Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call Absent: Abeh and Townshend

Review Previous Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 29th, 2012 by Thuringer seconded.

Public Comment

Eric Dietrich: There was an article written this week on pg. 3 and if there are any further questions feel free to contact Eric.

Presentations

- Joe Thiel, State Leg and Board of Regents Update: There is a Montana University system, which governs all the universities in the state. There is a 7-member board and Joe is the student on the board. There are different committees that make up this board: the two year university and community college education, Academic Research and Student Affairs, Staff and Compensation, Administrative, Budget and Administrative, and this feeds into the MSU and UM side of the system.

  There are 7 meetings throughout the year and he highly encourages senators to come if they get the chance. He has been recently been paying attention to Financial Aid. There is a $100 per full time student for funding financial aid. Students are borrowing a lot more.

  There has been an average of students taking on around $23,000 worth of debt. The default has begun to change and more students are defaulting on their loans. He recommends that students look into the affordability task force.

  There has been a student waiver policy that has begun to be an issue on campus. There are only a certain number of students that can be waived. They are looking into changing this statute. MAS- this is the statewide student government organization.

  Haskell wonders what happened in the span of five years that caused the tuition to double? The costs at universities have begun to rise faster than inflation. There will be a supplemental-presented next week to the senate for MSU’s share in MAS.

- Stacey Ray, Exit Gallery Renovation Proposal: She is here to discuss the renovations to the art gallery. There are many staff and faculty that are in support of this project. Students are realizing that the exit gallery is a vital space on campus and she is here to talk details for tonight.

  The gallery should be simple, contemporary, flexible, and usable. Erin Britton put together the estimate for this project and she is giving the presentation to finance board next week and then will re-present this project next week. She is going to remove all the gallery walls. Remove the entire ceiling grid and several of the phone jacks.
The fire sprinklers will be moved 12 inches toward the ceiling. Glass entry door will be installed. The actual proposal was mailed last week. The estimate is totaling $48,600. There are several contingent factors that will be included in this estimate. This information was all in the original estimate. There is a design contingency and the builder also has a to get a city building permit fee. She did get an estimate for new pedestals and it will total $1500.

Lake wonders if this project can be split into separate parts due to the changes that are necessary. Haskell notes that finance board is due to look this project over in the coming week. Haskell wonders why Stacey believes that this program warrants this amount of money.

The significance of this space to the school of art is incredible. She hopes for the space to represent the new identity that the exit gallery has taken over. Haskell wonders if the SUB is going to be able to put forth any money?

Floerchinger wonders if there is an incident where a piece of art broke due to a faulty pedestal who would be responsible.

- Bethany Cordell, PR Budget: The main role is a supportive role on the university. There are a lot of fun things that are going on. The PR is now on facebook and they have the most fans this is the first time that they have tried social media. They also have a Twitter presence.

The bobcat buzz is a weekly announcement and it has proven to be successful. They have started advertisement in the bathrooms. They have also participated in a lot of events around campus.

They have done Catapolooza and MSU Fridays. The T-shirt exchange was really successful; this was to encourage more student involvement on campus. Graphic design has been hugely successful.

Floerchinger wants to know how much Levi works. Haskell wants her to know that she has done a wonderful job.

- John Stiles, Campus Entertainment: They are working with on putting on Law days with Phyllis and it should be very interesting. John will be presenting on behalf of ASMSU in order to better students on campus.

He is also working on transitioning right now. There are more students that are becoming involved in student activities. They have developed several annual events. They have given a face to campus entertainment that was not present before. They want to tie their student involvement back to ASMSU.

They need to ask why more. John feels like there has not been an equal opportunity for all students. There has not been a vision, and he wonders about the policy or the lack of policy in place. Campus entertainment wants a board established for the hiring process. They will miss the office support staff.

The campus entertainment believes that they will miss the new breathe of fresh air. They would like to see campus entertainment grow. Steffens would like to note that
the campus entertainment director was not chosen for re-hire because they felt that there were other better suited candidates.

- Alex Chiapetta, Collegiate Housing Infrastructure Act Resolution of Support: He was selected to go to Washington D.C. to lobby for this by his fraternity. There are several improvements needed to the houses.

  This is a nation wide problem in which alumni of fraternities and sororities are unable to give back to their houses.

  Floerchinger wonders how the funds will be designated to the improvements and not events? This will go through the chapters, which have somewhat of an oversight. Lawson notes that this is non-profit and therefore has laws prohibiting it being misused.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- 09-R-2012, Support of the Collegiate Housing Infrastructure Act: Rogala moves to approve seconded. Motion to previous question. Motion to approve vote: 16/0/0. Haskell moves to amend the resolution seconded. Vote: 16/0/0. There have been amendments made to lines 27-28, 9-10, and 21-22. Vote: 16/0/0. Duker moves to previous question seconded. Approve resolution as amended. Vote: 16/0/0 Motion carries.

- At-Large Senate Seat Appointment:

  - Ian Jones: He is now been a student for 4 years. He would like to see more of the inner workings of ASMSU and he is interested in representing the university. He is interested in the legislative process.

  He does have extensive leadership experience with Advocats, and he is in a fraternity. He has taken several leadership classes and currently works for the leadership institute. The sustainability initiative is the one that he is the most interested in.

  He is interested in giving back to the university and to allow for the students voice to be heard. His experience with budgeting is not really extensive. This would be his second priority after class. He would like to thank the senators for this opportunity.

  Kevin Curley: Criminology major and he is currently is serving on the AIC board. He is involved in the Pow Wow event. He has extensive leadership experience with his current position on the AIC board. He is most interested in the safety aspect of this campus. He wants to make sure that students feel safe on campus. One of his biggest goals is retention.

  He would like to see more students to remain on campus. He is involved in budgeting processes in the current board that he is on. He will make time for whatever he feels. He will commit to this
position. He would feel honored to finish out this term. He feels that he has already proven that he can step up to the plate.

Texel Feder: She is sophomore in Political Science and liberal studies. She is the vice president of MSU Engineers without boarders. She is responsible for planning meetings and organizing travel teams throughout the summer. She is in the leadership foundation class. She is interested sustainability. She is interested in SUB PUB. She wants the sense of community and identity. She is interested in giving a voice to the students and giving them an outlet to connect with. She also really wants to play a role in involving students on campus.

She would like to see student service increase. She has been involved in budgeting with engineers without borders. Her prior commitments are coming to a close so she foresees herself having more time. She really wants to be apart of this program.

Gianna Vanata: Psychology major and she is really active on campus. She is in a sorority, Advocats, and has also held prior leadership roles at her previous college. She is most interested in the ASMSU sustainability initiative. She was really excited about the T-shirt exchange. She loves student government and wants to serve the students.

She feels that she would appreciate being on the this committee. She is comfortable working with budgets. She has looked into the time commitment for this position. She is really excited and believes that she can bring a great perspective.

Texel Fedel has been appointed as the new senator.

Budgeting: There are several changes to the budgets that have been made. There are some changes to workers comp as well as changes to the Sustainability budget.

- Public Relations: Lake moves to open seconded. Floerchinger notes that they discussed putting the PR associates at an hourly rate versus a stipend. Lake believes that this should just be taken out due to the problems with Street Team.
  
  This is completely separate from the Street Team. Rogala wonders if the marketing position would become hourly as well. She is in favor with Lake and she thinks moving to hourly would be a good idea. Lawson recognizes Bethany from PR. She is fully in favor of the hourly wages.

  She would like to see the Street Team executed more properly. Brandi notes that hourly is a lot more accountable. Steffens feels that this is a really great idea. Blake notes that there is a lot of growth that ASMSU has to do.

  Haskell really likes this idea but he wonders if there will be a problem with overtime. Bethany believes that this will be prevented through the two workers. This will come to a savings of $3,000.

  Haskell moves to increase line item 61225 to a total 14,500 in order to elevate a marketing associate stipend $4800 and replacing it will 2 hourly positions $2400 seconded.

  Rogala moves to decrease line item 62309 to $3,000 seconded. Floerchinger moves to make a friendly amendment and move the extra $1,000 to 61225 seconded.
Lake moves to split the two main motions on the floor seconded. Rogala moves to previous question seconded.

There are now two motions on the floor. The first motion passes vote: 17/0/0. Steffens moves to amend the second motion and decrease it to $400 seconded. Lawson wonders if this is the appropriate way to handle this?

Steffens thinks this is a good idea. Bernard moves to previous question seconded. To approve the motion Vote: 17/0/0. Motion to move $400 into 61225 Vote: 11/6/0 motion fails. Move to approve the PR budget as amended by Haskell seconded. Vote: 17/0/0 motion carries.

- Street Team:

- Films: Move to open by Lawson seconded. Floerchinger moves to reduce line item 62498 From $300 to $0 seconded. Chantel wants it noted that she feels the Sundance is a good opportunity for Montana State University. Rogala agrees with her and feels that this experience will help her to do her job better.

  Lawson thinks that this is a good opportunity for her. Lindsey notes that this is a good opportunity for MSU to get their name out there. She feels that this is a step in the right direction for our campus. Bernard moves to previous question seconded.

  Vote: 10/6/0 motion fails. Bernard calls previous question. Vote: 1/16/0 motion fails. Move to approve as budget stands vote: 17/0/0 motion carries.

  Haskell moves to suspend the rules for the rest of this meeting seconded.

- Campus Entertainment: Move to open by French seconded. Floerchinger moves to amend line item 61225 to $10,300 seconded. Vote: 17/0/0 Motion to approve by French seconded. Vote: 16/1/0 Motion carries.

- KGLT (reopen): Move to reopen by Haskell seconded Vote: 17/0/0. Move to approve by French seconded. Motion to approve budget as it stands Vote: 17/0/0

- (Admin): Lake moves to open the admin budget seconded. She thinks that this is important and would like to see it become a yearly event. Floerchinger notes that his only concern is that it is so new. They use this, as a recruiting event and this has generally been a huge success. Lake doesn’t feel this is a fair argument and she would like to see supplemental happen only one time.
Steffens agrees with Lake. Bernard feels this event could benefit many students. Lawson notes that they have actually been running for five years. Haskell makes a motion to add a $1,000 to line item 62134 seconded.

Rogala notes that this is not an ASMSU organization. Karimian wonders if this is a direct sponsorship of ROTC. Lawson notes that this is guaranteed to be funded if it is included in admin. Move to approve motion vote: 14/0/0 Floerchinger moves to table until next week seconded.

Admin Reports

- President – Blake Bjornson: Blake is embarrassed at the way that people are acting. The lack of knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Homecoming King and Queen nominations are due soon so email Blake your ideas. Procrastinator, Blake notes that the number of attendees is low in the beginning of the week. They are going to give up the early shows and still keep the late shows. This is going to be a cost saver for us. Any student organization can now use it during that time.

- Vice-President – Joey Steffens: Deans and directors and one of the doctors is leaving. Banquet invitations went out today so thank you for that. He wants to apologize for the director leaving before questioning.

- Business Manager – Lauren Jackson: The exponent will probably will be going up so prepare for that.

- Senate President – Jenny Lawson: No jeans in senate it is not appropriate attire. Next week will have arts and exhibits, exponent, and admin. There is a documentary that you should definitely go to see.

- Senate Vice President – Dillon Haskell: Feder Welcome and Dillon is open to any and all questions. Bandstra notes that they need to do a better job at restraining people. Finance board will be having the arts come next week. They are going to state leg supplemental next week so be prepared.

Senate Reports: Scafide met with the daycare and one of their employees has been there for over 20 years so he will be receiving a plaque. Exponent publication was really good today they are trying to revise the ASMSU bylaws.

They are changing the process of the hiring of the editor in chief. She is trying to keep SUB PUB still going without Brian. Karimian went to talk to Champ change to discuss the things that freshmen may receive champ change for.

The physical activity courses for credit will be next week. Thuringer notes that the renovation to the exit gallery is something we all should support.
Senate Announcements: Steffens notes that he has a recital is next Saturday so you should go. Lawson this Wednesday the study abroad fair is this next week.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:13 pm.