ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2010

PPT Anderson calls meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call - Absences: Sen. Schroeder – recognized during meeting.

Public Comment

Mark Egginsperger – Part of Campus Entertainment. Would like to inform Senators that there will be a student group meeting next week Tuesday 8:00 for those who would like to be a part of what we do. There will also be free food.

Presentations

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Admin Reports

President Fisher – Where is the podium?

Welcome back!

Had knee surgery this summer.

Email was sent out today – openings within ASMSU – elections coming up – 2 committee heads and a lobbyist are needed. They can earn between 6-12 independent study credits. Need members for Finance Board. Very interesting work and experience of how we spend our money, etc.


Pres. Fisher– Point of interest - no one needs to be recognized during first 15 minutes of meeting. Also need people for procrastinator. Pres. Cruzado’s new governing system went into effect. She took most
committees we’ve had traditionally and reduced them to 5 committees. Slides describing mission and membership of each committee. Would you like me to show it to you next week?

Sen. Stevens – Yes.

Pres. Fisher – University council was the biggest, there is also an academic and financial council. 4 of 5 have students position (just not deans). We will need to fill those seats when they become open. Provost search – 4 finalists. Those were also emailed out. They will be interviewed. The paper made it seem controversial, but having interviewed all 4 of them, we will be looking forward to showing the committee how strong they are.

Fitness center advisor board also needs people on. This is different than our own RSVF board – this one is facility usage and the policies that go with that. Think about that for now. Another one – will email that too. Also this summer – tailgating policy changed. Everyone can walk into tailgating area now. 1 beverage per person – opens 3 hours before game time and closes at half time.

ASMSU is hosting a band during tailgating. Will start that a little later. There is a hospitality tent as well, if anyone needs a place to hang out if they don’t have one to go to. So that they’re not clogging up the tailgate area or walking areas.

Sen. West – Where is the band going to be at?

Pres. Fisher – In the student section, end of the fraternity sections. Across the walkway is the hospitality tent. Plonk is selling beer/wine/beverages and hopefully food soon.

Stadium Renovation: Membership of 11 students from across campus. The ASMSU representative is APT Dawson. When stadium will be renovated as soon as the season is finished this year if enough money is raised. A concourse will be built to make it look like a horse shoe shape. This committee was formed to help give the students a new section. It will be designed differently, more standing room than bleachers – Per code they can fit more students in that way. There is a lot of open ended stuff on that. If you’re interested, talk to APT Dawson or myself.

Homecoming is one month away. One of ASMSU’s biggest week-long events. A few candidates for homecoming are in this room. Lots of events we’ll need your help with – running the BBQ, set up/take down for parade, ASMSU float, parade, end of parade – help clean up. Breanna Bently is the homecoming chair and planning the events.

APT Dawson – How does royalty work with Homecoming?

Pres. Fisher – There was an interview process last year where the committee selected 6 men and 6 women who will be paired up to promote their team, and homecoming events.

APT Dawson – When is Homecoming?

Colleen is office manager – If you haven’t already, you should meet her. Phyllis is legal attorney, and Brandy is financial manager. Talk to front desk people to so they know who you are. Respect office and keep it clean. We got 4 new computers for office. There still might be glitches on the two main computer. Phyllis cleans before she leaves each day. Take care of it yourselves.

As Mark said, we will take a tour to committee head office – they need a renovation. They will be coming to us to help them renovate it. We’ve told committees that they are willing to work in their space, we will

Sen. Smith – How was your day?

Pres. Fisher – It was pretty good, only feeling slightly under the weather. Kindergarden story – whack a mole – for him because the children wouldn’t sit down at their bases and he had to keep going over to each mat and “whacking” them down. They finally all sat down at their home base after 20 minutes.

VP Diehl -

Welcome back.

Today was first meeting with Committee Division Directors, welcoming everyone back slowly. It takes them a bit to get back on their feet. Not a whole lot going on with them. The first Service Saturday is October 2nd. If you or someone you know want to gain volunteer hours, send them their way.

First Exponent edition went out today. Pass out exponent - $2500 in ad sales! They should be able to reach their goal for ad sales.

Streamline will be bussing students to the pep rally/parade – will take freshmen from Grant and 11th, as well as a location on Harrison Street.

New bus attendants – had to start from scratch this year. Eric Brown is having trouble pairing them up – need 2 per bus and they receive $50 per shift which goes from 9 pm to 3 am. – You can get picked up somewhere along the route. Each attendant had had at least 1 go around on the bus. Come talk to me if you are interested.

Sen. Wheeler – What days does this run?

VP Diehl – Thursdays, Friday, and Saturday.

Pres. Fisher – You can also do split shifts.

Sen. Welles – I did it for a year – its easy, just keep everyone seated. Just really late nights.

Sen. Morh – Is singing allowed?

**Bus. Manager Thrasher –**

Budget for the year – will pass it around – can take the black and white copy.


Seconded by Sen. Welles.

**PPT Anderson –**

Welcome back

If you have not introduced yourself to Brynn Thrasher, do it! So she can get to know your faces. Keep cubbies and office clean. It helps them out.

Re-elections are happening. Last spring, one senator was caught off guard and didn’t know he had completed his term. Applications are due September 20th – Voting will occur during week of homecoming. Get applications from the front desk.

Pres. Fisher – There is a unique position for APT and PPT being fall seats. If they don’t get reappointed, we will need new APT and PPT.

PPT Anderson – Be aware of that. If it happens someone will need to step up from this group.

Office hours will be posted by Monday. Feel free to come to me then if you need help with resolution writing. Name tags, come see me if you don’t have one! We’ll get them ordered – same with placards. Website – need picture and Bio for each senator if you do not have one! If you are not on it, get that to me too.

Sen. Wheeler – What is the website?

PPT Anderson – Senate has their own site.

Sen. Nehmeh – Who is in charge of updating the website?

PPT Anderson – Colleen.

Sen. Nehmeh – Saw that budget needed to be public?

PPT Anderson – Yes, we’re working on it. Also liaisons need to meet with their committees. Will get you the contact info soon.

VP Diehl – All committee division office hours will be posted as well as meetings, you should go to those office hours and meetings.
PPT Anderson – These committees don’t always have standard meetings, but just go across the hall and meet with them.

Sen. Forrest – When will they be posted?

VP Diehl – They’ll be at the front desk next Thursday by 3:00.

**APT Dawson -**

Went to a meeting with Finance board – working on building it up – sent out an email to college of business to find people interested – looks good on resume. It is fun.

Last year in budgeting we created a new spot for a videographer for PR – developed actual job description – looking to have him do 2 thirty second commercials – one for indoor events, one for outdoor. Will include things going on around campus, not just skiing in the Bridgers. Under PR through ASMSU. If anyone has ideas, come talk to me.

Plug for going over to campus entertainment area, just take a good look at everything. Time to just get all of senate on same page. It will come up.

The sustainability documentary that ASMSU funded last year will begin playing on Montana Public television soon. Lots of contributors from the Senate. It will be all over PBS.


**Senate Reports**

Sen. West – Sat in on committees in May and over summer – we allocated money to different departments for computers and equipment, come talk to me if you want to know the details.

Sen. Theil – Would like to yield time to Eric Dietrich.

Eric – The Exponent is introducing a lot of new things in this edition – would like feedback. Will be tweaking things over the next few weeks. A lot of feedback from you all went into making this. A few people from audience: Joy news editor – news@exponent.montana.edu Matt Shwagger opinion section of exponent. Will eventually be opinion@exponent.montana.edu. Feedback is welcome

Sen. Nehmeh – Like box at end, but jokes are not good.

Eric – Thanks, it was a last minute addition.

Pres. Fisher – Well done on the ads!

Eric – The ad sales staff did that. Will hopefully do better this year.
Sen. Schroder – It is much more organized.

Sen. Mohr – The coupons are good!

Sen. Smith – Have a few critiques – the margins are off, spacing off, word count is low, cluttered.

Pres. Fisher – The picture of authors of “Mullahs of the West” is frightening.

Eric – We caught him on the way to convocation it was the best we could get.

Sen. Theil – Think Matt is right, some things that could be played around with.

Sen. Stevens – All in all it seemed clumpier and less visually appealing. Maybe it is just different.

Sen. Theil – It’s like reading a large print book.

Eric – The paper is smaller – saves us $50 each edition. Price difference is worth going for.

PPT Anderson – Likes the size reduction.

Sen. Nehmeh – Do you take feedback from students if they want to comment on things?

Eric – Yes, letter to the editor? letters@exponent.montana.edu

Sen. Nehmeh – Thinks they should put that at the end.

APT Dawson – The bottom thing is great! Maybe you could make it flashier – also throw page numbers on there.

Eric – Clair Bishop did that. She did fantastic.

Sen. Capp – Likes that you have the news on front of paper. Appreciate the art from old newspaper, but like this better.

Eric – We’ve has a hard time replacing Nick Howard – one of Matt’s jobs. Ensuring balance

Matt- Want to steer away on commentary unless it applies to campus issues, but less nationally minded articles or events. Don’t want to be a-political, but want less “conservative” and “liberal” articles. Easily identifiable party lines want to be avoided.

Eric – Right, we don’t have party lines in here, so we shouldn’t have them in the paper. It doesn’t add anything new to the dialogue relevant to student body. Civic engagement is more effective.

Sen. Welles – Feels this is a step in the wrong directions – It’s up to you what you put in the paper, but students want to know what others think.

APT Dawson – Maybe it would be better to mix it with testimonial of how issues are affecting locally.

PPT Anderson – You can bring these issues to Eric any time – he would love your continuous feedback.
Eric – Would love to sit down to coffee with you to discuss.

Sen. West – Thank you for all your work, Eric.

Eric – Thank you. What do you see as what the student body wants from its paper?

Sen. Stevens – More people want to see more campus news, not Nick Howard all the time. If I want to hear national politics I can look on any other news source in the world. But don’t know what’s going on on-campus.

Sen. Kruegger – Should have article about what happened at meetings. So people know what’s happening here.

Eric – That is what I used to do. As news section evolved, this got covered up. Detailed stories come out meetings, should have separate articles about that. Students didn’t read it. Jenny will be assigned reporter for ASMSU.

Sen. Theil – Making editorials more important – more engagement between students and faculty in the paper. Editorials – more prominent letters to the editor – guest editorials, too. Think that would be a really interesting thing to see if it increases people reading that.

Eric – Ignorance is the biggest thing our editorial board is going to start working on. Strong news coverage is also what we are going to work on. Want to crack into Montana hall to get stories. SOB barn is an example. Facilities Services and Auxiliary Services dealt with that. Would like to return to that.

Sen. Welles – Would like to see some intellectual articles that are backed up by sources and less opinion.

Eric – Working on that. Something we’re going to stress more.

Sen. Welles – It would be nice to hear someone talk about a department or political issue.

Eric – like Joe and research articles.

PPT Anderson – Griffin and I are liaisons.

Eric – 3rd floor of sub feel free to drop in. Bylaws require liaisons to attend 2 meetings a month. 5 pm on Thursday right before this meeting. If you would like to stop by. Thinks it will just get better as time goes on.

Eric – Would love to be chewed out – or constructively criticized.

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Sen. Schroeder – Student advisory board – looking for 2 people of each year if you want to or know anyone.
PPT Anderson – Yield to Erica.

Erica – Academic advisory board is looking for people to tell their stories about what is helpful – give perspective.

Sen. Smith – Meeting with office of comm. Involvement to discuss Campus Corp program. Subsidizes students for volunteering and gives them a stipend. Greenhouse bus project for bio-fuel is an example. These positions are great opportunities for students. Talked them about how to better help students. Defray cost of no-profits to create these opportunities for students. Proposing to create a fund to defray non-profit expenses. Test program, would like senators involved. Lecture series next week about anarchism

Announcements

Pres. Fisher – This summer, Sen. Welles got married.

APT Dawson – For those of you unaware, this summer, Pres. Fisher got engaged!

Sen. Schroeder – Marketing club is trying to get Cat/Griz t-shirts back this year.

Sen. West – Congratulations to Pres. Fisher on his speech at convocation this year.

APT Dawson – Keep in mind we will be taking a trip to Committee Head Office.

Move to Adjourn made by: Sen. Smith

Seconded by: Sen. Schuler