a free meal.

Sen. Smith – Think you use the money inappropriately. At the same time, think Senators should meet the people, but think there is a conflict of interest for students using student dollars to eat a meal.

Alex – I don’t invite everyone.

Sen. Smith – Feel that not that they’ve been slighted, but that the funds are used inappropriately. Are you going to change your patterns now that you’ve received some criticism?

Alex – There is already a $20 limit.

Sen. Smith – Balance the extravagance and the places you go.

Alex – A lot of this depends on when the show gets done and what is open when they want to eat. Try to be as responsible and professional as possible
APT Dawson – It is contracted that you take them out?

Alex – It is contracted that we provide them a meal. Mental health fair – had to provide one meal a day. We went to Avogadros for a cheap meal. They’re usually fine with Columbo’s.

APT Dawson – We pulled out the contract and it says that you are required to take just the performer. Point of reference: You don’t have to take out the other people, understand that it is common courtesy.

Alex – Understand that but it was how taught to do the job.

Sen. Steffens – When was the first you spend out from this account?

Alex – Aug 26th

Sen. Stevens – When did you deplete it?

Alex – Aug 28th – knew that he would come to ASMSU with a supplemental for more money.

Sen. Stevens – If you knew $200 was your entire budget, why did you wait till after you spent it all?

Alex – Most of it was gone before Senate went into session.

Sen. Stevens – You were spending with the intent that you would get more money?

Alex – Knew that he would deplete it eventually.

Sen. Schroeder – How often do you use the full $20 on yourself?

Alex – Not very often. Last night average of $11 per person.

Sen. Mohr – Think that the senate would be willing to support it because nothing is tackier than taking people to McDonalds because you’re out of money. But why are we having to support the people who support you? Just need to have an agreement that you will reduce the amount of people you take out with you.

Alex – Do you have questions for me?

Sen. Mohr – How do we know you will spend this money responsibly?

Alex – You have to trust your committee heads

Sen. Welles – Receipts from Aug 26 and 27th – there were 6 people on the 26th and your meal was $26 – the next night it was $27. Do you believe that this was appropriate?

Alex – Has been out with the Leadership Institute and they spend over $20 per person.

Welles – Leadership Institute makes their own money. They aren’t using the student money for this.

Alex – Are you going to criticize me for -
PPT Anderson - Cutting this off.

**Campus Entertainment – Mark Eggensperger – and team**

WE are campus entertainment – the leading entertainment group on campus – only one on campus. Most events are free for students excluding the procrastinator. Mark is the Entertainment director.

Have meetings every Tuesday at 5:00. Great for liaisons to attend. Every other week is a meeting and the other week is training. Learning different ways to do PR. Trying to expand our knowledge base.

Street Base is our newest thing. Hired Madison Paris to be in charge of street team. Really exciting. Having them do the Open Mic nights.

Working on shirt design

Stacy Ray – Arts and Exhibitions – Exit Gallery.

Promotes art lectures, events, and the exit gallery. Had 3 shows for the exit gallery this semester – 14 per year. Have between 60-100 people a day. High attendance. Really proud of the way things are going. Current show is “Satori” coming Monday – reception will be next Friday. 5-7.

Sees the gallery as a venue for showing student work. It is important for students to get this experience.

Upheaval – work with student activities – basically a huge art show and sale in the ballrooms – last year had over 900 pieces and over 50 artists. Allowed students to earn money and fund trips. Want to have a concert at the reception. Would also like to have a career reception. Looking forward to coming up with some exciting events.

Fallon Walker – director of Procrastinator Theater

We show movies Tuesday through Thursday – sponsoring coming out week” Playing Soldier’s Girl. Just got Toy Story 3 in and will be showing that. 29th and 30th – Rocky Horror Picture show. We are helping out with Avalanche – level 1 “itrip” film. Oct 28th showing a snowboarding film – free event. Want to reach out and co-sponsor with other groups to reach new demographics. Got some new sponsors who give great prizes. Passion parties with Polly – Tuesday nights for ladies night at the pro”

John Rios – Concerts – 5th year.

Leigh lounge has increased turnout. Have had good shows, and had outdoor events when the weather has been nice. Carl Denson – this tiny universe – In the Emerson - first time working with KGLT for a fundraiser. Able to get discounts for students, and have made it available to all ages.

Local band next week – Eddie T’s bands. In the Strand Union.

John Floridas – Playing in November.
Po-Girl November 9th at the noon show

Ryan Lalum – CE Production

Lighting, sound, etc. Started an internship with the music dept. big plan is to get the big storage uinti filled with lots of equipment – going through it and see what needs to be fixed, see what we want to keep and fix or throw away.

John – Another program is doing the band at that tailgates before the show – thanks to Drew for support for this. Been looking to do this for a couple years

Stacy – Got back from MADA – thank you for funding this, it has been a huge learning experience. Been able to discuss with professionals about ways to make my program better.

Fallon – At the end of November/December independent film: Zenith – free for Senators.

Sen. Stevens – Who was the Saturday night sponsor?

Fallon – Passion Parties with Polly – similar products to Erotique, mostly for women.

APT Dawson– Those posters you had made, Stacy, look great! Did your GD do that?

Stacy – Yes, one of the sophomores in GD did this.

APT Dawson – Have we been able to get any other recordings of shows for KGLT?

John – Have recorded it, but need to look at a better time to play them.

MSU Athletics (Stadium Expansion) – Peter Fields

How many have been to a football game at MSU? What has your experience been there? How was your experience picking your ticket up? Easy, not easy? When do you get to the game? Do you tailgate? There’s a whole bunch of things going on before the games – tailgating, concerts, etc. Tailgating is about friendship and fellowship – not how much you can drink before the game. Tailgating is fun though, its part of the game. How many of you notice the promotions going on during the game?

Sen. West – They are usually recognition, etc.

How many of you catch t-shirts that are shot into the air?

Our meetings have discussed what a great atmosphere our crowd is, since they’re into the game. Want to make this experience better for the team, community and fans.

Looking at how we are doing tailgating, concessions, promotions, the video board, and in-game events and trying to see how we can make it better. Shows video of end-zone expansion.
Proposing that the bleachers are torn down and replaced with seating to seat 4500 people, adding 2500 seats. Adding concessions there, visiting team locker room, and moving the video board to the other end.

This whole project is not bearing or asking for student fees. There has been discussion in the past and student fees have never been suggested to be used.

$8 million total project cost

About 3.5 Million raised already – will ask for a raise in ticket price, but not for students.

How would you feel about moving students to the end zone?

Sen. West – Would love it.

Fields – Who doesn’t like it?

Sen. Steffens – Likes where we are now.

Peter – Everything would be new. The concessions would be new and friendlier to use by students. Penn State moved their students to the End zone because of noise. Student athletes talked about how at WA State in the student section it was difficult to get the calls and cheers out. Want to give you some fun. Some of the ambiance of college is going to the football games – it is a whole day of fun. Want to continue it from the beginning to the end.

Sen. Smith – Passed out 2 packets – first packet is the chronicle articles written by Gale Chancler about the stadium renovation. Big concern is the use of student funds. Students were promised that no student funds would be used. Student funds cannot legally be used to pay for funding directly, but they can be used to reduce the debt. Met with Leslie Taylor – the legal counsel for the president – even though President Cruzado cited a law against the use of student funds. Then Leslie said that they could be. We have a very favorable relationship with our new administration – think that the idea is that good fences make good neighbors. Most agreeable way to deal with this is a resolution for understanding that this will not happen this time. Garnell will work on this. Want to make sure we can maintain these good relationships. Athletic fees can cause dissemination between students and admin, and we don’t want this to happen.

Peter – What the law says is that non-state funds have to be used. Student fees are technically non-state funds. The intent has never been to use student fees. We have been working diligently to make sure that as long as I am here we won’t use student fees for this. Ticket Revenue is the first to come off the top – that gets raised first. If we get to the student fee, we have a bigger issue than using student fees, we’d be in bad shape. All the things that have happened, a memorandum of understanding is good.

Sen. Welles – Is there a buffer between what you are making and what you are raising?
Peter- In bus plan we are planning on a 2:1 for debt service. That wasn’t done in the old project. If we are asked to pay $150,000 per year, we will save $300,000. We are trying to be conservative and fiscally responsible.

Sen. Mohr – New stadium would have 4500 seats for students. How many are there now?

Peter- it is the same as there is now. Haven’t given out more than 3190 student tickets, the first 500 standing room only tickets go to students, but the next 750 get offered to both. Think the most student tickets we’ve given out this year is 3600. Working hard to make that possible.

Sen. Mohr – The new addition wouldn’t add that many seats then?

Peter – No.

Sen. Smith – Continued increase in student fees at other schools. Do you plan to come to ASMSU for increased student fees?

Peter – we are allowed to increase student fees 3-5% each year. If the money can be raised through other options we won’t use student fees.

Sen. Thiel – You said there were 6 – 7 revenue sources before student fees, what are they?

Peter – Yes, the suites, ticket sales for football, then for basketball, then there are other revenues.

Sen. Theil – As a percentage of your budget, what is the amount given by students?

Peter – Over 1 million from students out of a $13 Million budget.

Sen. Kruegger – Is there an agreement for the suites?

Peter – We increase those every time they come up.

Sen. Smith – Garnell, do you have anything to add?

Garnell – Was here for last expansion – problem was that it wasn’t as carefully planned as this project. Was partially guilty for that. There was no hard money. Told gail in the paper that he was cautious of this, wants to make sure the $ is there. Is certain the money is there. Wants to make sure there are other sources for fees before student fees. Memo of understanding would be good.

Sen. Welles – It is my understanding that President Gamble was adamant about postponing the project until all the money was raised. Why are we pushing this now when it is only half raised?

Peter – Revenue of the suites would off-set the cost. President Cruzado realizes that in order to make money we need to raise it. There would be more seats and more opportunity to earn money. New leadership changes philosophy. We have a good environment for doing this now.
Garnell – Essentially this is a different project than the one President Gamble saw. This is a pretty simple project. It isn’t as fancy of a new building as the old design. Lights, Video board are all stand alone. Different than the other project: others have raised a bunch of money in a short amount of time.

Peter – It is very well supported by constituents.

Sen. Welles – think it is good, it is easier to get construction bids now. Don’t have any problem with taking out a loan for the project.

Pres. Fisher – Thank you Peter, Garnell, and Drew for coming.

Drew – They’ve done a good job. The whole idea is creating a section conducive for students getting more out of the games. The genesis is to create a great opportunity for students.

Peter – Have had 4 groups of meetings with students for feedback and ideas.

Sen. Schroeder – There will be the same amount of seats for students will be the same, how many added ticket seats will that make?

Peter – $3200. That is how we want to pay for it, instead of asking you for the money, we will ask them for the money.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Supplemental Request – Lively Arts and Lectures

APT Dawson – Review memo – had brandy and colleen pull the contract and it does require that the only person they take out is the performer. Alex is commended for taking them out and taking it from start to finish. There are at least 2 performers a month. Finance board looked at $800 and then $500 over the 8 months. In May Alex has no performers as well as December. So finance board saw that it was fiscally responsible spending - the fact he went through $200 in 1 month. They were appalled – asked what he was planning to do when the money was gone. Finance board approved $500 for this. With the $20 max for ASMSU students; does not apply to guest performers.

Mark – Speaking on behalf of all committee heads: didn’t think you should have attacked us. The relationship between senators and committee heads shouldn’t be so distant and alienated. That is how Alex was taught to do it, don’t attack him as a person. You guys keep mentioning that it won’t be validated to students. Some people would and some wouldn’t. There are many other students that would disagree with some of the senate’s decisions. Think it is important to do this, but we didn’t have
the $20 max until now. Would like to strongly encourage you to realize that it is the people who put on the events to take the guests out.

Sen. Smith – Recognize this, but what is the appropriate reaction to questioning one of the employees of ASMSU – wouldn’t deem his reactions as appropriate.

Mark – agree he did react defensively. Perhaps overreacted, but the way you approached him made him get defensive.

Sen. Smith – We were attacking his actions, not him. He didn’t do anything wrong because he did what he was trained to do. Think the ethic behind it, rational expenditure is appropriate. You don’t train for prudence, but it should be there.

Mark – He was told that it is ok to get them a steak and get yourself a steak. Was probably the one to tell him that.

Sen. Smith – Don’t want to blame people, but just want to see the change in increasing prudence. Don’t think he got the point. Want to understand how his thought is rationalized.

Mark – Will make sure he understands this. This was something that has been done in the past, but it changed in the past year.

Sen. Smith – Would advocate that students pay for their own meals. Maybe it is inappropriate and a conflict of interest.

Mark – That is an opinion thing. If you feel that is wrong, fine.

Sen. Schroeder – Do you feel it pertinent that the person taking him out should be treated the same as the person taking them out.

Mark – You can spend more on a steak for the entertainer and get less for yourself, but we don’t’ get paid that well, so it is a way of making it worth it.

Sen. Theil – Do you think it is reasonable to take out the rest of the event staff?

Mark – There has to be a limit – take out 1 or 2 more people, it is more exciting and interesting for the entertainer. Think I’ve seen the biggest group of 6 – usually 3 or 4. It is appropriate.

APT Dawson – Appreciate you explaining Alex’s transition – think that when Alex said that you need to trust committee heads, that we need to be able to trust committee members to know that just because you were transitioned doesn’t mean that you have to follow it.

Mark – You have to trust them to do the right amount of work, get their job done. You can’t just hire someone and say that you are going to watch their every move.

Sen. Smith – Can we trust him when he asks for $800 when 2 months do not have events planned?
Mark – Haven’t seen the document.

APT Dawson – Would like to touch on the $800 amount – he calculated the average – 24 guests in one month – that is how he made the average for the year. That is why he went through $200.

Sen. Smith – Think that we recognize the imprudence, but realize that both people going to the restaurant need to eat. Think there needs to be communication about the ethical instead of the objective. We have to function and this is the bare minimum. We shouldn’t take frustrations out on Alex. Support this, but want to support the minimum amount for this request.

Sen. Steffens – There are only 2 gigs per month?

APT Dawson – Yes.

Sen. Stevens – Would like to point out that we can do a better job of following parliamentary procedure – it is here for a reason. We want to get through this as productively as possibly. Move to approve.

Seconded by Sen. Smith

Sen. Stevens – Move to amend to $100

Seconded by Sen. Welles

Sen. Stevens – threw $100 out there. Think what we’ve seen is that this committee head doesn’t have the best financial sense. Think we need to hold him to that. He spent his entire budget in 2 days. Suggest we keep it to a smaller budget so the he comes back here and we can see what Section 8.12 this is a dismissible offense. This is part of his job. He should be coming back to us before he spends this. Our hands are tied, and he shouldn’t operate this way. Suggest we drastically reduce the amount

APT Dawson – Finance Board added just a small buffer, which is how they came up with $500. Allows 2 people to go out.

Sen. Welles – Think the same way as Sen. Stevens – this gives us more oversight over someone who is not willing to manage the money himself. So it comes back before us and allows us to have more control over the situation. That would have been good the first time. Gives us a chance to make sure the money is spent the right way this time. Feel that if we cut the money back it gives us the upper hand in making sure he spends it right.

Sen. Mohr – It is tough for us to make sure that they are making good decisions. Whether they go over budget or not, $100 will not last the rest of the year.

Sen. Welles – Have him spend the $100 responsibly so he comes back so he can show he’s spent it responsibly.
Sen. Mohr – It seems tedious on our part. We should be more of a policy making branch. Believe that finance board had more numbers of events. Trust finance board. Would like to make a friendly amendment to change supplemental amount to $500.

Stevens – Does not accept friendly amendment.

Sen. Mohr – Move to amend Supplemental Request to $500.

Seconded by APT Dawson

Pres. Fisher – Note the policy we’ve informally written is for ASMSU personnel only. Entertainer can eat what they want. ASMSU personnel are held to the $20. It is an estimate based on past history. For this group, it is new, so there is no past history. We are estimating on a poor performance by a previous person. Alex has done a great job in getting more acts here.

Bus. Man. Thrasher – Announcement that Finance Board will meet every 2 months to track committee progress and see where there spending is going.

Sen. Schroeder – Pres. Fisher is right, but he spent his whole budget in one month. Mark made the point that they work hard, but feel he’s abused his privilege. There has been a precedent set that ASMSU will give you more money if you go over. Think we should limit him to $10.

Sen. Capp – Seems none of us trust this committee head to budget and spend the student’s money right. He is just clueless, he never admitted fault. And he invited us for a free meal. He didn’t see what the problem is of spending the entire budget in 2 days. He talks about common courtesy, but what about common sense, especially when you know the budget and know how long you have to make it last. Think that if you don’t trust a committee head, we should get a new one. What would have to be done in order to dismiss him?

Pres. Fisher – Would need to terminate the employee and open up hiring for 10 days. Think that someone from the committee would have to train the new person. Would probably see the same thing.

Sen. Capp – While we shouldn’t fire him now, we should think about it and discuss it next week. He has shown a complete disregard for where this money comes from.

Sen. Stevens – Would like to address the approve or disapprove body – it is our ability to approve or disapprove upon hiring. When they don’t do a good job, it comes back to use to approve or disapprove.

Sen. Mohr – Seems irrational to want to fire someone over 2 meals – even though it was $200 in 2 days. Thinks it might be overboard.

Sen. Stevens – Don’t think firing is right, but agree that he has taken the position to a whole new level – all of his events were planned and able to be added to the cat tracker. He just made an error. We have the ability to control future errors. There was no budget to look at from last year, so it is hard to budget. We just need to see that he is responsible to make the budget last – not after it is spent. Move to previous question.
Seconded by Sen. Thiel

16/1/0

Sen. Spoklie votes “no.”

Vote on moving to $500

8/7/1

APT Dawson abstains

Motion fails

APT Dawson – Abstained because $500 was divided by 7 – although he hasn’t planned an event for May or December yet. $71.42 per month. 2 performers with the $20 max – just made it an even $500. He has already scheduled more than 2 events per month. Additional $21 budgeted. He could have extra money for more shows if he only uses $10 each time. Colleen wanted everyone to know he was incredibly apologetic about the two times he went to Teds and wanted to ask we put it to bed.

PPT Anderson – because there was a secondary amendment means that the amount approved by finance board was overruled

Sen. Mohr – Amendment as amended

Motion passed – The amendment to make it $500 passed.

Sen. West – Comment on amendment – would like to go back to Mark’s point – we need to be connected – moving it down would only make it worse. Don’t think it would bring him closer to us.

Sen. Smith – How much of that argument is yours instead of marks

Sen. West – It was all my opinion.

Sen. Thiel – The issue is that he brought out other people, other workers, but think it is inappropriate to say that it is ok to take out other people. Think we should lower it a bit more. So we see him again. Didn’t think about the impact of what he had budgeted,

Mark – Hindsight is 20/20. They both ordered meals and saw the bill later.

Sen. Theil – Still think it was wildly inappropriate.

Mark – He didn’t know he was going to order more than the guest.

Sen. Theil – Just want to limit it so we can see him before the end of the year.

Sen. Steffens – think this is a bit extreme – he made mistakes, perhaps it was training. Agree with finance board. Don’t think it is appropriate to refer to an ASMSU committee head as a “kid.”

Seconded by Sen. Stevens

Sen. Nehmeh – How were the other meals funded when there were more events since August 26th and 27th?

APT Dawson – He spoke to Brandy – Brandy said she wouldn’t fund anything if he went to anywhere other than Columbo’s.

Sen. Nehmeh – After he used the budget, did he not take the performers out?

APT Dawson – Don’t know.

Mark – Each committee head is given a bottom line for overall expenditure. Right now he is going over his budget.

Sen. Nehmeh – So you’re saying after August 26th and 27th you were approving of him going out to these meals?

Mark – The money was still coming out of the Entertainment budget.

Sen. Nehmeh – How did he pay for the times in the past month when he took entertainers out?

Sen. West – There is a supplemental request for requests under 50 that he can take to Brandy

Sen. Nehmeh - $480 for just speakers – this committee head was not given enough money from the beginning. He has done a bad job using the funds.

APT Dawson – The contract said it was just for the performer.

Sen. Nehmeh – Let’s be reasonable – with 24 speakers for the year, that is $480. Think that a $500 budget is reasonable. We can judge him at the end of the year.

Pres. Fisher – As for the idea that we want to check up on his spending, we can ask him to come back any time. Just because they haven’t depleted a budget doesn’t mean they can’t come.

Sen. Mohr – Think that this meeting has brought up enough red flags for his eating habits. Don’t think lowering it will be helpful. Previous question on all pending motions.

Seconded by Sen. Spoklie

15/1/0

Sen. Capp votes “no.”

Motion carries

Motion to override finance board:
Sen. Smith – Move to override Finance Board
Seconded by Sen. Thiel
6/9/1
APT Dawson abstains
Motion fails
Original supplemental request
Sen. Theil – Move to previous question?
Seconded by Sen. Smith
14/1/1
Sen. Capp votes “no.”
APT Dawson abstains
8/7/1
Motion passes.

**Swear in new senators**

New Senators and recumbent Senators come to the front.

Pres. Fisher – Thanks to those who will be leaving us. You will be missed!

New and returning Senators swear the Senator’s Oath.

Thanks to Sen. Schuler and Sen. Eppinger for their service.

Supplemental will be back to make sure everything was done correctly.

**Admin Reports**

President Eric Fisher –

Welcome new faces! Everyone introduces themselves
Stadium Expansion: Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} there will be an open forum for students, staff and community 9-11 for architects for design meeting

Sen. Welles – How did they get the 3 students?

Pres. Fisher – Just asked as many random people to be involved and out of that meeting they took 3 volunteers. They’ve been involved for about 6 weeks.

Traditionally later announcement – Homecoming 2011 – Sept 26\textsuperscript{th} through Oct 1\textsuperscript{st}. 1 week earlier – against Sacramento State.

UV-PUV meeting – Tuesday, had a Beethoven sculpture donate last year. They decided to locate that sculpture – public art committee never got to approve the piece of art, just the location.

MASS – Montana Associate Students – Montana university system – governing body that usually doesn’t do much over the summer. Things are picking up speed. Bo R – was not able to attend. Can’t make it to the November meeting – anyone can attend that – November 17\textsuperscript{th}. VP Diehl and APT Dawson will be going.

Smith – MAS is a great opportunity for students around the state to get together. U of M president is now the MAS president – wants to make MAS an active body – from now on MSU will have a big part in MAS.

Pres. Fisher – Teresa Snyder will be involved in that.

Sen. Welles – could there be a video conference for that?

Pres. Fisher – Yes, that is a possibility. In this next week, have a meeting with Teresa to see what the goals of MAS are.

Integration initiative – Have members from each university – focusing on making it one university. All the way from registration procedures, want to make it congruent across the board. Pay roll schedule will change to every 2 weeks instead of monthly. Will take effect at fiscal turnover July 1\textsuperscript{st} most likely.

Conversation of exponent articles – remind that the ASMSU exponent can write whatever they want. Depends on how we act and how we interact with them. It is up to you to shape that.

Eric – If anyone has issues with the Exponent, come talk to me.

Sen. Nehmeh – Thought the editorial article was good.

Eric – Made a conscious decision to name the person in this article. She is a public servant. Was careful in wording, didn’t mean as a personal attack.

Reminder – Blue and Gold Friday is tomorrow – hasn’t been overwhelmed with it so far this year.
No longer need to actually pick up a ticket for football games, they will swipe cat card at the gate. Stay tuned. Reentry is the technology issue right now.

Sen. Stevens – is it capped at some point, what if all 12,000 students want to go?

Sen. Stevens – Last year’s Cat/Griz was too full.


**Vice President Diehl –**

Welcome new Senators – have sign up for the Halloween party for the Daycare. Can help from 2 pm to 9 pm or can bake cookies.

We are going to be interviewing the lobbyist and the state leg positions. Next week we will have applications and people for you to approve.

Sen. Smith – Will we get a chance to interview the people?

VP Diehl – Not really.

Sen. Smith – Was just wondering if anyone from the Senate has any form of influence in the interview process. Can we sit in on the interviews?

Pres. Fisher – We can do that – open it for one or two senators involved.

VP Diehl – Maybe would be more comfortable with someone who has experience help develop interview questions rather than having 6 people in the room

Sen. Smith – Please just send me an email about when the interviews will be.

Sen. Mohr – Is it a conflict of interest to sit in on the interviews?

Sen. Smith – No.

Sen. Nehmeh – Are you aware of if there was an ASMSU float?

Pres. Fisher – Took names for it, but forgot to organize them to do this project. There was still a record amount of floats in the parade.

VP Diehl – Thank you for those who helped clean up the streets after the parade. Who is the outreach/community committee liaison? Sammy was in looking for her liaison. We will have a list of committee/senator liaisons up.
Pres. Fisher – New senators, we will pass around a list for you to sign up. Look into the committees that we have so you can pick which ones you are interested in – need 2 committees.

VP Diehl – Would like to echo the concerns Mark and Alex expressed; there is a big disconnect between senators and committee heads – need to make sure we know what’s going on and are on the same page. Actively seek out your liaisons! But it is a 2 way street. It’s fun, you get to be involved a bit more.

Renovation meeting – first step is to contact facility services that we don’t have to spend $10,000 to replace. We will use desks we already have if we can. Next week will decide if we can use what is already there.

Business Manager Thrasher

Quick review of last week – administration: these charges were made last minute and had to fall under an account. More than happy to sit down with you if you have any questions about this year’s budget, last years, or next year’s budget. Would like Brandy to be there too in case there are questions I can’t answer.

Finance Board will meet once every 2 months to monitor committee spending- November 3rd will be first meeting. Will try to incorporate graphs and colors

Sen. Mohr – list of what finance board approves or disapproves?


APT Dawson – I will be doing this.

PPT Anderson –

Dropped the ball tonight, should enforce parliamentary procedure. Tonight did not go as well as possible thank you for being actively involved and helping me. Will look into everything and make sure it was done right.

Welcome new Senators – meet with me briefly right after.

Sen. Mohr – What is the progress on the name tags?

PPT Anderson – They are coming and we will get new placards too.
APT Dawson -

Tuesday had first meeting to write a bill for consequences for going over budget. Trying to work out something to affect irresponsible spending. It isn’t always fair for people who step into a position. Also a problem because irresponsible spending happens when senate is out of session. We have a new budgeting scheme that will be presented. Very productive meeting.

Sen. Welles – Was it just the steak thing you were leaning to?

APT Dawson – No, there have been other expenditures that were irresponsible. Reason asked presenters whether they made the posters themselves since that is why they bought 2 computers.

On the Finance Board write ups, what do you want to see?

Sen. Theil – I would like to see Finance Board’s memos.

Sen. Welles – Could you include the comments from people on Finance Board of why they came to conclusion they did.

Sen. Nehmeh – How did you get those receipts from Alex’s food expenditures?

APT Dawson – Those were the things that were applicable to the discussion. Finance board is supposed to look at it as fiscally responsible to the senators. Will use that as a point of reference. New senators, Haley and I will be working with you, come during our office hours.

Sen. Welles – can we get a report with what happened with computers. There are a lot of people who don’t know what is going on - for the new Senators, too.

Pres. Fisher – Can get that for next week.

Senate Reports

Sen. Steffens – Leadership Institues – Leadership summit, only $10. Free for senators – it is all day at the Gran Tree Inn. Included in the $10 is 3 meals and 2 snacks. List of menu items. Oct. 23rd, only 10 spots left. Will increase leadership abilities

Sen. Nehmeh – Work for Leadership Institute – would appreciate if you took a form that you turn it back in, we want you to go.

Sen. Smith – Sen. Capp and I attended meeting with regent Buccanan – CSAC – has been making action about the climate/sustainability plan. You can go online to add feedback on that. MOU about student funds, will be getting together with Leslie Taylor and Phyllis to make that.

Sen. Stevens – How is that going to be approved?

Sen. Smith – Senate will be voting on it. Is anyone interested in it?
Pres. Fisher – They can just be passed as a memorandum by the senate.

Sen. Theil – Can you link all senators on that email?

PPT Anderson – How many of you know about the climate action plan? Approached Dan Stevenson – said they would be willing to present – would you like a presentation to be aware of what is going on?

Sen. Stevens – There is going to be a free film in the procrastinator sponsored by the LI – Have you heard from Johhanasburg? South Africa and the Aparta – 7:00 this Wednesday.

Announcements

Sen. Thiel – Engineers Without Borders Recycled Fashion Show - $5 for students $8 at the door.

Sen. Stevens – We have tickets now if you want them.

Pres. Fisher – New senators, come into the office to meet the administration in the office as well as front desk staff.

Move to Adjourn made by: Sen. Schroeder

Seconded by: Sen. Mohr