PPT Anderson calls meeting to order at 6:05

Roll Call - Absences: APT Dawson

Public Comment

none

Presentations

Eric Fisher

Anyone not here last week?

Presenting on the 5 New Committees – 5 councils President Cruzado has implemented.

Seats for students on 4 of them.

- University Council
  - The biggest committee. Its mission is to ensure the institutional policies and procedures support the university’s strategic plan and land grant mission.
  - Areas of responsibility: reciprocal communication with representatives from the constituent groups on the council regarding programs. Just for the Bozeman campus. Not university wide.
  - To study, advise and recommend to the president and through the president to the board of regents on matters of policy and procedure that have campus impact. President Cruzado will generally go with the council’s vote.
    - Membership from all 4 campuses.

Sen. Welles – So there is someone from every campus, why is it only campus wide?

Pres. Fisher – There are seats for the other campuses but we thought it was too much power to have our campus make decisions for other campuses. Our policies will impact them.

Sen. Smith – Do you have contact info for the other campus representatives?

Pres. Fisher – Yes. I will be in touch with them.

- Dean’s Council
  - Focus on academic issues.
  - Clearinghouse for the Board of Regents
  - Collaborate with faculty senate.
    - Engage with other council (planning, research, budget, and university)
    - Membership: provost, Deans of every college, faculty senate Representatives.
Sen. Welles – They will collaborate with the Faculty Senate but not the Student Senate?

Pres. Fisher – Good question, will that find out.

Sen. Smith – Do we have a seat at the Faculty Senate or a Representative that attends those meetings? Would it be useful to have one?

Pres. Fisher – No, but it is open and it could be valuable for us to have one there.

Sen. Schroeder – Do we have a Dean of students?

Pres. Fisher – We haven’t had one for 4 years, the budget is bi-annual so when they took the position out, we had to wait two years to open it up again. If they wanted to open it up sooner they would have had to get rid of the two other positions for that one job. Thought it would be better to have the two people who had experience in that area than one new person. In future it will be filled.

- Research Council
  - Enhance research
  - Recommend approaches for enhancing research infrastructure
  - Recommend approaches for enhancing interdisciplinary research
  - Includes arts as well as sciences.
  - Enhances and expands graduate programs.
    - Only about 10% of MSU students are graduate students.
    - Would provide more research dollars if we expand this.
    - Looking for provosts with similar goals

- Membership:
  - VP Research
  - One Dean
  - One Dept Head
  - Seven Faculty
  - Two center directors
  - Provost
  - VP student success
  - Vice Provost Grad Ed
  - One Professional Staff

Sen. Welles – What is the process for choosing these people?

Pres. Fisher – Each person is nominated by their college and President Cruzado decides.

- Planning Council
  - Responsible for promoting and alignment between the institution’s strategic plan and research development
Replacing UP-BAC and AD-HOC

- Responsible for maintaining 5 year horizon on the plan
  - Membership includes: VP for planning, Chair
    - Community member
    - ASMSU representative

Pres. Fisher – Do you know what the strategic 5 year plan? It’s a long term plan the university rewrites – fluid. Keeps long term goals in mind while working on short term ones.

Sen. Welles- Do we have a new one or is it still Gamble’s plan?

Pres. Fisher – It is being revised.

Sen. Welles – When do they meet?

Pres. Fisher- Don’t know yet, but will find that out.

- **Budget council**
  - Create communicate and implement logical and easily understood fiscal process that the lead to fair budgetary guidance or resource allocations that directly support university strategic plan.
  - Increase accountability, maintain alignment between budget and plan.
  - Membership – Graduate student, community member, VP for admin and finance, chair, provost, VP for student success.

Sen. Smith – Why is this the only committee with a grad student?

Pres. Fisher – Don’t know exactly.

Sen. Theil – When UP-BAC was in place they didn’t do a very good job advertizing when their meetings were. Is there any way to change that for this group?

Pres. Fisher – Can find out. The meetings will be open meetings. I anticipate that they will be better advertized and better known about. President Cruzado is good about keeping things transparent.

Sen. Nehmeh – Are the people that serve on these councils being paid?

Pres. Fisher – No, they are volunteers, or assigned. It is required of some to be on so many committees. Any questions on the structure of these committees?

Sen. Smith – New Senators, do you know what the role of the Dean of Students is?

Sen. Capp – Isn’t it to advocate for student success?

Sen. Schroeder – They deal with disciplinary issues.
Erika Swanson – Assistant Dean of Students – role is to advocate for students to play a role in the issues revolving around students.

Sen. Smith – Everyone is an advocate for the students, but this person is directly responsible for doing that. How long have you been here on campus? The position has been open. We have excellent staff, but filling that position with an administrator is important. Chemistry building, student called out the provost and changed the way things were working. If we are unaware of these issues, we’re unaware of what the dean of students does. We shouldn’t be hassling Welles for asking questions.

Sen. Mohr – Erika, could you explain their role again?

Erika Swanson – My background is working with the students’ office and moved my way up. It was conduct and advocating for student issues when we had someone in this role last. It is disciplinary and going to meetings with other staff.

Pres. Fisher – Met with Alan Garnell and made sure that it was a forefront priority to administer this position soon. We will be getting a Dean of Students on board.

PPT Anderson – Miscommunication with Erika Swanson about her presentation.

Unfinished Business

none

New Business

none

Admin Reports

President Fisher –

Passing around a list for seats and AD-HOC Committees. Similar to UP-BAC committees that doesn’t exist anymore. This sheet is updated as of today. Not the ones for previously mentioned committees, but President Cruzado is interested in knowing who would be interested. Just raise hands.


Seconded by Sen. Welles.

Pres. Fisher – Will pass around AD-HOC list; you can sign up for more than one. Two committees that need people on them are the library and EFAC- they need one more.
Other events: Saturday we have a tailgate – we need to make the ASMSU tailgate more visible. Need people to take shifts from 9 to 2:30ish.

Upcoming homecoming parade – if you are interested in being on the float or working on it, sign up. Saturday the 9th.

Beginning of the year, people don’t know what ASMSU is, so here is the “elevator speech” memorize this. We will also be revisiting our mission statement, hand it out and let you read it, next meeting we will revise it.

Met with Mike Cavanist – head of Outdoor Rec. Late last spring, commission for Higher Education outlawed 15 passenger vans. They have eliminated those. ASMSU still has 2, and we are trying to get rid of them. ASMSU would have to come up with $60,000 for Shuttle busses to replace them. (It is 14 passenger) Outdoor Recreation will buy one. Mike has done a great job this summer to network or help out with this. $21,000 is final price between donations. Just to let you know what’s coming up in Supplemental requests.

Sen. Stevens – So the other vans will be sold?

Pres. Fisher – Yes, one of them is a ’98 and will only get $1000 and other is an ’06 and should get about $10,000, so about $11,000 total. The van is for different trips he puts on throughout the year.

**VP Diehl – from Pres. Fisher**

Office renovation: committee heads have started a 5 person board that will start looking at costs and ideas of what they want to do. Don’t have the 5 names, but will pass them on if find out. Thanks to senators who went to provost luncheon. There will be 2 more next week.

Sen. Smith – Martha Potman, the Dean of Letters and Sciences for University of North Dakota was here Tuesday. She has been responsible for writing to receive external funding and has brought in just under a hundred million research dollars. Comes from a science-y background and pushes for the integration of humanities with science. She wants to integrate more women into the sciences and work on sustainability initiatives. She was a very impressive candidate. Thinks that given her fundraising background, she’s a good candidate.

Sen. Steffens – How many candidates are there?

Pres. Fisher – Four. The decisions will be made by the end of the month. Provost will be in office by January.

Bus. Man. Thrasher – Her academic background is great and amazing. She even looks like President Cruzado.
Sen. Smith – She’s been at the head of the national dean’s council. She’s increased external funding from $20,000 to just under $100 million.

Pres. Fisher – MSU had 73 candidates at the beginning. All resumes and cover letters are available online for the 4 candidates.

Sen. Thiel – Went to see the other candidate, who is a Dean at LSU. Thinks with President Cruzado, he didn’t present the same openness. Didn’t feel he fit well with President Cruzado.

Sen. Smith – He brought up different organizations on campus – incorporated a lot of student input, he felt that was a role for the students.

Sen. Theil – He didn’t feel that students should be active in initiatives on campus.

Sen. Nehmeh – He seemed aware of freshmen retention issues, but didn’t offer any solutions – he was just getting a feel for what our issues were here.

Pres. Fisher – There will be 2 lunches next week Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Amanda is in charge of those, so let her know if you want to go. There are 6 openings for students. Let’s try to get everyone there!

Applications are due Monday if you need to run for reelection. Election meeting will be Monday at 6:00pm and is mandatory for anyone running. There’s been lots of interest in the 2 positions for lobbyist – applications due Monday, as well.

There will be blood drives Oct 9th and Cat/Griz game week.

Sen. Nehmeh – What is the Senate’s role in elections?

Pres. Fisher – Get people to vote, answer their questions.

PPT Anderson – We will be having an information booth for questions the week of elections.

**Business Manager Thrasher -**

Applications for finance board due Monday. We will start having those meetings quarterly to make sure committees aren’t going over budget.

Sen. Nehmeh – Was looking at budget report – doesn’t really know how to read that. Do you have office hours so I or other senators can come by?

Bus. Man. Thrasher – I have office hours posted, but I will be learning with you. Brandy can help too. See me after if you have any questions.
PPT Anderson –

Senate applications are due Monday! Who is up for reelection? Little table tents have been up in the SUB listing positions available. It’s going to be a tight race, make sure applications are in on Monday.

Sen. Nehmeh – Do you know how many applications are in?

PPT Anderson – Doesn’t know but word or mouth about this election is more prevalent. We will set up the booth right outside eating area in the SUB so people could vote there and ask questions while they are there.

Cat Trackers – pass them around. They are yours to take

Pres. Fisher- These cat trackers are not allowed to be taken back at the bookstore. It’s been tried in the past.

PPT Anderson – Passing out voter registration cards – make sure you are registered to vote. Spread the word.

By-laws, Sen. Stevens has been working on them. When Dawson gets back we will talk about it.

Homecoming volunteers – Will get a hold of those who signed up.

Sheets for contact info available in the office. If you have been emailing me it isn’t working, so here’s personal email: haley.anderson2@myportal.montana.edu

ASMSU committee sheet, passed around. If you are not on here twice, that is something that needs to be rectified.

Sen. Stevens – Where is APT Dawson?

PPT Anderson – Whitefish, I think?

Senate Reports

Sen. West- Lively arts and lectures chair is putting on two events, magic show and mental health fair. Advocate for both.

Sen. Stevens – Leadership institute is bringing a big lecture here. Tickets go on sale next Thursday. Do have a limited number for ASMSU since we are the primary sponsor of the event. One seat is available to be given to a Senator, and one seat to admin. Let me know if you want that seat: gbs789@gmail.com. By next Thursday or we will open it up to other staff. November 1st.

Sen. Nehmeh – Also Leadership Institute sponsored and November 1st – a politics lunch. Come if there is anyone you would like to advocate for.

Pres. Fisher – This time is for Senate reports, not announcements.

Sen. Rogala – CSAC meeting last Friday, vending contract is coming up this spring, pushing for getting a match base donation for recycling. Something we will keep an eye on. CSAC will be making a presentation to us soon about a ACUPCC about climate issues. There’s two things 1.) heat power, transportation – looking at how to make them carbon neutral. 2.) want student initiative. Think senate should have a big role.

Sen. Smith – Direct response – NECO and Gretchen hooker and I met with the guy who runs Pepsi. Find ways to make it pay for itself. He wrote $1500 into the contract for sustainability. We might not see that money. Talked him into matching another $1500 and will be looking for some additional funding for sustainability. Have been doing grant writing.

Sen. Wheeler – Last Saturday, filled in on Streamline bus, it was interesting. Thought it was a small steering wheel for a bus. It was on the upstream route. It was interesting.

Sen. Welles – Have they found enough people?

Sen. Wheeler – I don’t know.

Pres. Fisher – They have enough, but need more since they can’t work every weekend.

Sen. Welles – Gave them a month notice, but haven’t really done enough advertizing to promote it. It is bothering me that we can’t get people to work for 5 hours for $50. Maybe we can get on them - Eric Brown.

Sen. Fisher – They’re working on it now.

PPT Anderson – Need to be acknowledged by people holding the floor...

Sen. Nehmeh – What are the reasons from keeping people from getting this job?

Sen. Wheeler – Mostly a lack of promotion, I didn’t know about it. It wasn’t that bad. Don’t think there’s enough advertizing for it.

Sen. Schroeder – At Catapolooza a ton of people got applications for it. Maybe they don’t want to give up weekend nights.

Sen. West – Heard there were tons of applications.

Sen. Stevens – Maybe it was the quality of the applicants.

Sen. Welles – If it was quality, why did they stop the application process? Seems like someone is dropping the ball.
Pres. Fisher – Will check status of this and email you guys.

Sen. Stevens – Exponent meeting – noticed that some advertisements for ASMSU were not properly edited. Typos, etc. could we just make sure those are proofread?

Sen. Theil – Not so sure of message we were sending with senate applications advertizing. Maybe a slightly different message would be better. It gives the Senate a bad image.

Sen. Smith – On an advertisement on a pillar, saw that it said “apart” as one word when it was supposed to be two.

**Announcements**

Sen. Schroeder – Does anyone, say PR, overlook these advertisements, it would be a good use of their time.

Pres. Fisher – Yes, PR does. Do we have a PR liaison?

Sen. Schroeder – Yes, me!

Sen. Smith – Missed Sen. Capp in meeting – A to Z lecture. HD 65 will be lecturing on constitutional individualism. 3:10. Outside procrastinator

Sen. Stevens – what happened to B?

Sen. Rogala – Thought it was lacking :P


Sen. Theil – Sen. Smith wrote a wonderful explication for my photo.

Pres. Fisher – Would like to announce Sen. Capp, APT Dawson and PPT Anderson are also candidates for Homecoming Royalty.

**Move to Adjourn made by Sen. Schroeder at 7:20 p.m.**

**Seconded by: Sen. Capp**