ASMSU Senate Meeting Minutes – April 12th, 2012

SUB 235

Call Meeting to Order at 6:05 pm

Roll Call

Review Previous Minutes

Motion to approve April 5th meeting minutes by Senator French seconded. Minutes stand approved.

Public Comment

RHA: Standing in support of the new parking garage.

School of Art: The Associate Dean is here in support of the Exit gallery renovation. An assistant professor is also here in support of the renovation process to the gallery space and supports the amount of usage by art students.

Presentations

1. Mark Frisby-MSU Bookstore: Textbook Rentals and Banner Access Request: Mark has been apart of the university for 22 years. There are several other members of the board here to represent this issue. The MSU bookstore is not owned by MSU and over the past several years has been trying to offer the service of renting textbooks out to students. In order to do this the bookstore must have banner access from the students. This service is not available now because this service is separate from the university and the university is hesitant to support this due to fear of breach of privacy. They hope that ASMSU will draw up a resolution and help them pursue this avenue.

Bernard: How would the bookstore be held responsible for any case of identity theft? The bookstore would carry sole responsibility for any indiscretions.

Steffens: How dramatic would the lowering of the cost be? Can save up to 40% off the original textbook price.

Floerchinger: What is the advantage of renting v. buying? The cost is the biggest advantage of renting textbooks.

Lake: What are you looking for in the passing of this resolution? How will you accommodate for changes in volumes? The program will start small and hopefully grow over time. They plan to focus on the textbooks that have an established history.

Jackson: Why do you need banner access? The banner access is necessary to ensure that the student is a currently enrolled student at the university. It will also pre-fill the contract up to about 80%. He would like to see that a student is enrolled, there would only be two to three staff members allowed this access.
Thuringer: Wonders if a student could simply print out their schedule to prove that they are enrolled currently at the university? This is the way that they run their system now and this does not allow for enough access and does not pre-fill the contract.

Steffens: When are you planning on bringing this to senate? The resolution could potentially come through senate next week.

2. Tom Stump, Auxiliary Services: Potential Parking Garage: Through the university facilities planning board the college of business site by Wilson was favored as the top choice. This area has been the chosen spot for the new parking garage. This could lessen the concerns of safety for female students having to walk across campus. The location for the college of business building will be fairly close to Wilson Hall. The parking demand relative to the parking that is currently available is not equal in this vicinity. The neighbors of this area asked for a parking area for students due to the amount of students parking in front of their residences. The business building could potentially relieve this current problem. The current parking would be able to hold around 250 vehicles, which is slightly less than currently is available now. Several students were questioned as to how much of an increase they would be willing to pay in order to park in the parking garage. It was discovered that students were willing to pay around $50 more to park in the parking garage. This lot would possibly be known a super E lot. They cannot accept state funding for the parking garage.

Lake: Are there other alternatives for funding? This project will not be solely supported by student funds, it will be staff funding as well. They are pursuing all options including extending the bond.

French: The fee increase over the span of four years, would it continue after the project is completed? This process could take an extensive amount of time and they would not remove the fee until the loans were completely paid off.

McKay: Will this eliminate the new college of business construction fund? This is a question of what displaced what. This is ultimately would provide more parking for the residents and would not be focused on parking for the business students but rather for the women residents of Hannon and Hapner Halls.

Jackson: Will this affect the flow of traffic? This is not expected to affect the flow of traffic on 8th street it is simply to increase the safety for the residents closest to this parking garage.

Mains: The parking garages are a place for a lot of sexual assaults, how do you plan to combat that? There will be security cameras installed in the garage and please don’t forget that our campus is a safe place.

3. Matt Caires: Office of Student Activities Changes: The senate had raised some questions in February in regards to the retiring of the student activities director. There is no new money for the advancement of the student activities but there are some new changes that are under way. The student activities program equates to around half a person and Cheryl makes up about 75% of that. There have been major changes to several of the clubs, diversity programs, and there activities. He hopes to increase the number of employees from 4 to 6 in the coming months.
Duker: There is talk that this increase will take place in the coming semester is that true? Yes, along with strengthening this office we are also trying to strengthen the salaries of the employees of this department.

Duker: Why is this issue just now coming to senate, versus informing senate prior to the actual job changes? The channels that were appropriate were informed of the current changes first and the senate was just a little further on the list, which is why they are just learning about this now.

Townshend: Why are we choosing this model versus the model of this department that was used in the past? Matt hopes to build a team for this department rather than placing the burden on solely one person.

Haskell: How do you plan on obtaining your funding for this project? Matt responds that he believes that the funding will come out of the student fee.

4. Eric Dietrich, Exponent Budget and Fee Proposal: This is an update in the restructuring process of the financial aspect of the exponent. The biggest aspect has been the publication board and it held its second meeting last week and he believes that it will be a sustainable board for the future. They are looking at about $2.50 per student per semester for student fees. They are hoping to develop an in house policy based off the ASMSU bylaws. The proposal for the board of regents is due this Friday so there is not a lot of room for them to really mull this over.

Townshend: I think that we have seen significant progress on this and he believes that the senate is now in a position to move forward with this.

Feder: Why are you taking out the editorial board? This has been in the bylaws for sometime and there need’s to be an update to the bylaws because this board has not been utilized in the past.

Abeh: Is there any form of censorship required of the paper? This part of the bylaws is a snapshot of the whole picture. There is a segment of the bylaws that outlines certain content that can be viewed as inappropriate.

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business

New Business

Supplemental Request: Arts and Exhibits, $48,000: Finance board when and took a look around the gallery last night and there was a breakdown for the pricing given last night as well. There is a hold up due to university policy on whether or not an outside contractor can be used. Steffens moves to approve seconded. Stacy spoke with Butch this morning and the understanding is that if the cost of the project is over $25,000 than the facilities department can choose from three people to complete the project. This process of narrowing down this individual can take up to a month.

Lake: So we can have an outside contractor? Yes but we have to take another year and this process will become very time consuming.

Steffens: He would love to see this be approved under Stacy’s watch because she is the one who has done all the research.
Haskell: Butch has offered to put in $5,000 for this project. This number is high but they are hoping that it will drop.

Lake: She doesn’t feel that this project should be passed simply because it is attached to a person.

Thuringer: The current space for the gallery is pathetic and she feels that we should do this now.

McKay: Brandi mentioned that we have this money and we cannot forecast for the future. She notes that it is a strong possibility that we may not have the money in the future.

Bernard: Will the price of labor be higher in the future? The contract prices may be going up in the future.

Haskell: Recognizes Stacy.

Stacy: We have the momentum for this project now and we should do it now. She is willing to see this through; she cannot guarantee that the person filling her space may not carry her same passion for this renovation project.

Haskell: Notes that he is on the fence for this project. This is a large amount of money coming out of the reserve fund. He would like to seek other alternatives.

Abel: We cannot have a sense of urgency because of Stacy, however we should have a sense of urgency for the students.

Bernard: He has a problem with throwing out bids. What are usually the differences in bids that come through on projects such as this? For a project this size, is it worth to save a couple $1,000 in the end.

French: He would like to see this project be thoroughly considered versus the impulsive logic that has been expressed so far tonight.

Lawson: How long will this service the students on campus? The price compared to the amount of usage and the benefit is incomparable.

Stacy: She notes that there are approximately 60 visitors that visit the gallery everyday and the gallery serves around 9,000 people per year. The $50,000 is not that much in the big picture.

Thuringer: She feels that we can draw in more students with a nicer gallery. This is essential to current and future students.

Murdock: She notes that this project is a good investment for ASMSU and she would like to attract more art students. She would like to see us recognize all the students across campus.

Steffens: He would like to see more recognition for the arts and this is beneficial for all the students on campus. There is a need for this project now.

Lake: Feels that if this is something that students are in support of they will be in support of this project down the road.
Floerchinger calls previous question seconded. Vote: 14/1/0 Haskell opposed. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the renovation to the exit gallery. Vote: 13/4/0 Lawson, French, Lake, and Haskell opposed. Motion carries.

Lake: Recognizes Senator Karimian seconded.

**Supplemental Request, MAS Student Lobbyist, $2,500:** MSU and UM are able to fund their own lobbyist. This program allows for the smaller MSU campuses to participate in sending a MAS lobbyist to Helena, which will be highly beneficial for the university system. This gives students on the campus a voice and representing the voice of the students.

Approving the supplemental for the MAS lobbyist. Vote: 16/0/0 Motion carries.

**Exponent Bylaws Bill:**

Townshend: He is bringing this to senate as a draft even though it is in a bill format because he wants to highlight the progress that has been made on these bylaws.

Lake: Encourages senators to ask questions tonight so that the senate does not get held up in the long run. Recognizes Eric.

Eric: If you would like to read it please come see him.

**New President and Vice President swear in:** Kiah Abbey and Lindsey Murdock are now sworn in as the President and Vice President.

New Hire Approvals: Program Director Hires. There are no objections to the new hires.

Francisco: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Vadheim: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Nusbaum: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Hunter: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Frazee: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Wells: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Boughn: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Burry: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Vann: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Ballard: 16/0/0 motion carries.

Bower: 16/0/0 motion carries.

**Education Senate Seat Appointment:**
Motion to change the first question to expand on leadership experience and question number two to initiatives and programs by Lawson seconded.

Alfred Horn: Was previously an elementary education major and now is a technology education major. Been in the military for 22 years and is excited about being here. His prior leadership experience is solely military based and has been a commander of many troops. He does not participate in any of the ASMSU activities other than the football games. He is here to give the education majors a voice and increase their budget. He wants to move the education college up on the list of priorities and increase their budget. His experience with budgeting is balancing his checkbook. He will make time for this position by dedicating himself to this job. He recognizes that there is a high burden of responsibility on senate and he would like to be apart of that.

Timothy Boo: Moved here 3 years ago from Chicago and he was a competitive swimmer prior to this. He was at first hesitant to come before senate because he has only been in the college for 3 semesters. He feels that he should be considered because of his interest in modern education. His prior leadership skills include being a captain on his swim team, and he was a senior patrol leader for his Boy Scout troop. He is interested in any initiative involving education. He believes that becoming a senator would get him out into the field of education and his goals include becoming better informed on the university. He is comfortable allocating funds and understands the budgeting process to a certain extent. Currently he is not involved in outside activities but has a considerable course loads but he knows that he will be able to make time.

Karimian: Both seem uninformed about ASMSU and what it is foundations are.

Lawson: He feels that it is not that hard to figure out the system and he really appreciated Alfred and the possibility of diversity that he offers.

Abbey: She would like to support the prior statement that senator Lawson made.

Vote for Senate Seat: Al: 9 Tim: 1

Al is the Education Senator.

**Budgeting**

**Operations Manager Brandi Higgins, Exponent Budget:** There have been changes to the budget. Outdoor Recreation was at finance board last night and he broke down some numbers for us for how much money should be set aside each year for the outdoor Recreation reserve. That number is about $10000 a year. Do we count their reserve as part of our reserve? We will discuss this later. In line item 62701, there is a line item for building maintenance, which should actually come out of his reserve. We are asking to reduce that number to 0 but it is up to you. We think it is more appropriate for it to come out of the reserve. As of right now for the Exponent budget, the estimated fee for next year would be between $2.10 and $2.54. I have gone through their budget multiple times and have reduced a few numbers. More than likely, it will be $2.10 per semester for the Exponent fee. The Exponent’s budget will be covered line item by line item and there will be an opportunity for senators to make adjustments and ask questions. The procrastinator’s budget will have to be re-voted on as well as latenight, spirit, and administration. Carmen’s budget has availability for a part time employee and admin also has an
opening as well. These positions will be combined and the duties will be split between Carmen’s office and the ASMSU office. This position will not increase the admin budget at all.

Floerchinger: What does the job description entail?

**Student Program Coordinator Position:** The job description is detailed on the contract. Currently Colleen manages all the phones, computers, furniture, printers, and more operational daily tasks. This position will allow for Colleen to spend her time overseeing the programs versus performing the typical daily office duties. There will be a balance between what the students will do and what an advisor does. This process will grow organically and will prove to be more useful overtime.

Brandi: Notes that Colleen is overloaded with work right now and this job is a fulltime job.

Abbey: This is not something that we can know right now, it will be proven with time.

Haskell: How will this affect the front desk students?

Brandi: The students at the front desk are beneficial to the office and more importantly to the office staff and the office staff don’t want to see this happen.

Mains: Can senators work the desk?

Haskell: feels that this is counter productive to the mission that we are trying to push for as senators.

Floerchinger: Would this employee be the manager of the front desk employees?

Blake: This person would be a manager and give an oversight into the duties that need to be performed.

Feder: The position was already budgeted for?

Blake: Yes, this position was budgeted for by both the Executive board and Carmen.

**Dillon Haskell, Bike Safety Position:** Sam is here on behalf of the bike safety committee. Dillon does not want to vote on this tonight but he has a budget that he would like senate to look over. Dillon would encourage senate to continue to fund this into the coming year. His budget consists of operations: bike maps, sandwich boards, bike bells, travel to bike walk Montana conference. Special Events: Bike to campus morning, university food service, bike movie night, movie screening fee total for this portion: $960.10. The only other aspect would be his stipend.

Floerchinger: If a bike brakes can ASMSU be held accountable?
Sam: We can install a waiver for cyclists before they are able to participate in the bike share program.

Combs: Believes that the map of the trails with the safety and rules is extremely beneficial for bikers all around Bozeman.

Horn: How are you going to address change within the trails?

Sam: There is not likely to be a ton of changes within the next 5 years. The possibility of a GIS map has been tossed around.

Jackson: She loves this idea and also is in favor of the map idea.

Thuringer: She owns a bike map and is an avid user of it.

Mains: Is there any focus on long boards?

Haskell: This is just to get this program off the ground so bring your ideas to Sam and let him know.

Feder: Why only 750 bike maps?

Sam: To keep the entire proposal under $5,000.

Haskell: Sam and him have discussed trying to obtain these maps for free from the city.

Karimian: How are you going to incorporate other clubs?

Sam: He is currently the president of NECO and is a member of the cycling club and hopes to incorporate both of those.

**Budgets for Tonight:**

1. **Arts and Exhibits:** Move to open by Haskell seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

Floerchinger: Is photocopying the only item that has changed?

Stacy: Yes that is the only change, and this is due to copycats raising their prices.

Lawson moves to approve the budget seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

2. **Exponent:** Will be opened next week.

3. **Administration:** Move to re-open by French seconded. Vote: 15/0/0. Motion carries.

Townshend moves to decrease line item 61125 to $81,039.75 and overriding finance board seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 Motion carries.

Haskell motions to close the admin budget seconded. Vote: 14/0/0 Motion carries.

4. **Leadership Institute:** Move to open Leadership Institute budget by Haskell seconded: 14/0/0. Motion carries.

Townshend: Moves to amend line item 61224 to zero and increase 61125 to $38,750 seconded. Vote: 14/0/0. Motion carries.

Lake: Why are we increasing this line item so much?
Bernard: Direct response, this allows us to get better speakers.

French moves to close the budget seconded. Vote: 15/1/0 Lake opposed. Motion carries.

5. **Procrastinator:** French moves to open seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 Motion carries.

French moves to subtract $500 from line item 61225 seconded. Vote: 15/1/0 Abeh opposed. Motion carries.

French moves to close the budget seconded. Vote: 16/0/0 Motion carries.

6. **Late Night:** French moves to open seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

French moves to decrease line item 61404 by $257.40 seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

French moves to close budget seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

7. **Spirit:** French moves to open seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

French moves to increase line item 61404 $243.36 seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

French moves to close budget seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. Motion carries.

**Admin Reports**

President – Blake Bjornson/Kiah Abbey:

   Kiah: Lindsey and Kiah went to a video policy meeting and this dictates how the video surveillance on campus works. The other meeting they went to was the parking garage meeting and this was really exciting. There is a class being offered and she encourages everyone to take it. She invited Matt to come back next week in regards to the changes happening within student activities. Student Health changes are being discussed right now and there will be a presentation next week given by Joe and Kiah.
   
   Blake: We need to send a representative to the pizza-eating contest and Karimian will be the representative. The Arts an Architecture dean was selected today. There will be a food study focus group next Tuesday this is in regards to student traffic during operation. MAS has an opening and we will vote next Thursday on who will we send. Jenny did a wonderful job running senate this week! Blake poses that President’s discretionary fund to be used to pay someone to revise the bylaws.

Vice-President – Joey Steffens/Lindsey Murdock:

   Joey: Welcome to Senator Horn. He would like to commend senate leadership for their fabulous job tonight.
   
   Lindsey: Deans and directors the student success office was funded and it has been successful. The dean of sorority and fraternity life has left and they will be holding meetings so please come.

Business Manager – Lauren Jackson: She will be in the office all day on Friday so please come and talk to her!
Senate President – Jenny Lawson: Leadership Institute has been trying to attract several qualified speakers and encourages everyone to go! This will be on April 17th, 2012 if you are interested. Panhellenic and Inner Fraternity would like to invite senate to an event this Saturday from 9-12am. Next week is the last week for senate so resolutions and bills have to be taken care of by next week. The ASMSU banquet is coming up and Jenny needs everyone to RSVP.

Senate Vice President – Dillon Haskell: Next Wednesday finance board will have it’s last meeting. There will be one final supplemental for the Sustainability Center. They will also be discussing the exponent fee. SUB PUB please email to Simone and Dillon if you have any suggestions he would like to see this advance. Senators and Dillon will be meeting to bring Sam’s changes into the budget. This week we will also be working on the bylaws as well.

**Senate Reports:**

McKay: The college of Business building was selected. The next set of meetings is next Wednesday from 4-5 pm. This will be the design process phase. There was a complication from a large student group so please spread the word.

Townshend: There was a meeting this week discussing the possibility of an active learning classroom, which prompts a more group-style learning environment. Also he would like to know why the banner issue was not passed before.

Feder: She was assigned to the outdoor recreation committee and she invites others to go.

Thuringer: Stacy will be meeting with facilities to bring down the overall number, so senators should be excited.

Bernard: Physical activity courses for credit will be moving forward and he is really excited.

**Senate Announcements:**

Mains: April 17th, 2012 at 12 there will be a letters and sciences college pizza party with President Waded Cruzado.

Steffens: Senior recital is this weekend so please come and support.

Duker: Had a meeting about diversity awareness and it was really productive. F PUB: He voted in favor of a Native American statue.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:23 pm**