ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2010

PPT Anderson calls meeting to order at 6:03

Roll Call - Absences: Sen. Schuler, Sen. Spoklie

Review Previous Meeting’s minutes:

Sen. Smith – vote to expose GID numbers, show favor to have it or not. If people ask or not, it was informal.

Sen. Welles – Phyllis, GIDs are already public, shows that you did vote. She just clarified that.

PPT Anderson – Champ Change is now under Unfinished Business.

Move to approve made by Sen. Smith

Seconded by Sen. Wheeler

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Public Comment

none

Presentations

Steve Erickson – MSU Recreational Sports and Fitness Facility

Would like to go over MSU Recreation’s activities and programs.

Right now there are informal classes, but we have a brand new program of instructional classes. Nothing is really taught in the gym anymore, but we are coming back with a few activity pieces that people can participate in. Through the Extended University we are working to bring back a 1 credit HHD class, which we hoping to start in the spring. The courses are starting small with some group fitness classes. Currently, we have a large group fitness program with 66 classes. Waiting to signing course numbers to the new classes so that we can announce soon that there is a course for credit available, like a PE credit. It is a good revenue program for us. Through extended university it has to go through the payment of class credit.
MSU Recreation cardio pieces and equipment - $5 per student that goes toward cardio programs. Purchased 23 new machines this year, with extended warranties. We are starting to rotate old pieces out of inventory.

Have expanded after a bit of discussion and feedback from students – Gym will now open until 11:00 pm Monday through Friday. We’ve been so restricted since the opening of the new gym, but now we can add more hours. Pool hours will also extend.

Introduce Clay Schroeder - Re-Rev/Sustainability Presentation

The gym is interested in using human energy produced to make usable energy and working to make renewable energy from cardio equipment.

Renewable energy source – want to use the 76 cardio machines in the gym. RE-Rev Technology will link these machines to energy production. Have been working with the sustainability center and also working to pursue grants to aid in the funding of the project. Other universities have tried this – started at U of Florida.

This technology will save money and produce energy. Raise awareness of environmental responsibility. Enhance the perception of MSU as a leading university in the state for sustainability. Installing this technology will make MSU the largest human power plant in the Mountain West.

Installation is simple – 1 box and some wires. You wouldn’t even notice it. May need to add a second inverter later as it becomes more popular. Converts human energy into a usable form of renewable energy that is connected to the university power source. Calories to Kilowatts.

Cost:

- $16,000 for installation
- $16,000 to purchase 2 Woodway Ecomill treadmills.

Propose matching fund sources with ASMSU; Each would pay $16,000.

Look forward to putting out challenges between MSU and U of M to see who can create the most power.

Questions

Sen. Welles – Is it possible to retrofit the ellipticals?

Clay – Yes, we will be starting by installing 10 elliptical and 2 treadmills to the converter.

Steve – The treadmills would be electricity free, normally a treadmill takes a ton of electricity. Precor EFX and the Woodway treadmill are the only ones that can be plugged into this system. Need them all to be in the same location. 12 machines will be connected to start with.
Sen. Welles – do the Woodway machines produce more usable energy?

Clay – The average workout produces 50 watts. They are generally in use 10 hours a day.

Sen. Welles – Is that for the elliptical and the treadmills?

Clay – Yes it captures the heat. Even walking will produce the energy.

Sen. Welles – Is there an increased difficulty because of the system on the electricity free treadmill?

Clay – No, as you step forward it moves down, it is very comfortable and lasts a long time – 2 years more than the average treadmill – forefront of renewable treadmill. I ran on it just fine

Sen. Wells – Didn’t know if it would increase the resistance.

Clay – There is a break process to slow yourself down; there is no speed up, but it will keep up with you.

Sen. Kruegger – Do the Woodway treadmills connect to the converter box?

Clay – Yes.

Sen. Thiel – How expandable is it to add more ellipticals?

Steve – Very easy if they are in the same spot, we’re doing 12 and they say they could add plenty more. However, we want ours spread out. So we’re thinking of adding 2 converters. They’re 2 times as expensive as the normal treadmill, but they last longer and you save the cost of electricity.

Sen. Wheeler – What is the life expectancy of the treadmill? Will you be able to maintain them?

Steve – Currently the treadmills we use are life fitness, we’ve only had one maintenance event on them. Most of this equipment is turned over and resold. The eco friendly treadmill will last us 5 years before we turn it over.

Clay – You’re paying for your quality and they are brand new.

Sen. Rogala – It mentions that it is about 1300 per year. Do you know what it currently costs?

Clay - $0.07 per hour.

Sen. Rogala – Would provide a perspective for us.

Steve – This program will not pay for itself. But you can help people by working out on these machines. Opportunities for people in classes to look at how this is set up.

Sen. Nehmeh – Is the energy going to be stored electrically?

Steve – No, it goes directly into the grid to power the gym.
Sen. Nehmeh – Since this is mainly going to be paid for by students, is there any way they could get involved in the installation?

Steve – Student labor, maybe, but not very many. They may welcome the help though.

Clay – They can observe.

Shane McFarland and Mark Eggensperger - Reduce the Odds Sponsorship

Shane works for gym – wants to bring a speaker to campus – Reduce the Odds

Looking for $1000 more to pay for this event.

Guy who has experience as a police officer – presentation on safety and prevention of rape. Came to CE to see if we would help out.

We just had an assault on campus.

Sen. Stevens – this $1000 goes to the speaker’s honorarium?

Mark – Yes, it is held in the field house.

Sen. Nehmeh – We would like more information, you’re asking us for $1000.

Mark – Said what he knows

Sen. Stevens – Do you have any idea what the total cost is?

Mark – No.

Sen. Welles – When do we need to vote on this?

Mark – Middle of October is when the event is going to be held.

Sen. Smith – Has there been advertisement for the event already?

Mark – Yes, he has put posters up to adveritize it.

Sen. Stevens – So what does this get us? We can’t even put “ASMSU” on the posters...

Mark – You could have the closing say or a banner to promote the event.

Sen. Nehmeh – Is it free for students?

Mark – Yes.

Sen. Schroeder – Has the voice center been informed or campus police? Seems like things they would like to know and support.
Mark – Don’t know. Would suggest that Senators postpone it and, hopefully, Shane can be here next week.

**Unfinished Business**

Champ Change

PPT Anderson – Think there was some confusion of what was said in the minutes and what Colleen said about GiDs being accessible anyway. Phyllis talked to another attorney as well and it is not an issue.


Seconded by Sen. Capp.

Sen. Smith – How many absences is Sen. Dawson planning on taking?

PPT Anderson – Can’t answer that.

**New Business**

Supplemental Request for Reduce the Odds - $1000 sponsorship

Sen. Smith – move to postpone

Seconded by Sen. Schroeder

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**Admin Reports**


Sen. Nehmeh – Homecoming is next week, so if we don’t decide on the Supplemental Request for Spirit Chair now they won’t have a budget?

PPT Anderson – They do have one.

VP Diehl – Some money they thought was going to be donated is not coming through. But they have 1,800 to work with.
VP Diehl –

Announcements for Pres. Fisher –

The Provost search has concluded. Tuesday was the last meeting. All student input has been given to the President. Thank you for your input and for going to those luncheons. Decision may be days or weeks from now. President Cruzado will look and think about everything.

Football stadium update – public forum on Mon Oct 4th in the procrastinator if you would like to attend and give your input.

Make sure you’re keeping up with ad-hoc committees. Please go to meetings.

Involvement in as many homecoming activities as you can. Homecoming royalty is doing what they can. Sign-up sheet in the office for voting awareness – sign up!

For VP Diehl –

PR department is going to take on MSU Friday extravaganza Oct 22. Set up in the ballrooms and students can see what groups and events there are. Maze. PR dept will set up a table that morning.

Homecoming – city of Bozeman is getting strict about when they let people shut down the street. Clean up trash as soon as possible afterwards. Want to keep it looking really nice. Help if you can. Pre-vet club will be there.

Service Saturday this weekend – email about needing volunteers: need team leaders and van drivers. You can get certified at the beginning of the morning if you want. Need 1 more team leader. Email outreach director.

Liaisons – really important that you be in contact with your committee heads. We are a team and in admin meetings, Mark said his committee heads have been taking on more than they can handle – that is the purpose of liaisons to help them out. Committee meetings are only 1 hour a week. Get involved as much as possible. Thank you for those who have been liaison-ing.

Brynn is not here, Brandy was going to come to help with the budget, so next week Brynn will be presenting – let you know how much money we have. Apologize for their absence and own absence in previous meeting.

PPT Anderson –

Went to D and D meeting where they discussed champ change from the academic side.

Sen. Steffens – what is “D and D”?
PPT Anderson - Deans and Directors - retention, importance of it and how fast MSU is growing. Future plans for renovation and buildings. That will be discussed by administration. President Cruzado will be picking her provost.

Elections – think it is important we have people manning that booth to give people awareness and information.

Sen. Nehmeh – Do you have the sign-up sheets?

PPT Anderson – They are in the office – taped to the table.

APT Dawson –

Supplemental request that didn’t’ get presented today – old information from survey monkey – Brandy said we needed to renew subscription to survey monkey - $19.95/month and have to purchase a year. Maybe we should not waste the money.

Final application for Finance Board – brief type up of what is voted on so you can get that ahead of time with the agenda. Make that process a bit quicker.

Senate Reports

Sen. Rogala – Streamline meeting this week, 1.) Streamline will be running bus service for day of homecoming parade – will come up and back 3 times. Encourage friends to go. 2.) Streamline will be in the parade. Concrete reform will be decorating it. Unconventional bit of business – CE office looking for renovation – had meeting today to create a board. Want senate to be involved in it. Want to assign liaisons to that. Sen. Welles, Sen. Theil, and myself are interested. Does anyone else want to be involved?

Sen. Welles – think as many people as possible should be involved. Some type of legitimacy on the board. Would appreciate it if the senate would recognize it somehow. At least know that something si going on. Nice to know that everyone is backing on this.

Sen. Rogala – They meet at 5:00 pm.

VP Diehl – It is important, if you would like to be a part of this, please be committed to it, it will keep the continuity there. Thank you for those who have shown interest in this.

PPT Anderson – Don’t need a formal vote, but If you are going to volunteer, I will consider you a liaison – thinks that senate supports this.

Sen. Capp – Would like to point out that senators are involved. We are the ones who approve or do not approve the money. Would like there to be less of the “if you want to be involved…”
Sen. Smith – Agrees, Senate has had this presented this in the past. The email sounded like it was circumventing the Senate by saying they would be doing this regardless of what we say.

Sen. Welles – It comes down to what level of involvement – those who want to be involved in meetings or we can just report back to senate for the others. Communicating with people in that office would be best.

Sen. Smith – Griffin and I met with Phyllis – about how we can better transition new senators into leadership roles. Phyllis has been here 28 years, recognizes that something would be affected if she wasn’t here. She’s had a role with many different areas. Knowledge transfer, want to be effective as senators. Have a few ideas. Susan Fraiters – lining up a tour of MT hall to see what everyone there does. Want to open up the bridge with MT hall again.

Sen. Wheeler – are you basically trying to consolidate all of Phyllis’s knowledge into a Phyllis database?

Sen. Stevens – think we’ve relied on people like Phyllis to transfer knowledge, but the informal system isn’t going to work all the time. It might be working now, but maybe not in the future.

Sen. Smith – Governors staff to come talk to us so students know what they do. Board of Regents staff – we have an issue with institutional knowledge.

Sen. Stevens – There is a disconnect between staff/academic and ASMSU as a whole – want to open up lines of communication. Want to change that.

Sen. Wheeler – Are you planning to make a committee?

Sen. Smith – We’re the liaisons.

Sen. Stevens – If you would like to help, you can. Senate has become an approving agency instead of a policy making agency – thinks that what we should be doing.

**Announcements**

Sen. Rogala – Last year we passed the “Green purchasing policy” – now we have a guidebook in the lounge area of the office, but if you are working with committees, it will help.

Sen. Schroeder – Wants to encourage Senators to embrace word of mouth. Even if you’re not really interested in the event, talk about it with other people who might be.

Sen. Smith – Speaking of word of mouth, some group that posted some anti-neoclassical manifesto around. Have nothing to do with it. Reads manifesto. Kickittooer.org

Sen. Wheeler – Is this an organized assembly within our midst? Do you have any aliases that were involved?
Sen. Smith – Yes.

Sen. Schroeder – Move to recognize Sen. Dawson

Seconded by Sen. Steffens.

Move to Adjourn made by: Sen. Nehmeh

Seconded by: Sen. Schroeder