PPT Anderson calls meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Absences: Sen.

Review Previous Meeting’s minutes

Move to approve previous minutes made by: Sen. Theil
Seconded by: Sen. Steffens

Public Comment

Former Student Body President Teresa Bornpole – Student regent for state of Montana – Board of Regents is doing a cross-state listening session to hear what the concerns students have.

Listening Session will be held Monday October 25th At Best Western Gran Tree – Students should show up to listen and voice their issues 3:00 p.m.

Pres. Fisher – Will you be in attendance?
Teresa Bornpole – Yes

Presentations

ASMSU Legal Services – Phyllis Bock

ASMSU Attorney – wears 3 hats:
1. – Agency council – advisor to ASMSU (Senators, admin, all committees)
2. – Classified employee supervisor
3. – Student legal services

She is licensed to practice law in the state of Montana

In addition to being your employee, is also an employee of the University
Criminal misdemeanor, DUI, etc.

Tennant Matters, Family matters (Step – parent adoptions, custody, and divorce)

Sen. Smith – How was your day?
Phyllis – It was great, I love working for you all 😊

**ASMSU Tutorial Services and Streamline – Colleen Lindner**

Full time employee for ASMSU

Takes care of the general day to day office activities – manage the 5 front desk employees (face of ASMSU office). Front desk staff – take a moment to introduce yourself to all 5 of them. They do a fantastic job and manage your email list serve, contact information, etc. Currently working to update lists and list-serves with new senators – should be done by tomorrow.

Office in general – everyone please respect the front desk area – trying hard to maintain confidentiality for clients who come into the office there. There are students who are nervous if they need to make an appointment with legal services or tutor services, please just be respectful and give them some space for confidentiality.

Also maintains the website with new senate info. There is a format with info, so if you haven’t given me your info, please get that to me. May need to update election bios

Tutorial committee – tutoring service for MSU students by MSU students. They pay $5 an hour for first 5 hours. Then the rate does go up. Tutors are paid 9.50 to $10.00 per hour. Budget of 1000 tutor hours – expect to increase that though. Trio services did hire minimum tutors and our services have been picking up and will pick up more students next semester when TRIO closes their door. Feel we are very prepared for the extra load though. Leanne – tutorial assistant – coordinates the tutoring program and working to advertise for this service as well as help with the web page. It is great to have her help.

Sen. Smith – Would a partition by the copier help to separate the area?

Colleen – We’ve thought about that, haven’t really come to a good conclusion. When everyone is mindful of it, it hasn’t been a problem.

Streamline Transit – General Overview – All students taking 7 + credits pay $4.50 for a bus fee.
Generates $87,000 per year. Is a dollar committee from ASMSU. Bozeman transport has morphed into Streamline. Partnered with the Human Resource Department to combine funds which were matched by the federal transit administration.

It is an interim system

Started with $900,000 in August 2006 we currently run off of $1,021,000 budget now. We currently give 950 rides a day. First year in service, we got 350 rides a day. It caught on right away. 1st fiscal quarter rides: Daytime: 42,500

4 routes that run in the city, one that runs to Livingston, and one going to Bridger. ASMSU budget goes to Late night service.
Late night is up by 400 rides.

Did come out with a new schedule this year. Pocket size, smaller version. Includes all routes and has a fold out map in the back. People are reusing these more.

We did switch bus companies. New contract is with Karst Stage for bus drivers. We are happy with the local company, they give extra care and are fantastic to work with. Especially with late night, they are much more reliable. ASMSU hires out late night monitors so the bus driver isn’t alone – this is done through Community Outreach headed by Eric Brown. We are currently a stockholder with Linx – a coop wanting to provide affordable transportation throughout Yellowstone. We feel that this is an important part of the transportation committee.

Shelby, Ryan and Kasey are our committee members

Sen. Nehmeh – Why do you think the numbers have increased?

Colleen – Awareness, as each year goes by new people are trying the bus and liking it.

Sen. Nehmeh – How much more increase can we handle?

Colleen – Haven’t had an issue with having to run a second bus for the longer trips. We try to keep the bigger busses for outside lines.

Phyllis – You all ought to be proud; you are the largest single financial contributor.

Sen. Wheeler – Has the city every expressed embarrassment for not providing a bus system?

Colleen – They have come in on the tail end of this, we did go to the city to ask for more funding, but they turned it down. They have begun to put in some money to help contribute to Streamline.

Sen. Smith – How did you fund the enclosures around bus stops?

Colleen – the few existing bus shelters were put up by local businesses. We are still without shelters though. Some volunteers have built shelters, but it still costs Streamline a lot to build them. The city is causing roadblocks for us getting more up.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business
**Confirm State Lobbyist - New Hire**

VP Diehl – This past week we interviewed 4 candidates. All 4 were very well qualified, very active in politics in college and high school. 2 were from MT and 2 weren’t. We decided to go with the applicants from MT since they would have back

Andrew Beck – State Legislature – only taking 8 credits next semester – In Construction Engineering. Has a basic understanding of legislation.

Michael Diehls – Lobbyist – Junior in Bio Chemistry – May 2012 graduation. He had some knowledge of some bills that we felt were very insightful for helping MSU.

Pres. Fisher, Sen. Smith and VP Diehl were there if you have further questions.

Pres. Fisher – They both had great experience at the college level, which the other candidates didn’t since they were freshmen, but we are trying to keep them on with volunteer activities for them

Sen. Smith – Was impressed with Michael Diehls; he had an understanding of what the regents were up to, knows about Montana legislature. Andrew beck had a good background of working for legislature before. Thinks they will work well together.

Sen. Smith – Move to approve new hire.

(Postponed until applications and cover letters can be passed around.)

Sen. Stevens – Are there any new Senators who are an employee of an ASMSU committee?

Sen. Lawson – Yes, I work for the Exponent.

Sen. Stevens – Move to approve employment by Exponent for Sen. Lawson.


Sen. Stevens – As it is stated in the ASMSU by-laws, Senators may not vote or make decisions for committees in which they are involved in for employment. Senate must approve their employment within 2 weeks of new Senators’ appointment.

Sen. Smith – Conflict of interest policy.

Sen. Stevens – Previous question

Sen. Lawson – I am also employed by the Office of Community Involvement.

13/0/1

Sen. Lawson abstains

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Motion carries.

Sen. Stevens – How much is the APT Dawson’s stipend?

PPT Anderson – I don’t know the exact number.

Sen. Smith – Were you informed of the absence of the other Senators for today’s meeting?

PPT Anderson – Yes, Bus. Man. Thrasher had an exam, so did the other Senators.

PPT Anderson – Who needs to have their photo taken or would not like to use the one they had for the exponent? Will take picture now.

Sen. Smith – Call to previous question.

Seconded by Sen. Theil

13/1/1

Sen. Mohr votes “no.”


Motion carries

Voting to approve the new Lobbyist:

13/0/1


Motion carries

Voting to approve new State Legislative Chair:

13/0/1


Motion carries

Admin Reports

President Eric Fisher

To answer stipend question: $3,500 for APT
Sen. Smith – What is the minimum office hours that the positions have to hold per week?

Pres. Fisher – 8-10

Pres. Fisher - Stadium forum which was Tuesday in the procrastinator – pretty low attendance especially for students. Doesn’t feel that there is enough student input, we should try to get more. If there is a better time for public forums to do one more, do you think we could get more students there?


Pres. Fisher – Do you think this one was not enough notice? Only had a 5 days notice.

Sen. Nehmeh – Why are we seeking the students for the idea of moving their seats? Or is it just for the general idea?

Pres. Fisher – Yes, it is a big deal, especially to President Cruzado.

Sen. Nehmeh – Because of the presentation last week, it is seen that the Senate approves of the move to the student seats. If we are approving this, we should approve it formally instead of the informal approval it seems we have given.

Pres. Fisher – A resolution or MOU will work.

Sen. Smith – MOU is in theory more substantial to show agreement to not use student funds. Has seen emails about support by ASMSU Senate.

Sen. Wheeler – How much input will the students actually have if they show up to these meetings? Or do they just get to give their opinion?

Pres. Fisher – President Cruzado said that student voice was the most important voice.

Sen. Smith – If we don’t approve of them moving the student seats, then the revenue the project is counting on will not happen.

Pres. Fisher – That is a conversation we will have to have.

Sen. Steffens – We aren’t creating new seats for students?

Pres. Fisher – There will be the same amount if not more.

Sen. Mohr – With the forums, are they more focused on the things we are wanting to see? Is opposed to moving the student section – feel that they will need funding, but it will be at the students’ expense if we expand at all.

Sen. Stevens – Can we see a formal resolution next week for those who feel strongly one way or another?
Sen. Nehmeh – What is the possibility of explaining this over a mass email so that people understand it better. It is a big issue for students and will affect them for many years. Maybe they can reply to the email instead of trying to attend a meeting.


Seconded by Sen. Stevens

No objection.

Pres. Fisher – If anyone is interested in drafting the MOU, this meeting will be Tuesday.

Sen. Smith - MOU meeting will be Oct 26th Sub 222 at 10:00 a.m.

Sen. Nehmeh – As far as the Senate is concerned, the MOU deals with only making sure they don’t use student funds, but not necessarily an approval of the project.

Pres. Fisher – MOU is a good first step, but a resolution is better.

This weekend is parent weekend and tomorrow is MSU Friday – look out for lost students and their families.

Reception for Satroii, and is same time as Dinner for the parents.

Cat/Griz Volleyball game – Student tickets are first come first serve.

Saturday: Football game at 1:05 – paperless tickets! Be prepared and be patient for technology glitches.

Sen. Seubert – So you don’t go to the Ask us desk to get a ticket?

Pres. Fisher – Nope. Trying to get something worked eventually to get electronic ticket.

Registration Theory Meeting – President Cruzado – wants to consider the effectiveness of the registration system we have right now. Looking at what works and doesn’t work for other universities. Block Scheduling, takes away the registration part of orientation. Would just give freshmen a schedule based on interests/questions they answered. What would you like to see change about registration?

Sen. Capp – Instead of getting to register by your birthday, maybe by class. Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen last.

Pres. Fisher – Yes, the pro is that it gets easier as you progress, but freshmen who are having trouble might have more issues this way. President Cruzado brought up doing it by GPA order, but that was even worst. The students who struggled most were given last choice on professors.

Sen. Wheeler- Agrees with Sen. Capp. Would not like to see the Block schedule – it sounds stupid.
Sen. Nehmeh – Coming from a different university, it was based on class and ID number – older students have priority to graduate.

Sen. Rogala – Is this a process that the University goes through every couple years or has there been a lot of complaints?

Pres. Fisher – She has received some complaints and wants to evaluate the process. Bonnie couldn’t remember when the last time was that it was evaluated.

Sen. Mohr – How necessary is it to get the pin numbers from your advisor? Most of the time I just tell them I know what I’m going to do and they give my code to register.

Pres. Fisher – Secures the fact that advisors see the student. There is no system in place to have students meet with advisor – it depends on requirements.

Sen. Wheeler – Maybe advisors could approve those students who know what to do over the computer, would eliminate pin numbers.

Pres. Fisher – Also, what would you like to see stay the same?

Sen. Stevens – Likes that it is flexible, once you have your pin you can add/drop without undo hassle.

Sen. Capp – Would like to change the amount of ways to get around the current system – honors students can register on the first day, would like to see fewer games and ways to get around the system.

Sen. Smith – Agrees.

Sen. Steffens – It is easy to find classes, that is really nice.

Sen. Wheeler – Maybe you can just send Elsa and secretary and ask them to not do that anymore.

Erica – In an ideal world, everyone would meet with their advisor and build that relationship. It is good to see some sort of rotation to meet with students who are struggling. Advisor relationship is important.

VP Diehl – Agrees, it keeps you in touch with them. When you do need to meet with them, it helps if you’ve met with them in the past.

Sen. West – How involved in University College in this research?

Pres. Fisher – Diane was invited, but couldn’t make it.

Sen. West – They see and advise all students regardless of major. Think they should be involved.

Erica – We’ve been talking through this: it is difficult to contact people since residence halls have taken out phones. Electronic system might be helpful. Once you’re done with advising it could get texted to a phone.
Sen. Lawson – Departments like Chemistry that make you go to them to register, which is to help them be sure they can take those classes, but sometimes they don’t do that.

Sen. Mohr – Is there any formal or informal training for advisors, sometimes it seems like they don’t know any more than you do. Think there is something missing. They don’t have knowledge of the advising they are doing.

Pres. Fisher – It is departmental, only thing universal is having the code.

PPT Anderson – The advisor tends to have a lot on their plate other than advising. Agrees with West, University College has a good method of having people knowledgeable on advising.

VP Diehl and I sat in on Tobacco Task force meeting, want to raise the issue again of having a tobacco free campus – they will present next week.

Legislative opportunities: Internship program by going to Washington D.C. and Montana Legislative position – required to be in Helena, no compensation though

November – Can the Griz food drive Ends Nov. 20th at the Cat Griz game. This year Missoula is the home team so hopefully we can beat them!

Copy of the By-laws has been on the table in the office so you can refer to it if you need to.

Liaisons – keep up good work if you are working, but get on it if you are not. Ad-hoc meetings (once a month) MSU Chamber Relations committee – next Thursday at 11:30.

Veterans Park that AMSUS helped fund flag raising will be the week before Nov 4th 1:00 – will be short but everyone should go.

ASMSU Annual Christmas party Dec. 9th (No senate meeting) Hopefully everyone can make it. We used to budget to rent a place out, but we’ve had people volunteer their houses the past 3 years so we don’t have to spend as much money on it.

Sen. Steffens – Could we go Christmas Caroling?

Pres. Fisher – If we call it “Holiday caroling,” then yes.

Story of the week: Criminal Mischief: Toe tokens being stolen, a student admitted to having a box, but he really had 3 boxes.

**Vice President Amanda Diehl**

Sat in on committee meetings for Athletics Committee – working on Stadium Renovation. They presented what students have talked about, issues brought up by faculty, etc. Would be interested to see more student input on this topic. Sometimes the MSU student body is hard to get engaged in things
like this. Also talked about football and volleyball. Basketball practices have begun. We have already made up ticket sales for football and volleyball games – exceeded last year’s ticket revenue already. They settled the lawsuit with coaches.

Recycling job opportunity – recycling in the dorms and is about 6 hours a week – let me know if you are interested

Daycare board of Directors Meeting – Great beginnings, Bright Stars – program of approval to help them apply for more funding. Most employees have at least a bachelors degree. Halloween party next Friday

MSU Friday Extravaganza – ASMSU has a booth 12:00-12:45 in the ballrooms. Need one senator to sit in. Students and parents will be coming and going, and having us there is important.

Sent an email out to all committees (classified and unclassified) think that everyone should try to get together at least once a semester if not once a month. If any senators are able to come, will send out final time tomorrow. Bothered by the way things went last week. Please have respect for committee heads. They do great work. It goes both ways. If anyone has ideas about how to better communicate to be more aware of what is going on in all committees, let me know.

Sen. Nehmeh – Would like to point out that as drastic as it was, problems like this happens, we are all students. Such problems are going to show up. Communication is a good way to help this. We are all learning.

VP Diehl – Exactly. Think about what happened and learn to deal with things

Sen. West – “Doodle” allows everyone to put in your schedules and suggest a time that works for everyone.


Seconded by Sen. Steffens

No objection.

**Business Manager Thrasher**

Absent for a test.

**PPT Haley Anderson**

Amanda spoke about last week briefly, on behalf of senate, spoke with him. Told him that he needs to also respect us, it goes both ways.
Sen. Wheeler asked about badges – postponed for bulk order with new senators coming in. Placards will be on desk tomorrow. Let me know if you need one.

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Agenda is a draft done on Tuesday – but things change by Thursday. Tuesday at 5:00 is when everything needs to be turned in by so that the draft can be as accurate as possible to what the real agenda contains. Things that need to be dropped is differently.

Committees will be posted by tomorrow morning for signing up for committees that need a liaison. Consider adding a 3rd committee.

Budgeting – March 5th – all day event. This is why we have each committee come present during the semester. They will come to the budgeting meeting for a brief explanation of their budgets.

Did anyone bring their bios? Do that over the weekend – 25-40 words, basic stuff

Right after meeting will be forwarding Sen. Smiths’ MOU request.

Sen. Smith – If you submitted photo and bio last semester can that be used again?

PPT Anderson – Yes.

Sen. Nehmeh – You were going to follow up on the parliamentary procedure.

PPT Anderson – There was confusion for last week’s supplementary request. Phyllis said that majority vote was what was necessary. Be mindful of having to override Finance Board.

Sen. Mohr – Would like to apologize, thought the amount was $800, so amendment was out of order.

PPT Anderson – Spoke with Griffin to put together a workshop for conduct and parliamentary procedure so we can make sure we’re doing things right. Will be during senate hopefully.

Sen. Wheeler – Sen. Stevens, naming tradition: we should call it a “learning adventure.”

APT Chad Dawson

Absent

Senate Reports

Sen. Smith – Did he provide any update or report for you to deliver?

PPT Anderson – No, just that some things from original agenda will be moved back to next week.

Sen. Smith – Met with Core 2.0 committee. They represent the different core requirements – presented 2 new classes that will qualify for core. One is an online seminar for freshmen for distance learning
package and the other is a logic (PHIL 236) class to replace a liberal arts math or college survey of math course. They will continue this at the next meeting. Sustainability committee would like to reiterate the Green Buying Guide. We should promote this as much as possible. Was a research project for one of the interns. Would like to present to senate sometime soon. Working with Community Involvement to create Campus Corp – helps committees hire nonprofit positions.

Sen. Schroeder – Is Core 2.0 open to anyone?

Sen. Smith – No, it isn’t.

Sen. Nehmeh – Liaisons for Lively Arts and Lectures, talked to Alex and explained what happened. Talked to him if he would be willing to speak to the Senate at the beginning of December so we can check in and see that he’s on track.

Sen. West – Nick Thune – show Saturday at 7:00 – free for students – Sub Ballroom A.

Sen. Stevens – Would like to let everyone know about Miangelo – she’s coming Nov. 1st. We are going to be offering a couple more opportunities to get tickets – free to public and to students. If you want to see this lecture, that is a great opportunity to come to. We held 50 student tickets, we are selling those to Students. Tuesday Morning 7:30 Oct 26th until they are sold out from this room (Sub 235).

VP Diehl – How are you letting the students know about this?

Sen. Stevens – By list-serves through the English Dept., etc.

Sen. Nehmeh – Isn’t this an announcement?

Sen. Stevens – No, because it is about one of our committees.

Sen. Wheeler – Could you repeat the time?

Sen. Stevens – Tuesday Morning Oct 26th 7:30 till 1 or until sold out.

PPT Anderson – Think about whether you would be interested in becoming the President, Vice President, PPT or APT in the future. If you are remaining as a senator, you should just look into it.

**Announcements**

VP Diehl – Would like to make a correction about office hours: The by-laws don’t state whether or not APT, PPT, Vice president or President need to hold any specific office hours.

Sen. Nehmeh – Reading through Exponent – think first of all, the article on page 8 was biased. Article didn’t mention that the initial amount of Alex’s budget was way too small for him to use. Appreciate the criticism, but think this goes beyond that. Blaming ASMSU for spending money badly is a bad way to put it.
Sen. Stevens – Disagrees on both accounts. Exponent is one of the only voices able to call out the Senate. Think that doesn’t happen enough. People are more likely to do what they are supposed to when they know they could be criticized. Didn’t find it biased. That is what the exponent is for.

Sen. Capp – Don’t think this is the appropriate forum to tell the Exponent what to or not to write. Don’t think that it is good to bring up because there is nothing we can do about it.

Sen. Schroeder – Sorry for being late, have an important class that goes late.

Sen. Theil – EWB Fashion show, still selling tickets. Also looking for models and designers for more outfits. Think it would be cool to have an ASMSU outfit.

Pres. Fisher – There will be no Senate meeting Nov. 11th


Pres. Fisher – Sun 7:00 Polly Shore will be putting on a show at the Emerson - $25

Sen. Nehmeh – Jeff Bulmen is here – team building exercises and advice. Think it would be a valuable session if Senators would like to get a group together.

Pres. Fisher – Danny Lindner came to him – think it would be a great opportunity for new and old Senators. Gives opportunity to work out problems and practice working together.

Wed 27th – Free lecture is at 7:00 p.m.

Sen. Schroeder – Marketing club will be having a costume party to raise money at Mixers.

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

**Seconded by:** Sen. West